



What is ICT-AGRI?

The ICT-AGRI ERA-NET – Coordination of European Research within ICT and Robotics in Agriculture and related Environmental Issues – is a EU-funded network of cross-thematic nature relating to Theme 2 (Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology), Theme 3 (Information and Communication Technologies) and Theme 6 (Environment including Climate Change).

Aim and Scope

The overall strategic objective is a contribution to increase quality, effectiveness and efficiency of national research programmes within Information and Communication Technology and Robotics for a competitive, sustainable and environmentally friendly agriculture.

Transnational Research Calls

ICT-AGRI is launching transnational research calls based on funds from participating countries. The aim is to pool fragmented human and financial resources in order to improve both the efficiency and the effectiveness of Europe's research efforts.

Further information on the ICT-AGRI 2010 Call is available on: www.ict-agri.eu.

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Pre-Announcement

Call for Transnational Research Projects

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Call Topic

Integrated ICT and automation for sustainable agricultural production

The aim of this joint call is to enable joint transnational research projects based on complementarities and sharing of expertise within ICT and Robotics in Agriculture.

Projects are expected to apply a systems approach addressing farm level integration of information technology, communication technology, automation and robotics. Projects must have a clear European added value by being carried out on a transnational level.

Projects may be in one of two categories:

- A broad approach by combining existing or new software and hardware products to demonstrate a system meeting important challenges within a specific application area
- A narrow approach by focusing on specific elements of vital importance for the functioning of integrated systems.

Call Information

Eligibility

Transnational consortia consisting of research institutes from at least three ICT-AGRI Partner countries are invited to submit pre-proposals for this call. Researchers from countries that are not partners in the ICT-AGRI ERA-NET can participate in a project consortium with own funding for the projects. Proposals with support from industry are encouraged, and where appropriate may be able to receive ICT-AGRI funding depending on national regulations.

Participating countries

Please see on the back of this flyer for which countries that are participating in this transnational research call and for contact details of National Contact Points.

Call process

The call will be launched on 15 April 2010 and more information and guidelines can be found on the ICT-AGRI website. The call is using a two-step selection process (see fig.1). Pre-proposals will be reviewed by funding ICT-AGRI Partners for eligibility and relevance according to policy needs and national priorities. Successful candidates at the pre-proposal stage will be invited to submit a full proposal, which will then go through a peer-review for the final selection.

Duration

Projects should be of a duration between 12-24 months.

Budget

For this pilot ICT-AGRI transnational call the budget is in the region of € 2.5 million.

Timeframe

- Launch of Call: Online submission open and Call Guidelines on website www.ict-agri.eu on 15 April 2010
- Deadline for submission of pre-proposals is 31 May 2010

More Information

Please consult the ICT-AGRI website or National Contact Points for further information.

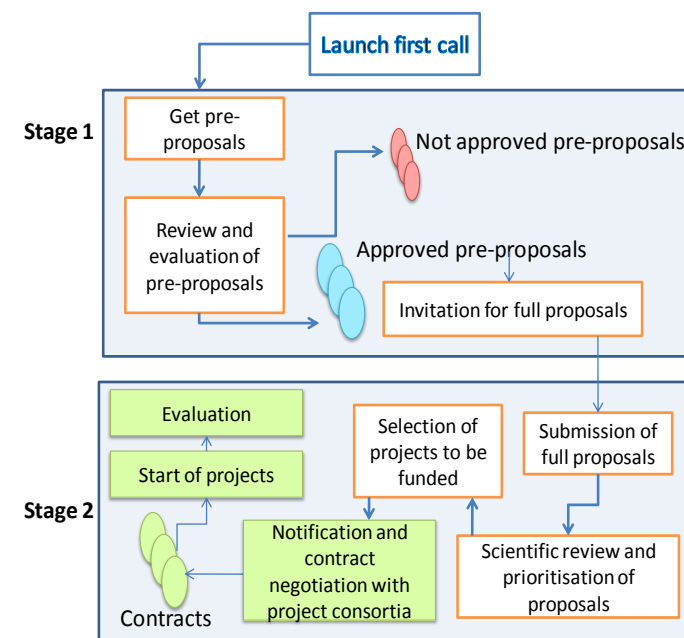


Fig. 1. 2-Stage Call Process