

Theme “Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology”

Introduction to the implementation of Theme 2

In common with all themes of the “Cooperation” programme, work-programmes for the theme “Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology” will be published annually. Each work-programme will normally contain topics for several calls for proposals and may also contain calls for tender. The different work-programmes and call identifiers, together with certain legal constraints relating to the formal availability of the budget, can make the work-programmes look complicated.

One annual work-programme – several calls

The work-programme is an annual document – as FP7 lasts 7 years there will be 7 work-programmes in total. There are, however, often several calls in each work-programme. The call identifiers for the majority of the topics take the form: **FP7-KBBE-year-number**. The reference to the “KBBE” is to emphasise the objective of the theme to build the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy. The “year” is the year of the work-programme and the “number” is the number of the call. In addition, topics for the joint ERA-net calls have a separate call identifier **FP7-ERANET-year-RTD**.

One and two-stage evaluation procedures

For larger projects (large collaborative projects; networks of excellence), it is intended to use a two-stage submission and evaluation process (except in call 1, where time constraints make this impossible). As the two-stage process prolongs evaluation, it is necessary to plan these topics early. For example, the first 2007 work-programme shows topics planned for two-stage submission where funding is foreseen in 2008. The corresponding call can only be formally published once indicative 2008 budget figures are available and, thus, the publication date in the call fiche at the end of the work-programme is provisional until the call is formally published ⁽¹⁾. Two-stage call identifiers all end in an “A”.

For smaller projects (small collaborative projects; coordination and support actions) a one-stage submission and evaluation process will be used. As this process takes less time, these types of topics for the second call will be published in the second work-programme, however an indicative list of topics is given in section IV of the first work-programme – note that these topics may change. Except for the first call, one-stage call identifiers end in a “B”.

ERA-nets are treated separately

Topics for ERA-nets will all be evaluated at the same time in a one-stage process across all themes. Thus these topics have a separate call identifier **FP7-ERANET-year-RTD**.

Overview of the work-programme

As a result of this logic, the first work-programme in 2007 contains topics related to three calls: **FP7-KBBE-2007-1**; **FP7-KBBE-2007-2A**; and **FP7-ERANET-2007-RTD**, plus an indicative list of topics in section IV for the work-programme 2008. Similarly, the second work-programme in 2008 will contain the finalised topics for 2008 (**FP7-KBBE-2008-2B one-stage evaluation and FP7-KBBE-2008-3A two-stage evaluation**), any ERA-net topics (**FP7-ERANET-2008-RTD**); and indicative topics for 2009.

Work-programme 2007 (published end 2006)		Work-programme 2008 (expected to be published end 2007)	
Call identifier:	Evaluation process:	Call identifier:	Evaluation process:
FP7-KBBE-2007-1	1-stage, for evaluation and funding in 2007	FP7-KBBE-2008-2B	1-stage, for evaluation and funding in 2008
FP7-KBBE-2007-2A	2-stage, evaluation starts in 2007, final evaluation and funding in 2008	FP7-KBBE-2008-3A	2-stage, evaluation starts in 2008, final evaluation and funding in 2009
FP7-ERANET-2007-RTD	1-stage, for evaluation and funding in 2007	FP7-ERANET-2008-RTD	1-stage, for evaluation and funding in 2008
Indicative topics for 2008	To be formally published in the work-programme 2008. Evaluation 2008.	Indicative topics for 2009	To be formally published in the work-programme 2009. Evaluation 2009.

¹ The call FP7-KBBE-2007-2A is foreseen to be formally published on 8 May 2007, when 2008 budget figures are expected to be available. For this reason, the current call fiche for FP7-KBBE-2007-2A contains no budget.