



6th Joint CORNET Call

for Transnational Collective Research Project Proposals

Deadline for Submission of Proposals: November 7, 2008

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The ERA-NET CORNET is an initiative by national/regional ministries and funding agencies for closer cooperation on transnational collective research

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What is Collective Research?

Collective research is R&D performed for the benefit of a broad target group of firms and is typically initiated by groupings of enterprises with common interests, such as associations, professional federations, clusters, and trade associations. It is often carried out by specialised research institutes or technological centres which work on behalf of a particular industrial sector.

The objectives of collective research are often pre-competitive and pre-normative, related for example to the development and preparation of (technical) norms and standards. Collective research may also involve the search for improved processes or materials of wide application in an industry. Collective research results are actively promoted and disseminated across the sector for exploitation.

What is CORNET?

CORNET stands for COLlective Research NETworking. It is a network for information exchange and collaboration between national and regional programmes and schemes for collective research across Europe. The objective is to promote close cooperation of the national/regional ministries and agencies and to create opportunities to set up transnational collective research with national/regional funding.

CORNET Call for Collective Research Proposals

A number of ministries and funding agencies participating in CORNET are now jointly launching the 6th call for transnational collective research projects. There is no thematic focus in this call; all industrial sectors are invited to set up transnational project consortia and submit collective research proposals.

Since this call is organised and funded by the national and regional ministries and agencies through their funding programmes (without involvement or contribution from the European Commission), it is important for all project partners – not only the consortium leader – to consult their respective agencies during the preparation of the proposal to secure compliance with the applicable national and regional criteria. The list of participating agencies is available on the CORNET website www.cornet-era.net.

CORNET Rules for Participation

In order to take account of the international character of the projects, the organising ministries and agencies have jointly agreed some CORNET-level rules, in addition to the rules that apply in the participating countries and regions. For detailed information on the 6th Joint CORNET Call, please consult

the guidelines and other documents that are published on the CORNET website.

The main criteria for CORNET projects are:

- Eligible partners are only associations, federations, trade associations or other groups of enterprises with common objectives. These organisations typically subcontract the R&D work to relevant (collective) research centres and universities.
- The project consortium has to be composed of eligible partners from at least 3 CORNET countries or regions.
- Maximum project duration is 2 years.
- A SME Users Committee is obligatory.
- A transnational collaboration agreement will be required.
- Dissemination activities should be European in scale. This includes information on dissemination activities in English.

Consortium Building

To assist in the formation of transnational project consortia, the CORNET website will contain a section where candidate consortia can post preliminary project ideas (through their agency). These project ideas can be consulted by partners from other countries or regions who are considering joining one of these initiatives. Contacts can be established directly or through your national or regional ministry or agency.

Submission Process

- Pre-proposal check: it is strongly recommended for the consortium leader to submit a pre-proposal in English electronically to the 6th Call Office: cornet6thcall@iwt.be for a preliminary check. Deadline for this pre-proposal submission is September 12, 2008.
- The CORNET application form has to be submitted electronically in English by the consortium leader to the 6th Call Office: cornet6thcall@iwt.be; at the same time all partners submit a national/regional application form to their respective agencies, referring to the CORNET proposal. Deadline for submission of application forms is November 7, 2008.

Proposal Evaluation

The evaluation will be performed with the support of international external experts. Approved project proposals are expected to start in March 2009.

Further Information


Further information is available on the CORNET website: www.cornet-era.net. For specific questions please contact your national or regional funding organisation; the contact details are also on the CORNET website.

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Please contact your national or regional funding organisation.



The 6th Joint CORNET Call is organised by government ministries and programme management agencies from the following countries and regions:

Austria	Germany
Belgium-Flanders	Hungary
Belgium-Wallonia	Slovenia
Cyprus	Spain-Valencia
Czech Republic	The Netherlands
France	Turkey

For further information please visit the CORNET website or contact us per e-mail:

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