



THE SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

The Sixth Framework Programme covers Community activities in the field of research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) for the period 2002 to 2006



**Contract Preparation
Forms (CPF)
and explanatory notes**

for

**Integrated Projects
(IP)**

October 2003 Version IV

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GENERAL INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSAL			
Proposal Title ³			
Duration in months ⁴		Call (part) identifier ⁵	
Activity code(s) most relevant to your topic ⁶			
Keyword code 1 ⁷			
Keyword code 2 ⁷			
Keyword code 3 ⁷			
Free keywords ⁸			
Abstract ⁹ (max. 2000 char.)			

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INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS 1 OF 3 (ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT)

Participating organisation

Organisation legal name¹⁰

Organisation short name¹¹

Legal address

PO Box¹²

Postal Code

Cedex¹²

Street name and number¹²

Town

Country¹³

Internet homepage

Legal registration number¹⁴

VAT number¹⁵

If necessary, legal trade register¹⁶

Activity Type¹⁸ HE, RES, IND, OTH

Legal status¹⁹

Is your organisation governmental or "private"²⁰? (GOV/PRIV)

If your organisation is governmental, is it an international (intergovernmental) or a national governmental organisation²⁴? (INO/NAO)

If your organisation is an international governmental organisation, is it an international European interest organisation²⁵? (YES/NO)

If your organisation is "private", is it a public body²³? (YES/NO)

If your organisation is "private" and is not a public body, is its participation guaranteed by a Member State or an Associated State? (YES/NO)

Is your organisation commercial (i.e. engaged in an economic activity) or non-commercial²¹? (C/NC)

If your organisation is "private" commercial, please specify the type^{22 17}

If your organisation is "private" commercial, please complete the following table

Annual turnover (in euro)	Number of employees	Balance sheet total (in euro)	Year

Is your organisation controlled by 25% or more by one or several legal entity(ies)?²⁶ (YES/NO)

Is your organisation an SMEs (Industrial) Association/Grouping²⁸? (YES/NO)

Cost model: Full Costs(FC), Full cost flat rate (FCF), Additional Costs (AC)⁴²

Are there dependencies between your organisation and (an)other participant(s) in the proposal?²⁷ (YES / No)

If yes, participant number

If yes, organisation short name

If yes, participant number

If yes, organisation short name

If yes, participant number

If yes, organisation short name

Total R&D expenditure (in euro)

Number of R&D personnel

Number of researchers and engineers

Female

Male

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INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS 2 OF 3 (ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT)

Administrative official authorised to sign the contract

Name		First name(s)	
Title ³²		Position ³³	Sex ³⁴ : Female = F, Male = M
Phone ³⁵		Fax ³⁵	
e-mail			

Second administrative official authorised to sign the contract

Name		First name(s)	
Title ³²		Position ³³	Sex ³⁴ : Female = F, Male = M
Phone ³⁵		Fax ³⁵	
e-mail			

Main department/faculty/institute/laboratory carrying out the work³¹

Department/Faculty/Institute /Laboratory name			
Address (if different from legal address)			
PO Box ¹²		Postal Code	Cedex ¹²
Street name and number ¹²			
Town		Country ¹³	
Authorised contact person / Team Leader ³⁷			
Name		First name(s)	
Title ³²		Position ³³	Sex ³⁴ : Female = F, Male = M
Phone ³⁵		Fax ³⁵	
Email			

Other major department/faculty/institute/laboratory carrying out the work (if necessary)³¹

Department/Faculty/Institute /Laboratory name			
Address (if different from legal address)			
PO Box ¹²		Postal Code	Cedex ¹²
Street name and number ¹²			
Town		Country ¹³	

Previously submitted similar proposals or signed contracts?³⁸ (YES / NO)

If yes, programme name(s) and year

If yes, proposal or contract number(s)

Optional section: If requested during negotiation, please complete the following table:

Does your project include socio-economic research activities ²⁹ ? (YES/NO)	
If Yes, what is the estimated allocated total cost of resources and means that address these activities ³⁰ ? (in €)	
Does your project include foresight methods? (YES/NO)	
How many person months of the tasks in this project are allocated to scientists with a prevailing educational background in social, economic and/or human sciences?	

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INFORMATION ON PARTICIPANTS 3 OF 3 (ONE FORM PER PARTICIPANT)

Certified Declaration by each participant (including the coordinator - participant n°1)

I certify that the information relating to our organisation set out in forms A2, A3 and A5 is accurate and correct, that the estimated costs meet the criteria for eligible costs for FP6 projects, as established by the EC contract and our normal cost accounting principles, and that they reflect the estimated costs expected to be incurred in carrying out the work described in Annex I (description of work).

I also certify that

Organisation legal name¹⁰

is committed to participate in the above mentioned project;

- a) has stable and sufficient sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout its participation in the project and to provide any counterpart funding necessary.
- b) has or will have the resources as and when needed to carry out its involvement in the above mentioned project.

As required by Article 93 of Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) N° 1605/2002 of 25 June 2002 on the Financial Regulation applicable to the general budget of the European Communities [OJ L248, 16.09.2002, p. 1], I certify that none of the following cases apply to our organisation:

- a) it is bankrupt or being wound up, is having its affairs administered by the courts, has entered into an arrangement with creditors, has suspended business activities, is the subject of proceedings concerning those matters, or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure provided for in national legislation or regulations;
- b) it has been convicted of an offence concerning its professional conduct by a judgement which has the force of *res judicata*;
- c) it has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authority can justify;
- d) it has not fulfilled obligations relating to the payment of social security contributions or the payment of taxes in accordance with the legal provisions of the country in which it is established or with those of the country of the contracting authority or those of the country where the contract is to be performed;
- e) it has been the subject of a judgement which has the force of *res judicata* for fraud, corruption, involvement in a criminal organisation or any other illegal activity detrimental to the Communities' financial interests;
- f) following another procurement procedure or grant award procedure financed by the Community budget, it has been declared to be in serious breach of contract for failure to comply with its contractual obligations.

I understand that any potential contractor who has committed an irregularity in the implementation of any other indirect action may be excluded from the selection procedure at any time, with due regard being given to the principle of proportionality (as provided for in Article 10.5 of the Rules for participation and dissemination of results of the Sixth Framework Programmes).

<i>Name</i>		<i>First name (s)</i>	
<i>Date DD/MM/YYYY</i>		<i>Signature of the administrative official authorised to sign the contract or to commit the organisation</i>	

The participant organisation is aware that:

- a) any potential contractor who can not certify that none of the above situations apply, shall be excluded from participation in any future contract;
- b) any potential contractor having been found guilty of misrepresentation in supplying the information required as a condition for participation in the contract or failing to supply such information shall be excluded from participation in any future contract;

Only for non-public bodies: Legal documents establishing the organisation are attached⁴⁰ YES/NO

If NO, date (dd/mm/yyyy) and Commission programme name for delivery of legal documents during last six months or confirmation that the information provided more than six months ago has not changed (and the date and name of Commission programme to which information was provided)

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Financial information – whole duration of the project									
Partici- pant n°	Organi- sation short name ⁴¹	Cost model used	Estimated eligible costs and requested EC contribution (whole duration of the project)	Costs and EC contribution per type of activities ⁴²				Total (5)=(1)+(2)+ (3)+(4)	Total receipts ⁴²
				RTD ⁴³ or Innovation- related ⁴⁵ activities (1)	Demonstration activities ⁴⁴ (2)	Training activities ⁴⁶ (3)	Consortium Management activities ⁴⁷ (4)		
			Eligible costs	Direct costs (a)					
				of which subcontracting					
				Indirect costs (b)					
				Total eligible costs (a)+(b)					
			Requested EC contribution						
			Eligible costs	Direct costs (a)					
				of which subcontracting					
				Indirect costs (b)					
				Total eligible costs (a)+(b)					
			Requested EC contribution						
			Eligible costs	Direct costs (a)					
				of which subcontracting					
				Indirect costs (b)					
				Total eligible costs (a)+(b)					
			Requested EC contribution						
TOTAL ⁴⁸			Eligible costs						
			Requested EC contribution						

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Estimated breakdown of the EC contribution per reporting period			
Reporting Periods	Month x – Month y	Estimated Grant to the Budget	
		Total	In which first six months
Reporting Period 1	M1 – M12		
Reporting Period 2	M13-M24		
Reporting Period 3	M25-M36		
Reporting Period 4	M37-M48		
Reporting Period 5	M49-M60		
Reporting Period 6	M61-M72		
Reporting Period 7	M73-M84		

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Proposal Acronym²

Financial information – first 18 months of the project

Partici- pant n°	Organi- sation short name <small>41</small>	Cost model used	Estimated eligible costs and requested EC contribution (first 18 months of the project)	Costs and EC contribution per type of activities				Total (5)=(1)+(2)+ (3)+(4) Month 1-18	Total receipts Month 1-18
				RTD or Innovation- related activities (1) Month 1-18	Demonstration activities (2) Month 1-18	Training activities (3) Month 1-18	Consortium Management activities (4) Month 1-18		
			Eligible costs	<i>Direct costs (a)</i>					
				<i>of which subcontracting</i>					
				<i>Indirect costs (b)</i>					
				<i>Total eligible costs (a)+(b)</i>					
			Requested EC contribution						
			Eligible costs	<i>Direct costs (a)</i>					
				<i>of which subcontracting</i>					
				<i>Indirect costs (b)</i>					
				<i>Total eligible costs (a)+(b)</i>					
			Requested EC contribution						
			Eligible costs	<i>Direct costs (a)</i>					
				<i>of which subcontracting</i>					
				<i>Indirect costs (b)</i>					
				<i>Total eligible costs (a)+(b)</i>					
			Requested EC contribution						
TOTAL ⁴⁸			Eligible costs						
			Requested EC contribution						

Please use as many copies of form A3.3 as necessary for the number of participants

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Banking information

Account holder					
Name of Account holder (as registered with the bank)					
Full address of Account holder (as registered with the bank)					
PO Box		Postal Code			
Street name and number					
Town		Cedex		Country	
VAT number					
Contact person of the account holder					
Name		First name(s)			
Phone		Fax			
e-mail					

Bank name					
Branch address (full address – PO box not accepted)					
Postal Code					
Street name and number					
Town		Cedex		Country	

Details of bank account

Belgique/België		-		-	
Danmark					
Deutschland					
Greece					
España					
France					
Ireland/UK					
Italia					
Luxembourg					
Nederland					
Norway					
Österreich					
Portugal					
Suomi/Finland					
Sverige					
NORDBANKEN					
Other Countries					

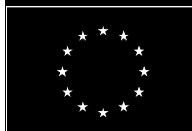
IBAN (if applicable)	
Obligatory for Italy & Luxembourg	

We certify that above information declared is complete and true.

BANK STAMP + SIGNATURE BANK REPRESENTATIVE (both obligatory)

DATE + SIGNATURE ACCOUNT HOLDER (Obligatory)

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Confirmation of additional financial information annexed to the contract preparation forms

For the coordinator (information is obligatory, except for public bodies²³ and for contractors whose participation is guaranteed by a Member State/Associated State):

Audited financial accounts for the last three full financial years (certified profit and loss accounts + balance sheets) YES/NO

Financial information for the last full financial year in the format enclosed in Form A6 YES/NO

For contractors other than the coordinator (information obligatory under certain circumstances⁴⁹)

Participant number of contractor concerned

Audited financial accounts for the last three full financial years (certified profit and loss accounts + balance sheets) YES/NO

Financial information for the last full financial year in the format enclosed in Form A6 YES/NO

If the answer to the above two questions is NO, Commission programme name and contract number to which the information has been supplied in the last 12 months

Certified declaration by the coordinator (participant n°1)

I certify that the information set out in forms A1, A3, A4 and A5 is accurate and correct and agreed by all contractors (if applicable). I also confirm that our organisation is committed to participate to the above-mentioned project and to act as coordinator for the project.

Name		First name (s)	
Date DD/MM/YYYY		Signature of the administrative official authorised to sign the contract or to commit the organisation	

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Simplified balance sheet and profit and loss account⁵⁰

Closing date ⁵¹ t0 (dd/mm/yyyy)		Duration ⁵¹ t0 (months)		Closing date ⁵¹ t-1 (dd/mm/yyyy)		Duration ⁵¹ t-1 (months)	
Less than three annual balance sheets YES/NO				Currency			

Balance sheet		
Assets	t0	t-1
1. Subscribed capital unpaid		
2. Fixed assets (2.1+2.2+2.3)		
2.1 Intangible fixed assets		
2.2 Tangible fixed assets		
2.3 Financial assets		
3. Current assets (3.1+3.21+3.22+3.3+3.4)		
3.1 Stocks		
3.2.1 Debtors due within one year		
3.2.2 Debtors due after one year		
3.3 Cash at bank and in hand		
3.4 Other current assets		
Total assets (1.+2.+3.)		
Liabilities	t0	t-1
4. Capital and reserves (4.1+4.2+4.3+4.4)		
4.1 Subscribed capital		
4.2 Reserves		
4.3 Profit and loss brought forward		
4.4 Profit and loss brought forward for the financial		
5. Creditors (5.1.1+5.1.2+5.2.1+5.2.2)		
5.1.1 Long term non-bank debt		
5.1.2 Long term bank debt		
5.2.1 Short term non-bank debt		
5.2.2 Short term bank debt		
Total liabilities (4.+5.)		
Profit and loss		
	t0	t-1
6. Turnover		
7. Variation in stocks		
8. Other operating income		
9. Costs of material and consumables		
10. Other operating charges		
11. Staff costs		
12. Gross operating profit (6.+7.+8.-9.-10.-11.)		
13. Depreciation and value adjustments on non-financial assets		
14. Net operating profit (12.-13.)		
15. Financial income and value adjustments on financial assets		
16. Interest paid		
17. Similar charges		
18. Profit/loss on ordinary activities (14.+15.-16.-17.)		
19. Extraordinary income and charges		
20. Taxes on profits		
21. Profit/loss for the financial year (18.+19.-20.)		

How to complete the contract preparation forms

Introduction

This document provides guidance on how to complete the attached administrative forms. More information useful for negotiating and managing a contract can be found in the FP6 Financial Guidelines (see http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/working-groups/model-contract/index_en.html) and in the FP6 Negotiation Guidelines (see <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6>).

The contract preparation forms will be an integral part ('Part A') of your contract negotiation documents for an Integrated Project. Forms can be pre-filled with information from your proposal. Modifications are possible for most of the fields. **It is recommended to prepare and send the contract preparation forms electronically, using a software tool provided by the Commission (CPF Editor).** In addition a paper copy with original signatures has to be sent to the Commission officer indicated in the letter opening the negotiation.

How to complete the forms

- The coordinator fills in forms A1, A3.1, A3.2, A3.3, A4 and A5
- The contractors identified at the time of contract negotiation (including the coordinator) fill in one A2a, one A2b and one A2c form each
- Some contractors, to be identified in form A5, fill in form A6 (see note 49)
- For potential future participants, not yet identified but foreseen to join the consortium at a later stage, the coordinator fills in the financial information in forms A3.1 and A3.3, indicating FP1, FP2 etc. (for "Future participant") as short names or, alternatively, the total estimated amounts of costs and requested EC contribution for all foreseen future participants (in one line, with FPX as short name) without indicating the cost model for such participants.

Subcontractors are not required to fill in forms.

Signatures

Draft versions of the contract preparation forms, serving as starting point for the negotiation, can be sent to the Commission electronically, i.e. without original signatures. The final version of the contract preparation forms agreed at the end of the negotiations with the Commission has to be signed in the following way:

- For each contractor (including the coordinator), one of the three persons indicated in form A2c signs the A2c form; the person signing must be entitled to legally commit his/her organisation.
- For the coordinator, one of the three persons indicated in form A2b signs the A5 form, certifying the honorary declaration preceding the signature field. This means, **the coordinator has to sign twice**: as a participant like all the others on its A2c form and as the coordinator on form A5. The person signing must be entitled to legally commit his/her organisation.

Electronic CPF editor

For completing the forms, the CPF editor for your proposal will be available for download at a Commission website with the contract preparation forms pre-filled with data from your proposal.

Filling paper forms

Please keep forms A1 to A6 as clean as possible and do not fold, staple or amend them with correction fluid. Enter your data only in the white space on the forms, and do not type outside the boundaries or use more characters than the maximum indicated for certain fields as the data then may be truncated in the Commission's database. **In particular in forms A3.1, A3.2, A3.3, do not add any lines or columns to the cost tables. Use additional copies of the A3 sheets if there are more participants than the number of lines allows for.**

For questions requiring a choice between different boxes, please enter X in the appropriate space. In case of paper submission, you may find it easier to do this by hand in black ink, rather than try to line up a single typed character. For numbers, (amount, duration, etc.), please round to the nearest whole number. Do not insert any character or space to separate the digits in a number. Please remember to indicate the proposal acronym and proposal number in all sheets of the forms (part A) where indicated, and on every page of the other parts, including any annexes. All costs must be given in €(euro) (and not kilo €(euro)) and must exclude value-added tax (VAT).

In addition to the administrative information provided in the forms (part A), contract preparation documents must also contain a part B, describing inter alia the content and the management of your proposed project. The layout and structure of part B are described in the Negotiation Guidelines. The final part B will become the Annex I of the contract (the Description of Work).

Moreover, under certain circumstances, financial documents on contractors have to be annexed as listed in form A5 (see also note 49).

1 Proposal number

The proposal number has been assigned by the Commission as the unique identifier for your project. It cannot be changed. The proposal number **should appear on each page of the contract preparation documents (part A and part B)** to prevent errors during its handling.

2 Proposal acronym

Use the proposal acronym as given in the submitted proposal. It cannot be changed unless agreed so during the negotiations. The **same acronym should appear on each page of the contract preparation documents (part A and part B)** to prevent errors during its handling.

3 Proposal Title

Use the title (no longer than 200 characters) as given in the submitted proposal. Minor corrections are possible if agreed so during the negotiation. It should be understandable also to the non-specialist in your field.

4 Duration

Insert the estimated duration of the project in full months. Deviations from the duration in the original proposal must be justified in part B.

5 Call (part) identifier

The call (part) identifier is the reference number given in the call or part of the call you were addressing, as indicated in the publication of the call in the Official Journal of the European Union. You have to use the identifier given by the Commission in the letter opening the negotiation.

6 Activity code(s) most relevant to your topic

Use as the first activity code the one set out in the letter opening the negotiation followed by the code(s) given in your proposal – if any. Changes are possible in case of material errors (for the list see <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/activitycodes>).

7 Keyword codes from thesaurus

Use the codes from your original proposal. Changes are possible (see hierarchical list available at <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/keywords>.)

8 Free keywords

Use the free keywords from your original proposal. Changes and additions are possible. (maximum 100 characters including spaces, commas etc.).

9 Abstract

Use the abstract from your original proposal. Changes are possible.

You should not use more than 2,000 characters. The abstract should, at a glance, provide the reader with a clear understanding of the objectives of the proposal and how the objectives will be achieved, and their relevance in the context of the objectives of the specific programme and the work programme. This summary will be used as the short description of the project for the public following contract signature and in communications to the programme management committees and other interested parties. It must therefore be short and precise and should not contain confidential information. Please use plain typed text, avoiding formulae and other special characters. If the proposal is written in a language other than English, please include an English version of the abstract in part B.

10 Organisation legal name

Official name of participant organisation. If applicable, name under which the participant is registered in the official trade registers.

11 Organisation short name

The short name chosen by the participant for this proposal. This should normally not be more than 20 characters and the same should be used for the participant in all documents relating to the proposal.

12 Address data

Fill in only the fields forming your complete postal address . If your address is specified by an indicator of location other than a street name and number, please insert this instead.

13 Country

Insert the name of the country as commonly used.

14 Legal registration number

If applicable, insert the organisation's legal national registration number.

15 VAT number

If applicable, insert the organisation's Value Added Tax (VAT) number from the VAT register.

16 Legal trade register

If necessary to obtain a complete identification of your organisation, insert code of the legal trade register, e.g. the Chambers of Commerce register or the business register.

17 European Economic Interest Group (EEIG)

The EEIG is a flexible and light transnational structure, which enables its members to interlink some of their economic activities while retaining their economic and legal independence. The formation of an EEIG gives rise to an independent legal entity with legal capacity, eligible to propose as a single participant if the members fulfil the minimum consortium criterion. If a participant has the legal status of an EEIG, a document on the composition of the EEIG has to be added to the technical part of the proposal, in order to allow the Commission to check the eligibility criterion of the minimum consortium (see Evaluation Manual and call text).

18 Activity Type

Please insert the abbreviation for the activity type most appropriate to the organisation (only one), according to the following explanations:

- **HE-Higher Education:** organisations only or mainly established for higher education/training, e. g. universities, colleges
- **RES-Research:** organisations only or mainly established for carrying out research activities
- **IND-Industry:** industrial organisations private and public, both manufacturing and industrial services – such as industrial software, design, control, repair, maintenance;
- **OTH-Others:** Organisations not fitting in one of the above categories

19 Legal Status

The legal status of contractors in FP6 has to be characterised in several aspects, which are summarized in the set of questions:

Governmental or private?
Commercial or non-commercial?

In addition:

- private organisations have to specify if they are public bodies in the sense of the FP6 rules for participation;
- governmental organisations have to specify if they are international (i.e. intergovernmental) or national; if they are international they have to further specify if they are international **European Interest** organisations
- private commercial organisations have to specify the exact type (e.g. SA, Ltd., GmbH, physical person).

The complete legal status will be deduced from the replies to the set of questions. Thus, the combinations reflected in the following overview are, in principle, possible:

Legal entity							
Governmental				Private			
Commercial		Non-commercial		Commercial		Non-commercial	
National	International (European interest Yes/No)	National	International (European interest Yes/No)	Public body	Non-public body	Public body	Non-public body

20 Governmental or private organisation

A governmental organisation is one owned by the state and/or acts on behalf of and represents the state or whose legal personality cannot be distinguished from the state. A private organisation is one whose legal personality is independent from the state (or any organ of that state) in which it is established.

Please insert “GOV” for governmental or “PRIV” for private, as applicable.

21 Commercial or non-commercial organisation

A commercial organisation is any legal entity engaged in an economic activity. This includes those whose primary activity is industry, trade or provision of services with a view to generating a revenue, either in order to distribute it to its shareholders or owners (profit making organisations) or to use it in the implementation of its activities (non-profit making organisations like foundations or associations).

A non-commercial organisation is one which is not commercial.

Please insert “C” for commercial or “NC” for non-commercial, as applicable.

22 Type of private commercial organisation

If you are a private commercial organisation, please indicate the exact type of organisation (e.g.: SA, Ltd., GmbH, AG, EEIG (see note 17), physical person, foundations, associations etc.).

23 Public body

In the sense of the FP6 participation rules, a public body is a public sector body or a legal entity governed by private law with a public service mission providing adequate financial guarantees. Please insert “YES” or “NO”, as applicable to your organisation.

Governmental organisations are public bodies by definition. These should insert ” - “.

24 National or international governmental organisations

Governmental organisations can be national or international (i.e. intergovernmental, such as ESA, CERN, EMBL). Please insert “NAO” for national or “INO” for international organisation.

The question is **not applicable to private organisations**. These should insert “ – “. (multinational private companies or international private non-profit organisations are **not** regarded as international organisations in the above sense).

25 International European Interest Organisation

These are international organisations (INO, see note 24), the majority of whose members are European Union Member States or Associated States, and whose principal objective is to promote European scientific and technological co-operation

26 Independence of an organisation (SME Criteria)

In compliance with the Commission Recommendation 96/280/EC [OJ L 107, 30.4.1996, p. 4.] relating to the definition of an SME, your answer to this question will be:

NO:

- if your organisation is not owned as to 25% or more of the capital or the voting rights by one enterprise, or jointly by several enterprises, falling outside the definition of an SME;

or

- if your organisation is held by public investment corporations, venture capital companies or institutional investors, provided no control is exercised either individually or jointly ;

or

- if the capital of your organisation is spread in such a way that it is not possible to determine by whom it is held and if your organisation declares that it can legitimately presume that it is not owned as to 25 % or more by one enterprise, or jointly by several enterprises, falling outside the definitions of an SME or a small enterprise, whichever may apply.

or

- if your organisation controls 25% or more of the capital or of the voting rights of other enterprises and/or if your organisation is owned as to 25% or more of your capital or voting rights by one enterprise or jointly by several enterprises, and if by cumulating the data of your organisation and these enterprises, the following figures are not exceeded:
 - number of personnel: fewer than 250 employees (annual working units).
 - either annual turnover: not exceeding €40 million ; or annual balance-sheet total: not exceeding €27 million.

YES: in any other cases.

27 Dependencies between participants

Two participants (legal entities) are dependent on each other where there is a controlling relationship between them.

To be regarded as independent, a legal entity must not be in a controlling relationship with another legal entity. A controlling relationship shall exist where one legal entity directly or indirectly controls the other or one legal entity is under the same direct or indirect control as the other.

Legal entity A controls legal entity B if:

- A, directly or indirectly, holds more than 50% of the share capital or a majority of voting rights of the shareholders or associates of B,

or

- A, directly or indirectly, holds in fact or in law the decision-making power in B

Direct or indirect holding of more than 50% of the nominal value of the issued share capital in a legal entity or a majority of voting rights of the shareholders or associates of the said entity by public investment corporations, institutional investors or venture-capital companies and funds shall not in itself constitute a controlling relationship.

Ownership or supervision of legal entities by the same public body shall not in itself give rise to a controlling relationship between them.

28 SMEs (Industrial) Association/Grouping

Industrial Associations/Groupings are enterprise groupings, meaning any legal entity made up, directly or indirectly, for the most part of SMEs and representing their interests. Examples of these are sectoral industrial associations, regional industrial associations, chambers of commerce, etc.

29 Socio-economic research activities

Any type of non technological related activity research that analysis « a posteriori » or « a priori » (or contribute to such analysis) the socio-economic impact or the potential to induce changes in societal and/or economic values, in the organisation and welfare of society for example through changes in the overall availability of economic resources. This approach therefore includes on one side, any type of socio-economic research including the understanding of societal and economic phenomena (research in social sciences and humanities) and on the other side any type of activity involving scientific with a specific background in social, political sciences or in economy (discipline approach).

Please insert YES if the above is applicable to your project, if not insert NO.

30 Estimated allocated total cost of resources and means addressing socio-economic research activities

Estimated allocated total cost of resources and means addressing socio-economic research activities covers:

- estimated direct and indirect eligible costs of contractors using the AC, FCF and FC cost model; and
- estimated costs of the resources employed on the project by contractors using the AC cost model which are not eligible for Community financial contribution (ie: recurring or non additional costs).

31 Department/faculty/institute/laboratory carrying out the work

If in bigger organisations the legal address of the legal entity is different from the address(es) of the organisational unit(s) carrying out the project, please indicate here the address(es) of the organisational unit(s) involved. The address of the “main department” should be the address of the “Authorised contact person” in form A2b.

32 Title

Please choose one of the following: Prof., Dr., Mr., Ms.

33 Position

Please indicate the position in your organisation eg. Rector, President, Chief Executive Officer, Director etc.

34 Sex

This information is required for statistical purposes. Please indicate with an F for female or an M for male as appropriate.

35 Phone and fax numbers

Please insert the full numbers including country and city/area code. Example +32-2-2991111.

36 Participant number

The number allocated by the consortium to the participant for this proposal. The **coordinator** of a proposal is always **number one**.

37 Authorised contact person / Team leader

Please insert in this section the data of the main scientist or team leader in charge of the proposal for the participant. For participant number 1 (the coordinator), this will be the regular contact for the Commission concerning all issues of implementation of the contract.

The address of this person should be the one of the “Main department/faculty/institute/laboratory carrying out the work” in form A2b.

38 Previously submitted similar proposals or signed contracts

If one or several of the participants have submitted or are in the process of submitting the same or a similar proposal to other public funding programmes insert YES, else NO. If yes, give the programme name, year of submission and proposal number or contract number.

39 Name of the person signing

The final version of the contract preparation forms agreed at the end of the negotiations must be signed (A2c by each contractor, A5 by the coordinator) by one of the three persons whose details have been completed in form A2b, i.e. either by the authorised contact person or by the first or the second administrative official authorised to sign the contract. Please insert the name of the person who is actually signing. The person signing must be entitled to legally commit his/her organisation.

40 Legal documents establishing the organisation

Participants (except public bodies) must provide up to date copies of the legal documents establishing the organisation, i. e. certificate of registration and (if applicable) articles of association.

If the participating organisation has not sent to the European Commission during the last six months, or if its status has changed since the documents were provided, then you must provide copies of these legal documents

If the participating organisation has already sent the documents earlier and there are no changes, you do not have to send the documents again. In this case, please give the date and programme name for which this information was provided to the Commission.

41 Legal entity (contractor) not identified at the negotiation stage

The implementation plan of an Integrated Project can describe tasks, work packages, activities, ... for which there is no contractor proposed at the time of submission of the proposal, nor at the negotiation level, in full compliance with the possibility for the consortium to select the

relevant entity during the implementation of the project (according certain conditions by means of competitive calls).

As the calculation of a grant to the budget is dependent upon, among other conditions, the cost reporting model used by the contractors, the estimated eligible costs of the resources needed to implement those above mentioned tasks, work packages, activities, ... (the future estimated costs of new contractor(s)) must be declared according to a cost reporting model in relation with the type of legal entity envisaged for their implementation.

Therefore, as an example, if an SME is envisaged, the cost must be estimated:

- either with the use of the FCF model;
- or with the use of the FC model

In this last case (use of the FC model), it is recommended to estimate the indirect eligible costs according to the economic environment of the expected legal entity (labour intensive or capital intensive environment). A general rule could be to estimate such costs to:

- 20% of the eligible direct costs minus eligible direct costs of subcontracting for labour intensive environment
- 80% of the eligible direct costs minus eligible direct costs of subcontracting for capital intensive environment

If for a task, work packages, activities, ... no legal entity is already identified, insert under the column "Organisation short name":

- "SME" if you expect that this task will be carried out by an SME
- "-" for any other entity

42 Requested grant to the budget and cost models

The **Community grant** requested for a proposal depends on the cost model applicable to each participant, on the maximum rate of reimbursement per type of activity and on the estimated eligible costs for the different activities. For the purpose of contract negotiation, direct and indirect costs as well as receipts to the project have to be broken down by type of activity and by participant. There are no pre-defined cost categories. In establishing their budget participants should follow their own accounting rules.

Maximum contributions by activity type as percentage of the respective costs are as follows:

	Maximum grant as percentage of full costs (participants applying the FC or FCF model)	Maximum grant as percentage of additional costs (participants applying the AC model)
RTD activities (see note 43)	50%	100%
Demonstration activities (see note 44)	35%	100%
Innovation-related activities (see note 45)	50%	100%
Training activities (see note 46)	100%	100%
Consortium management activities (see note 47)	100% (up to a maximum percentage of 7% of the Community contribution)	100% (up to a maximum percentage of 7% of the Community contribution)(*)

(*) One derogation to the definition of eligible costs, relates to the costs incurred for management activities by contractors using the AC model. They may charge their eligible

direct costs of permanent personnel (non additional) to this activity, on condition that they can identify and justify them precisely.

The **cost models** to be applied by the participants are:

- **FC**: a full-cost model in which all actual eligible direct and actual eligible indirect costs may be charged to the contract;
- **FCF**: a simplified variant of the full-cost model, in which all actual eligible direct costs may be charged to the contract, together with a flat rate for indirect costs. This flat rate is equal to 20% of all direct eligible costs minus the costs of subcontracts.;
- **AC**: an additional-cost model, covering all eligible direct costs that are additional to the recurring costs of a participant (with the exception of consortium management for which recurring costs would also be eligible), together with a flat rate for indirect costs. This flat rate is equal to 20% of all direct additional costs minus the costs of subcontracts.

Which cost model to use

Which cost model to use depends on the type of legal entity concerned and the accounting system:

Cost model	Who can use it ?
FC	- All legal entities except physical persons
FCF	- Non-commercial or non-profit organisations - International organisations (like CERN, ESA, EMBL) - Small or Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)
AC	- Physical persons (only cost model open to physical persons) - Only non-commercial or non-profit organisations or international organisations not having an accounting system allowing to distinguish the share of their direct and indirect costs

Each contractor shall apply the same cost model in all contracts established under the Sixth Framework Programme. As a derogation to this principle:

- any legal entity which is eligible to opt for the AC model in a first contract can change to the FCF or the FC model in a later contract (except physical persons). If it does so, it must then use the new cost reporting model in subsequent contracts;
- any legal entity which is eligible to opt for the FCF model in a first contract can change to the FC model in a later contract. If it does so, it must then use the new cost reporting model in subsequent contracts.

Eligible costs

Eligible costs for FP6 contracts must be:

- actual, economic and necessary for the implementation of the project;
- determined in accordance with the usual accounting principles of the contractor;
- incurred during the duration of the project (*except for the costs incurred in drawing up the final reports, which may be incurred during the period of up to 45 calendar days after the end of the project or the date of termination whichever is earlier*);
- recorded in the accounts of the contractors (or third parties where third party resources have been agreed).

They exclude indirect taxes, interest, provisions for future losses or charges, exchange losses, costs related to other Community projects, return on capital, debt and debt service charges,

excessive and reckless expenses and any cost which does not meet the criteria in the first four bullets.

Receipts

For determining the Community financial contribution, not only costs but also the following three kinds of receipts to the project have to be taken into account:

- Financial transfers or their equivalent from third parties that are made specifically to co-finance the project or a resource used by the contractor in the project (not if their use is at the management discretion of the contractor)
- Contributions in kind from third parties, if they are contributed specifically for the use on the project (not if their use is at the management discretion of the contractor)
- Income generated by the project (except income generated by the use of knowledge created in the project)

Participants using the additional cost model (AC):

- only charge their additional direct eligible costs that are not covered by any other contribution (financial contributions or contributions in kind) by third parties
- only declare their receipts taking the form of income generated by the project itself.

Details are explained in the FP6 model contract (Annex II, article 23, see http://europa.eu.int/comm/research/fp6/working-groups/model-contract/index_en.html) and in the FP6 Financial Guidelines (see <http://www.cordis.lu/fp6/find-doc.htm>).

43 RTD activities

RTD activities are all activities directly aimed at creating new knowledge. They form the core of the Integrated Projects and Specific Targeted Research Projects.

44 Demonstration activities

Integrated Projects may contain a demonstration component to prove the viability of new technologies that offer a potential economic advantage, but which cannot be commercialised directly (e.g. testing of product-like prototypes).

45 Innovation-related activities

Projects should include activities relating to the protection and dissemination of knowledge, and, when relevant, studies on the wider societal impact of that knowledge, activities to promote the exploitation of the results, and "take-up" actions. These activities are inter-related and should be conceived and implemented in a coherent way:

- **intellectual property protection:** protection of the knowledge resulting from the project (including patent searches, filing of patent (or other IPR) applications, etc.);
- **dissemination activities** beyond the consortium: publications, conferences, workshops and Web-based activities aiming at disseminating the knowledge and technology produced;
- **studies on socio-economic aspects:** assessment of the expected socio-economic impact of the knowledge and technology generated, as well as analysis of the factors that would influence their exploitation (e.g. standardisation, ethical and regulatory aspects, etc.);
- **activities promoting the exploitation of the results:** development of the plan for the use and dissemination of the knowledge produced, feasibility studies for the creation of spin-offs, etc, "take-up" activities to promote the early or broad application of state-of-the-art technologies. Take-up activities include the assessment, trial and validation of promising,

but not fully established, technologies and solutions, easier access to and the transfer of best practices for the early use and exploitation of technologies. In particular, they will be expected to target SMEs.

46 Training activities

Integrated projects are likely to provide an excellent vehicle for the advanced **training of researchers and other key staff, research managers, industrial executives (in particular for SMEs), and potential users** of the knowledge produced within the project. Such training activities should contribute to the professional development of the persons concerned. The salary costs of those being trained are not eligible costs.

47 Consortium management activities

Projects will require particular attention by the consortium to overall management and co-ordination issues. Over and above the technical management of individual work packages, an appropriate management framework linking together all the project components and maintaining communications with the Commission will be needed. Depending on the size and scope of a project, a specially constituted management team with dedicated staff covering a range of skills may need to be set up.

Consortium management activities include:

- obtaining audit certificates by each of the contractors.
- implementation of competitive calls by the consortium for the participation of new contractors, in accordance with the provisions of the contract.
- maintenance of the consortium agreement if it is obligatory
- obtaining any financial security such as bank guarantees when requested by the Commission ;
- any other management activities at the consortium level not covered by any other activity, such as:
 - coordination of the technical activities of the project;
 - the overall legal, contractual, ethical, financial and administrative management;
 - coordination of knowledge management and other innovation-related activities;
 - overseeing the promotion of gender equality in the project;
 - overseeing science and society issues related to the research activities conducted within the project;
- any other management activities foreseen by the annexes of the contract.

48 Total

On forms A3.1 and A3.3, insert here the totals per column (sum for all partners). If you use more than one A3.1 and A3.3 sheet (because the number of partners is bigger than 4), fill in the TOTAL row only in the last sheet; leaving the row empty on the preceding sheets.

49 Additional financial information on contractors

To verify the financial capacity of contractors, in certain cases and for certain types of contractors the Commission asks regularly for documents as listed in form A5. These documents have to be sent together with the contract preparation forms. The coordinator has always to send these documents (except for public bodies). Other contractors concerned can be identified by following the decision tree below.

The consortium consists only of public bodies and/or organisations whose participation is guaranteed by a Member State/Associated State	YES ⇒	No action
↓ NO		
Among the non-public body contractors whose participation is not guaranteed by a Member State/Associated State, there is one entitled to receive more than 50% of the requested EC contribution to all non-public body contractors whose participation is not guaranteed by a Member State/Associated State	NO ⇒	No automatic action, however, the Commission services may request additional financial information, in which case, complete form A6 and attach additional financial information required by A5.
↓ YES		
The requested EC contribution for this contractor exceeds by more than € 300,000 50% of the requested EC contribution to all non-public body contractors whose participation is not guaranteed by a Member State/Associated State	NO ⇒	No automatic action, however, the Commission services may request additional financial information, in which case, complete form A6 and attach additional financial information required by A5.
↓ YES		
This contractor has already supplied the additional financial information to the Commission (under one of its policies) in the last 12 months	YES ⇒	Indicate the Commission programme name and contract number to which the information has been supplied
↓ NO		
Complete form A6. Attach the additional financial information requested in form A5		

In addition, during the negotiation, the Commission may, depending on its analysis of management risks, request the information listed in form A5 from other participants.

Public bodies need not provide additional financial information.

50 Simplified balance sheet and profit and loss account

Form A6 has to be completed only for the contractors identified in form A5 (see also note 49). Within form A6 financial data based on the company's balance sheet are collected in a standardised form. A correspondence table giving an explanation on the regrouping of different accounts with respect to the 4th Accounting Directive is attached to these notes.

51 t-1 and t0

The abbreviation *t0* represents the last certified historical balance sheet and profit and loss account; *t-1* is the balance sheet prior to the last certified one. Consequently, the *closing date t0* is the closing date of the last certified historical balance sheet; the *closing date t-1* is the closing date of the balance sheet prior to the last one. *Duration t0* is the number of months covered by the last historical balance sheet. *Duration t-1* is the number of months covered by the penultimate certified historical balance sheet.

FORM A6
BALANCE SHEET
ASSETS
1. Subscribed capital unpaid
2. Fixed assets
2.1. Intangible fixed assets
2.2. Tangible fixed assets
2.3. Financial assets
3. Current assets
3.1. Stocks
3.2.1. Debtors due after one year
3.2.2. Debtors due within one year
3.3. Cash at bank and in hand
3.4. Other current assets
Total assets

CORRESPONDANCE 4th ACCOUNTING DIRECTIVE	
ASSETS / 4th ACCOUNTING DIRECTIVE (Article 9)	
A. Subscribed capital unpaid	A. Subscribed capital unpaid (including unpaid capital)
C. Fixed Assets	
B. Formation expenses as defined by national law	B. Formation expenses as defined by national law
C. I. Intangible fixed assets	C.I.1. Cost of research and development C.I.2. Concessions, patents, licences, trade marks and similar rights and assets, if they were: (a) acquired for valuable consideration and need not be shown under C (I) (3); or (b) created by the undertaking itself C.I.3. Goodwill, to the extent that it was acquired for valuable consideration C.I.4. Payments on account
C.II. Tangible fixed assets	C.II.1. Land and buildings C.II.2. Plant and machinery C.II.3. Other fixtures and fittings, tools and equipment C.II.4. Payment on account and tangible assets in course of construction
C.III. Financial assets	C.III.1. Shares in affiliated undertakings C.III.2. Loans to affiliated undertakings C.III.3. Participating interests C.III.4. Loans to undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interest C.III.5. Investments held as fixed assets C.III. 6. Other loans C.III.7. Own shares (with an indication of their nominal value or, in the absence of a nominal value, their accounting par value)
D. Currents assets	
D.I. Stocks	D.I.1. Raw materials and consumables D.I.2. Work in progress D.I.3. Finished products and goods for resale D.I.4. Payment on account
D.II. Debtors, due and payable after more than one year	D.II.1. Trade debtors D.II.2. Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings D.II.3. Amounts owed by undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interest D.II.4. Others debtors D.II.6. Prepayments and accrued income
D.II. Debtors due and payable within a year	D.II.1. Trade debtors D.II.2. Amounts owed by affiliated undertakings D.II.3. Amounts owed by undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interest D.II.4. Others debtors D.II.6. Prepayments and accrued income
D.IV. Cash at bank and in hand	D.IV. Cash at bank and in hand
D.III Investments	D.III.1. Shares in affiliated undertakings D.III.2. Own shares (with an indication of their nominal value or, in the absence of a nominal value, their accounting par value) D.III.3. Other investments
Total assets	

LIABILITIES		LIABILITIES / 4th ACCOUNTING DIRECTIVE (Article 9)	
4. Capital and reserves	A. Capital and reserves		
4.1. Subscribed capital	A.I. Subscribed capital A.II. Share premium account	A.I. Subscribed capital A.II. Share premium account	
4.2. Reserves	A.III. Revaluation reserve A.IV. Reserves	A.III. Revaluation reserve A.IV.1. Legal reserve, in so far as national law requires such a reserve A.IV.2. Reserve for own shares A.IV.3. Reserves provided for by the articles of association A.IV.4. Other reserves	
4.3. Profit and loss brought forward from the previous years	A.V Profit and loss brought forward from the previous years	A.V Profit and loss brought forward from the previous years	
4.4. Profit and loss for the financial year	A.VI. Profit or loss for the financial year	A.VI. Profit or loss for the financial year	
5. Creditors	C. Creditors		
5.1.1 Long term non-bank debt	B. Provisions for liabilities and charges (> one year) C. Creditors (> one year)	B.1. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations B.2. Provisions for taxation B.3. Other provisions C.1. Debenture loans, showing convertible loans separately C.3. Payments received on account of orders in so far as they are not shown separately as deductions from stocks C.4. Trade creditors C.6. Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings C.7. Amounts owed to undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interests C.8. Other creditors including tax and social security C.9. Accruals and deferred income	
5.2.1. Long term bank debt	C. Creditors "credit institutions" (> one year)	C.2. Amounts owed to credit institutions C.5. Bills of exchange payable	
5.1.2. Short term non-bank debt	B. Provisions for liabilities and charges (= one year) C. Creditors (= one year)	B.1. Provisions for pensions and similar obligations B.2. Provisions for taxation B.3. Other provisions C.1. Debenture loans, showing convertible loans separately C.3. Payments received on account of orders in so far as they are not shown separately as deductions from stocks C.4. Trade creditors C.6. Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings C.7. Amounts owed to undertakings with which the company is linked by virtue of participating interests C.8. Other creditors including tax and social security C.9. Accruals and deferred income	
5.2.2. Short term bank debt	C. Creditors "credit institutions" (= one year)	C.2. Amounts owed to credit institutions C.5. Bills of exchange payable	
Total liabilities	Total Liabilities		

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT / 4th ACCOUNTING DIRECTIVE (Article 23)

6. Turnover	1. Net turnover	1. Net turnover
7. Variation in stocks	2. Variation in stock of finished goods and in work in progress	2. Variation in stocks of finished goods and in work in progress
8. Other operating income	3. Work performed by the undertaking for its own purposes and capitalized. 4. Other operating income	3. Work performed by the undertaking for its own purposes and capitalized 4. Other operating income
9. Costs of material and consumables	5. (a) Raw materials and consumables 5. (b) Other external charges	5. (a) Raw materials and consumables 5. (b) Other external charges
10. Other operating charges	8. Other operating charges	8. Other operating charges
11. Staff costs	6. Staff costs	6. (a) Wages and salaries 6. (b) social security costs, with a separate indication of those relating to pensions
12. Gross operating profit	Gross operating profit	.
13. Depreciation and value adjustments on non financial assets	7. Depreciation and value adjustments on non financial assets	7. (a) Value adjustments in respect of formation expenses and of tangible and intangible fixed assets 7. (b) Value adjustments in respect of current assets, to the extent that they exceed the amount of value adjustments which are normal in the undertaking concerned
14. Net operating profit	Gross operating profit - Depreciation and value adjustments on non-financial assets	
15. Financial income and value adjustments on financial assets	Financial income and value adjustments on financial assets	9. Income from participating interests 10. Income from other investments and loans forming part of the fixed assets 11. Other interest receivable and similar income 12. Value adjustments in respect of financial assets and of investments held as current assets
16. Interest paid	Interest paid	13. Interest payable and similar charges
17. Similar charges	Similar Charges	
18. Profit or loss on ordinary activities	Profit or loss on ordinary activities	15. Profit or loss on ordinary activities after taxation
19. Extraordinary income and charges	Extraordinary income and charges	16. Extraordinary income 17. Extraordinary charges
20. Taxes on profits	Taxes	14. Tax on profit or loss on ordinary activities 19. Tax on extraordinary profit or loss 20. Other taxes not shown under the above items
21. Profit or loss for the financial year	Profit or loss for the financial year	21. Profit or loss for the financial year