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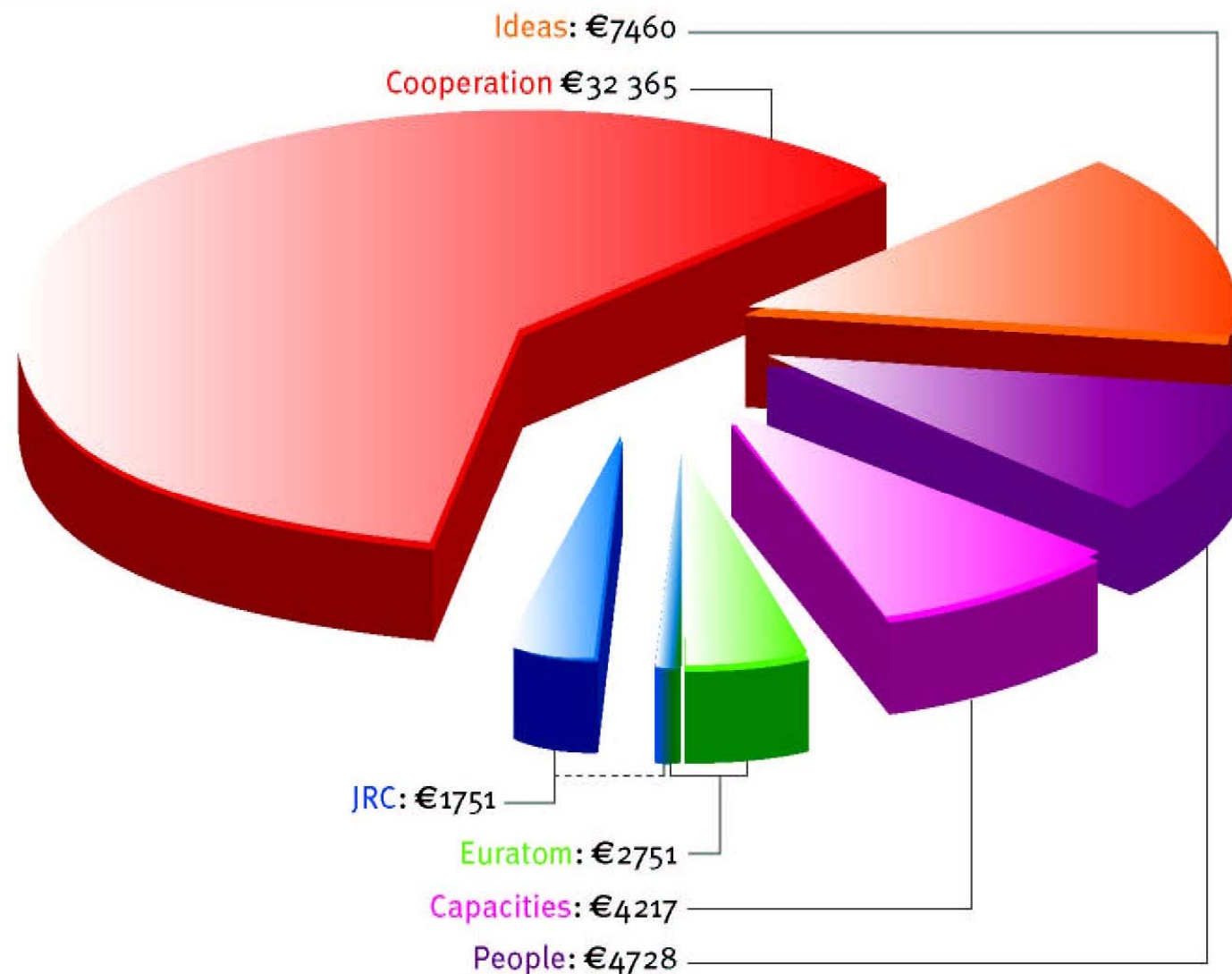
Food, **A**griculture and **F**isheries, and **B**iotechnology

1 Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy (KBBE)



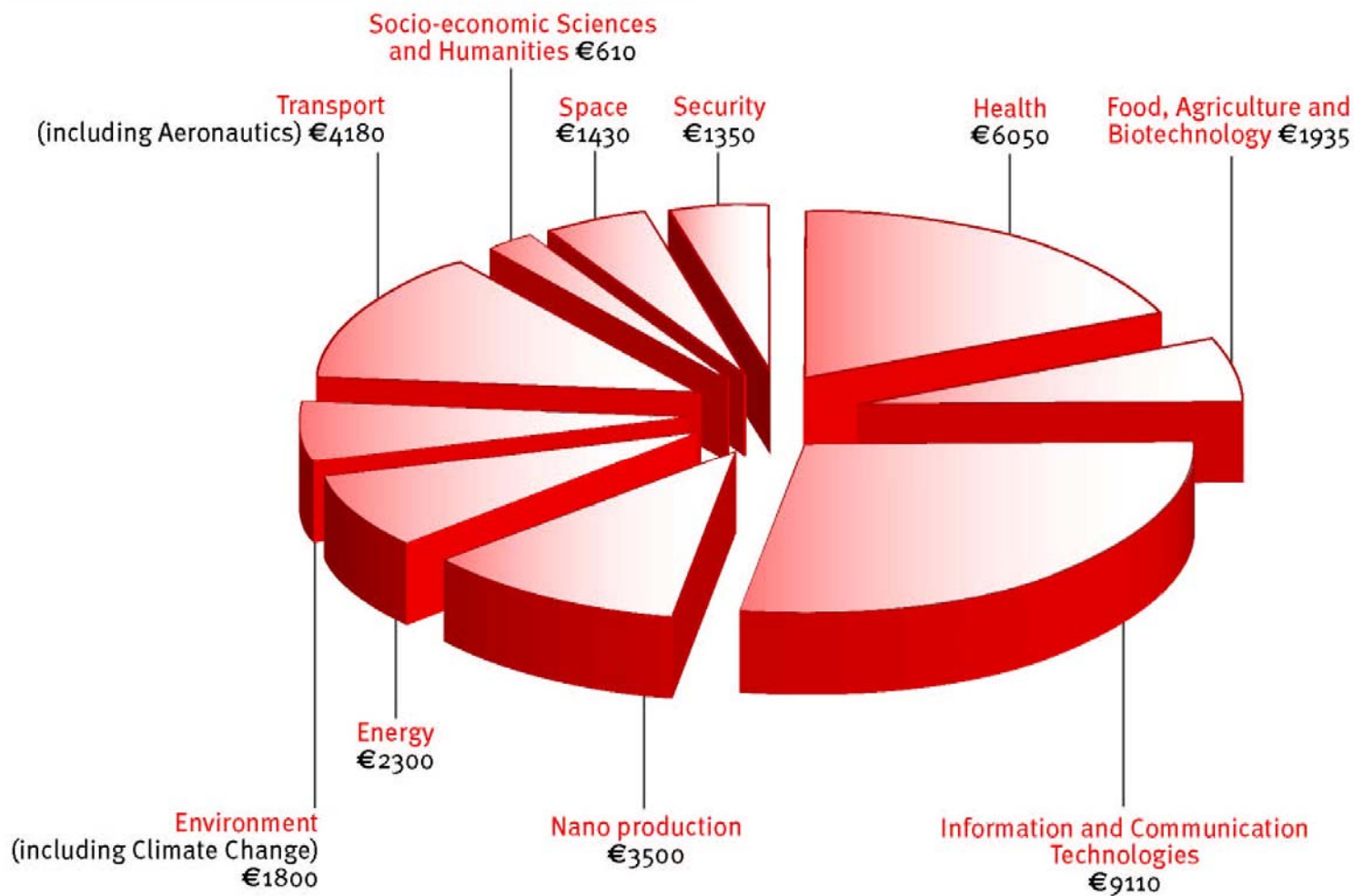


FP7 – Indicative breakdown (€ million)





Cooperation programme - thematic areas (€ million)





2. Food, Agriculture and Fisheries and Biotechnology

2.1.

Sustainable production and management of biological resources
from land, forest, and aquatic environments

2.2.

“Fork to farm”: Food (including sea food), health and well being

2.3.

Life sciences, biotechnology and biotechnology for sustainable
non-food products and processes

2.4.

Other activities



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2.1. Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environment

- Area 2.1.1. Enabling research
- Area 2.1.2. Increased sustainability of all production systems (agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture); plant health and crop protection
- Area 2.1.3. Optimised animal health, production and welfare across agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture



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2.2. Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being

- Area 2.2.1. Consumers
- Area 2.2.2. Nutrition
- Area 2.2.3. Food processing
- Area 2.2.4. Food quality and safety
- Area 2.2.5. Environmental impacts and total food chain



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2.3. Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food product and processes

- Area 2.3.1. Improved biomass and plant based renewables
- Area 2.3.2. Bioprocesses
- Area 2.3.3. Environmental biotechnologies, use of waste and by-products



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Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotechnology research: Objectives

- Build an European Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy (KBBE)
- Respond to social and economic challenges:
 - High quality food and sustainable food production
 - Food-related disorders (cardiovascular, obesity ...)
 - Infectious animal diseases and zoonoses
 - Sustainable agriculture/fishery and climate change
 - Clean biomaterials from renewable bio-resources
- Involve all stakeholders (incl. industry) in research
- Support CAP and CFP
- Respond quickly to emerging research needs



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Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotechnology research: Rationale

Research (particularly in Life sciences and biotechnology) will...

- Develop production, management and processing of biological raw materials from plants, animals and micro-organisms, i.e. in relationship to quality, efficiency, sustainability, etc.
- Create competitive advantages for all EU industries in the area of biological Resources (agriculture, nutrition, forestry, paper, new bio industries) with an annual turnover of 1500 billion €
- Fulfil the social demand for safe and more wholesome food
- Create new eco-efficient and sustainable manufactured products (bio fuels, bio polymers) and decrease dependence on crude oil



What is the Knowledge-Based Bio-Economy?

The knowledge base: Advances in Life Sciences and Biotechnologies in convergence with other technologies such as nanotechnologies, chemistry, information technologies..,

The Bio- Economy: Includes all industries and economic sectors that produce, manage or otherwise make use of biological resources including bio-waste.

The European bio-economy has an approximate market size of over €1.5 trillion, employing more than 22 million people

→ 4 Fs: Food, Fiber, Fuel and Feed

Sector	Annual turn-over (billion €)	Employment (million)	Data source
Food	800	4.1	CIAA
Agriculture	210	15	COPA-COGECA
Paper/Pulp	400	0.3 direct (4 ind.)	CEPI
Forestry/Wood industry	150	2.7	CEI-BOIS
Industrial Biotechnology	50 (est.)		McKinsey*
Total	1610	22.1	

* estimated to be 10 % of sales within the chemical industry accounting for €125 million by 2010



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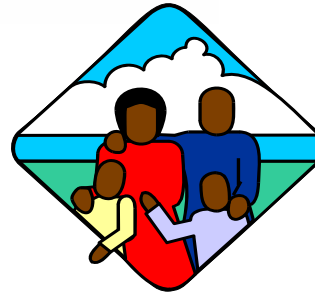
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THE EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE-BASED BIOECONOMY

QUALITY ASSURANCE
STRATEGIES TRACEABILITY,
CONSUMER SCIENCE

SOCIETAL NEEDS

STABILITY -
BIODEGRADABILITY
FUNCTIONALITY (Chirality)

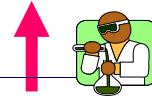


“Fork to Farm”
Food, health and well-
being

Life sciences &
biotechnology for
sustainable
non-food products +
processes

ADVANCED FOOD
TECHNOLOGIES, FOOD QUALITY
DETERMINANTS, NUTRITION

PROCESSING



WHITE BIOTECH
CLEAN BIOPROCESSES
RAW MATERIALS/WASTE

LOW INPUT FARMING - BIODIVERSITY
ANIMAL HEALTH - RURAL DEVT.

PRODUCTION

GREEN/BLUE BIOTECH
OPTIMISED RAW MATERIALS

Sustainable production and management of biological resources from
land, forest, and aquatic environments





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- **Call identifier : FP7-KBBE-2008-2B**
- **Date of publication: 30 November 2007**
- **Deadline: 26 February 2006 at 17:00h (Brussels time)**
- **Indicative budget: 96,85 M€ from 2008 budget**

Activity	Funding schemes	Indicative amount (M€)
2.1. Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments	SCP and CSA	48,21
2.2. Fork to farm : food (including seafood), health and well-being	SCP and CSA	25,58
2.3. Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes	SCP and CSA, excluding topics KBBE-2008-3-1-04 and KBBE-2008-3-2-01	17.56
	Coordinated co-funded SCP projects with Russian participants for the topics KBBE-2008-3-1-04 and KBBE-2008-3-2-01	4.00
2.4. Other activities	CSA	1.5



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FP7-KBBE-2008-2B (Funding thresholds)

Funding schemes	EC contribution (M€)
➤ Small collaborative projects (« small or medium-scale research actions », SCP) ¹⁾	up to 3 M€
➤ Coordination and Support Actions (CSA) ¹⁾	up to 1 M€

It is important to note that the above mentioned funding thresholds will be applied as eligibility criteria and that the proposals not fulfilling these thresholds are considered as ineligible.

1) Other criteria may apply for specific topics.



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Participants

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative project (Small or medium-scale focused research actions)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a Member States or Associated Countries, and no two of which are established in the same Member States or Associated Countries.
Collaborative project for specific international cooperation actions dedicated to international cooperation partner countries (SICA)	At least 4 independent legal entities. Of these, 2 must be established in different Member States or Associated Countries. The other two must be established in different international cooperation partner countries
Coordination and support action (coordination action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a Member States or Associated Countries, and no two of which are established in the same Member States or Associated Countries.
Coordination and support action (support action)	At least 1 independent legal entity



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For the following topics, additional eligibility criteria apply, over and above the general criteria :

TOPICS	Particular requirements
KBBE-2008-1-2-05 (SICA)	Minimum 3 Member States or Associated Countries and 3 ICPC (with a special focus on the poorest countries) among which minimum 2 from Africa
KBBE-2008-1-4-04 (SCP)	The requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 2.5 million
KBBE-2008-1-4-05 (SCP)	The requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 2.5 million
KBBE-2008-1-4-08 (SICA)	Minimum 2 ICPC from the Andean region
KBBE-2008-2-2-02 (SICA)	Minimum 2 ICPC from the Black Sea region
KBBE-2008-2-2-03 (SICA)	Minimum 2 ICPC from Mediterranean region partner countries
KBBE-2008-3-1-02 (SICA)	Minimum 2 Latin America, 1 India, 1 South Africa
KBBE-2008-3-1-04 (SCP)	Minimum 2 participants from different federal units from Russia. The requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million
KBBE-2008-3-2-01 (SCP)	Minimum 2 participants from different federal units from Russia The requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million
KBBE-2008-3-3-01 (SICA)	Minimum 2 participants from different federal units from Russia
KBBE-2008-4-01 (CSA)	Minimum 3 Member States or Associated Countries and 10 ICPC The requested EC contribution shall not exceed EUR 1.5 million



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Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments.

Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (i)	Funding Schemes
2.1.1	<i>KBBE-2008-1-1-01: Development of new tools and processes based upon genomic resources to support R&D in crop plants for breeding</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.1	<i>KBBE-2008-1-1-02: Regulation of environmental responses and developmental processes by epigenetics in crop plants</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-01: Development of appropriate indicators of the relationship between organic/low-input farming and biodiversity</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-02: New and converging technologies for Precision Livestock Farming in European animal production systems</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-03: Assessment and mitigation of the impact of aquaculture on wild populations</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-04: Microbial control for more sustainable aquaculture</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-05: Improved agro-forestry systems for sustainable farming – SICA</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-06: Forecasting forest diversity under the influence of climatic changes and the consequences for stability and productivity of forest ecosystems</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>



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Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (ii)	Funding Schemes
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-07: Forest energy – Short rotation forestry as a sustainable and eco-efficient land use management system for fossil fuels substitution within CDM-projects</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.1.2	<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-08: Novel approaches for reusing nitrogen losses</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.1.3	<i>KBBE-2008-1-3-01: Improving production animal health and food safety through investigating the gut function of farm animals, the gastro-intestinal microflora and their interactions</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.3	<i>KBBE-2008-1-3-02: Foot-and-mouth disease: improve and / or develop vaccine, vaccination strategies and diagnostics assays for free and endemic settings – SICA</i>	<i>Small collaborative project -SICA</i>
2.1.3	<i>KBBE-2008-1-3-03: Improve tools and strategies for the prevention and control of classical swine fever</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-01: Development of new diagnostic methods in support of Plant Health policy</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-02: Deep sea fisheries management</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>



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Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (iii)	Funding Schemes
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-03: Fisheries management approach based on 'maximum acceptable limits of negative impacts'</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-04: Common Agricultural Policy – the dynamic and spatial dimension in EU rural development programmes</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-05: Macro-economic analysis of competitiveness, including non-tariff barriers</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-06: Societal Impact of Organic Farming</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-07: Exploring the pros & cons and the public perception of GM animals</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-08: Characterisation and valorisation of Andean soil microbial diversity to support sustainable crop production and agro-ecosystems – SICA (Latin America-Andean region)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-09: Quality Assurance Schemes</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.1.4	<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-11: Coordinating the activities of KBBE relevant European Technology Platforms</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>



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Activity 2.2: Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being

Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (iv)	Funding Schemes
2.2.1	<i>KBBE-2008-2-1-01: Measures aimed at promoting healthy eating habits</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE-2008-2-2-01: Optimal human cell function and nutrition</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE-2008-2-2-02: Bioactive compounds in traditional food products - SICA (Black Sea Region)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.2.2	<i>KBBE-2008-2-2-03: Obesity prevention in the Mediterranean area - SICA (Mediterranean Partner Countries)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE-2008-2-3-01: Exploring the micro-structure of foods</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE-2008-2-3-02: Alternatives to sulphites in foods</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.3	<i>KBBE-2008-2-3-03: Training and career development for future food scientists</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.2.4	<i>KBBE-2008-2-4-01 Perfluorinated organic compounds in food</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.4	<i>KBBE-2008-2-4-02: Biocides and antibiotic resistance</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.5	<i>KBBE-2008-2-5-01: Influence of food contaminants on early programming leading to obesity</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.2.5	<i>KBBE-2008-2-5-02: A lead market vision for food</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.2.5	<i>KBBE-2008-2-5-03: Dissemination of research projects in the food sector</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>



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Activity 2.3: Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes

Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (v)	Funding Schemes
2.3.1	<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-01: Plant natural products - Alternative sources for the synthesis of bioactive or industrial added value products</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.3.1	<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-02: Sweet sorghum – An alternative energy crop for biofuel production in semi-arid and temperate regions – SICA (Latin America, South Africa, India)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.3.1	<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-03: European non-food crops and their industrial application</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.3.1	<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-04: Plant-produced vaccines - SICA (Russia)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project – SICA – Coordinated co-funded project with Russia</i>
2.3.1	<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-05: Development of fermentor-like applications and other plant-based containment systems for molecular farming</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-01: Molecular modelling for rational design of industrial enzymes – SICA (Russia)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project – SICA – Coordinated co-funded project with Russia</i>



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Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (vi)	Funding Schemes
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-02: Industrial bioprocesses for fine and speciality chemicals</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-03: Nanobiotechnology based biosensors for optimised bioprocesses</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-04: Novel nanobiotechnology (bio to nano) processes and products</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-05: Life cycle analysis and socioeconomic assessment of integrated biorefineries</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-06: Development of high performance composites based on flax and hemp</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (coordinating)</i>
2.3.2	<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-07: Industrially relevant products and processes from marine biotechnology</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>
2.3.3	<i>KBBE-2008-3-3-01: Upgrading of wood, wood-related residues and humic-origin substances to value-added chemicals and materials: from biological understanding to innovative applications – SICA (Russia)</i>	<i>Small collaborative project - SICA</i>
2.3.3	<i>KBBE-2008-3-3-02: Aquatic anaerobic bioremediation</i>	<i>Small collaborative project</i>



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Activity 2.4: Other activities

Activity/ Area	Indicative topics called (vi)	Funding Schemes
2.4.1	<i>KBBE-2008-4-01 Network of Third Countries National Information Points – (ICPC and countries with bilateral S&T agreements with the EC)</i>	<i>Coordination and support action (supporting)</i>



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List of Specific International Cooperation Actions and those relevant to international cooperation (i)

1) Specific International Co-operation Actions (SICA) and other funding schemes with mandatory Third Countries participation and joint projects with Third Countries

<i>Topic number</i>	<i>Full Title</i>	<i>Funding Scheme*</i>	<i>Third Countries/Region (Mandatory)</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-05</i>	<i>Improved agro-forestry systems for sustainable farming</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>3 ICPC (with a special focus on the poorest countries) among which minimum 2 from Africa</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-3-02</i>	<i>Foot-and-Mouth disease: improve and/or develop vaccine, vaccination strategies and diagnostics assays for free and endemic settings</i>	<i>SCP- SICA</i>	<i>2 ICPC where FMD is endemic</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-08</i>	<i>Characterisation and valorisation of Andean soil microbial diversity to support sustainable crop production and agro-ecosystems</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>2 ICPC Latin America (Andean Region)</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-2-2-02</i>	<i>Bioactive compounds in traditional food products</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>2 ICPC from Black Sea region</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-2-2-03</i>	<i>Obesity prevention in the Mediterranean Area</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>2 ICPC from Mediterranean partner countries</i>

* - SCP: Small and Medium-Focused Research Actions, CSA – Coordination and Support Action



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List of Specific International Cooperation Actions and those relevant to international cooperation (ii)

1) Specific International Co-operation Actions (SICA) and other funding schemes with mandatory Third Countries participation and joint projects with Third Countries

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<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-02</i>	<i>Sweet Sorghum – An alternative energy crop for biofuel production in semi-arid and temperate regions</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>2 Latin America, 1 India, 1 South Africa</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-04</i>	<i>Plant-produced Vaccines</i>	<i>SCP-SICA- Coordinated co-funded project with Russian participants</i>	<i>2 Russia</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-01</i>	<i>Molecular modelling for rational design of industrial enzymes</i>	<i>SCP-SICA- Coordinated co-funded project with Russian participants</i>	<i>2 Russia</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-3-01</i>	<i>Upgrading of wood, wood-related residues and humic-origin substances to added-value chemicals and materials: from biological understanding to innovative application</i>	<i>SCP - SICA</i>	<i>2 Russia</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-4-01</i>	<i>Network of Third Countries National Information Points</i>	<i>CSA</i>	<i>ICPC and countries with EC bilateral S&T agreements</i>



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List of Specific International Cooperation Actions and those relevant to international cooperation (iii)

2) Other topics with an important international co-operation dimension

<i>Topic number</i>	<i>Full Title</i>	<i>Funding Scheme*</i>	<i>Third Countries</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-01</i>	<i>Development of appropriate indicators of the relationship between organic/low-input farming and biodiversity</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>Study of the adaptability of those indicators in agro-ecological situations of ICPC (particularly developing countries) is encouraged</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-02</i>	<i>New and converging technologies for Precision Livestock Farming in European animal production systems</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>ICPC</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-06</i>	<i>Forecasting forest diversity under the influence of climatic changes and the consequences for stability and productivity of forest ecosystems</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>ICPC</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-2-07</i>	<i>Forest energy - Short rotation forestry as a sustainable and eco-efficient land use management system for fossil fuels substitution within CDM-projects</i>	<i>CSA</i>	<i>ICPC</i>

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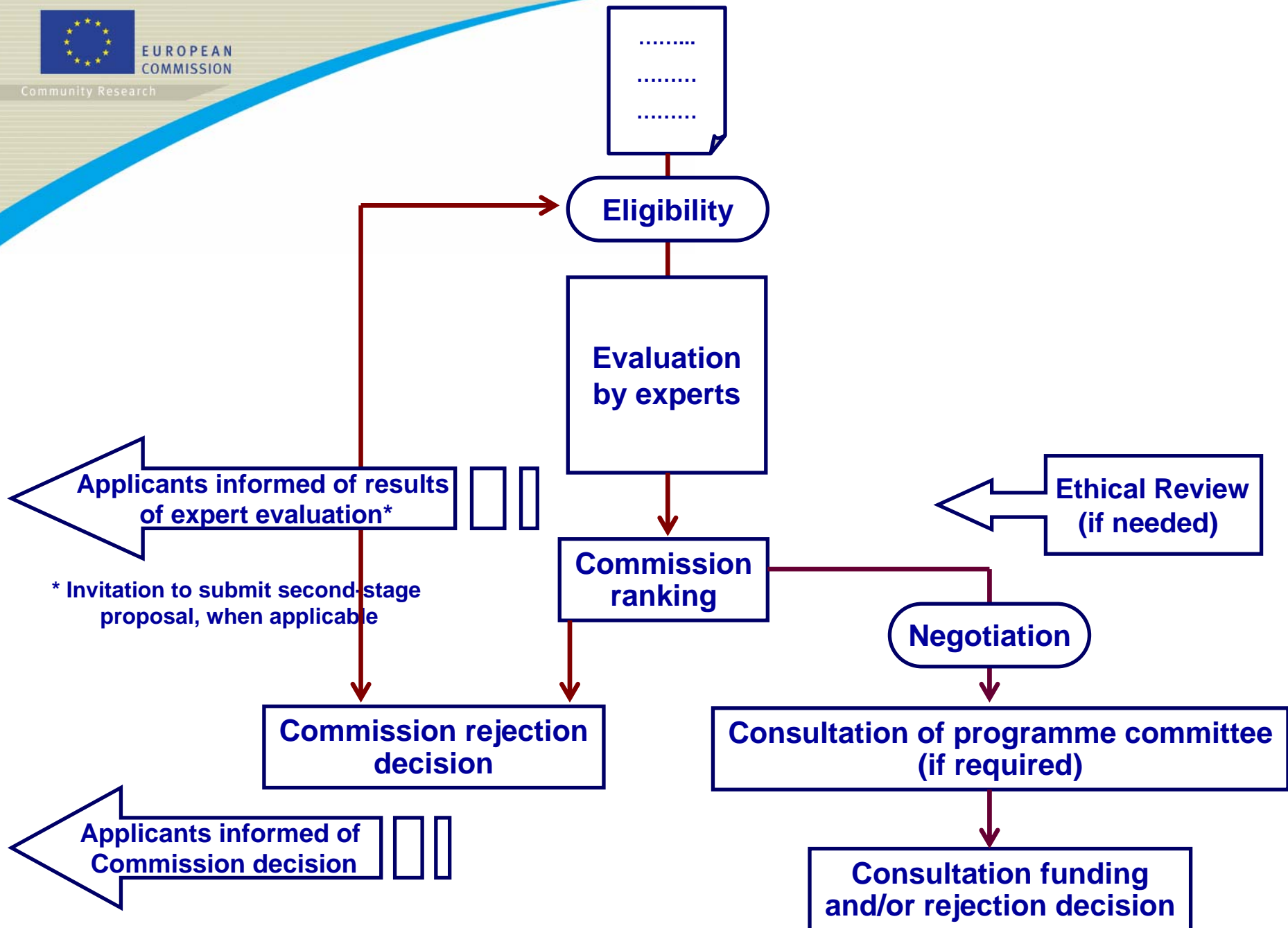


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List of Specific International Cooperation Actions and those relevant to international cooperation (iv)

2) Other topics with an important international co-operation dimension

<i>Topic number</i>	<i>Full Title</i>	<i>Funding Scheme*</i>	<i>Third Countries</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-3-03</i>	<i>Improve tools and strategies for the prevention and control of classical swine fever</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>Third countries where CSF is present</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-02</i>	<i>Deep sea fisheries management</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>ICPC</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-1-4-05</i>	<i>Macroeconomic analysis of competitiveness, including non-tariff barriers</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>Third countries (e.g. Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, India, United States, Russia, New Zealand, Japan)</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-1-01</i>	<i>Plant Natural products</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>US</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-05</i>	<i>Life cycle analysis and socioeconomic assessment of integrated biorefineries</i>	<i>CSA</i>	<i>US, Canada and South Africa</i>
<i>KBBE-2008-3-2-07</i>	<i>Industrially relevant products and processes from marine biotechnology</i>	<i>SCP</i>	<i>US</i>





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Eligibility checks and experts/evaluators

- As always: deadline, completeness, minimum participation
- Now includes “out of scope”
 - Clear cut cases only
- Possible budget limits
 - Selection of experts-evaluators
- Expertise, and experience are paramount
 - Geography, gender and “rotation” also considered
 - Conflicts of interest
- Disqualifying and ‘potential’ conflicts spelled out in expert appointment letter



Evaluation criteria applicable to Collaborative project proposals

S/T quality	Implementation	Impact
« Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the	« Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management »	« Potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results »
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Soundness of concept, and quality of objectives- Progress beyond the state-of-the-art- Quality and effectiveness of the S/T methodology and associated work plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Appropriateness of the management structure and procedures- Quality and relevant experience of the individual participants- Quality of the consortium as a whole (including complementarity, balance)- Appropriateness of the allocation and justification of the resources to be committed (budget, staff, equipment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Contribution, at the European (and/or international) level, to the expected impacts listed in the work programme under the topic/activity- Appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results, and management of intellectual property



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Scoring of proposals

- Criteria scored out of 5 => total = 15
 - Individual threshold = 3; overall threshold = 10
- Importance of final panel
- Can vary from call-to-call



Indicative timetable for this call

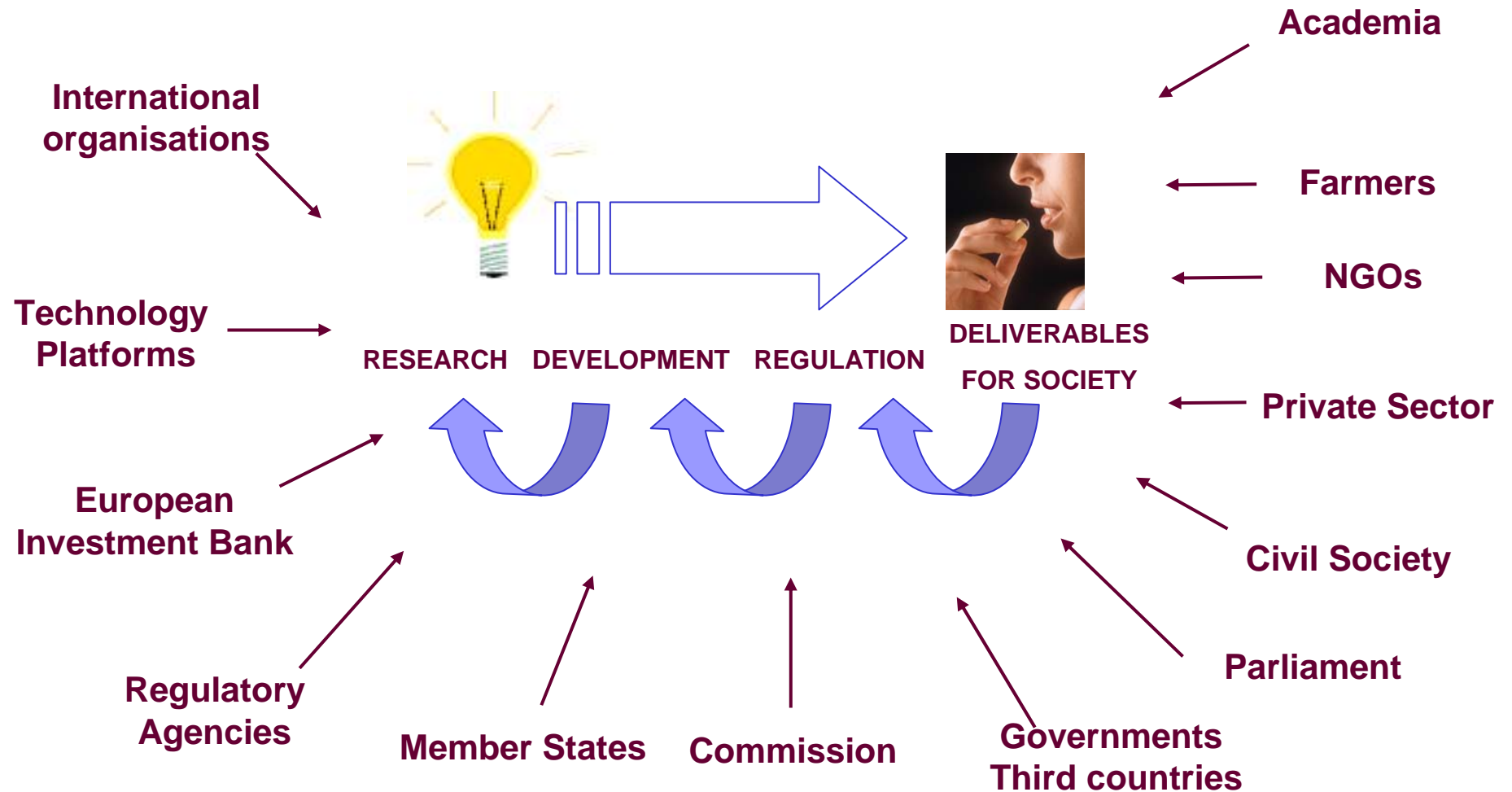
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| ➤ Publication of call | 30 November 2007 |
| ➤ Deadline for submission of proposals | 26 February 2008 at
17:00 hrs (Brussels local time) |
| ➤ Evaluation of proposals | April 2008 |
| ➤ Evaluation Summary Reports sent to proposal coordinators (« initial information letter ») | May 2008 |
| ➤ Invitation letter to successful coordinators to successful coordinators to launch grant agreement negotiations with Commission services | End of June 2008 |
| ➤ Letter to unsuccessful applicants | From September 2008 |
| ➤ Signature of first grant agreements | From November 2008 |



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Success will depend on mobilisation of all actors





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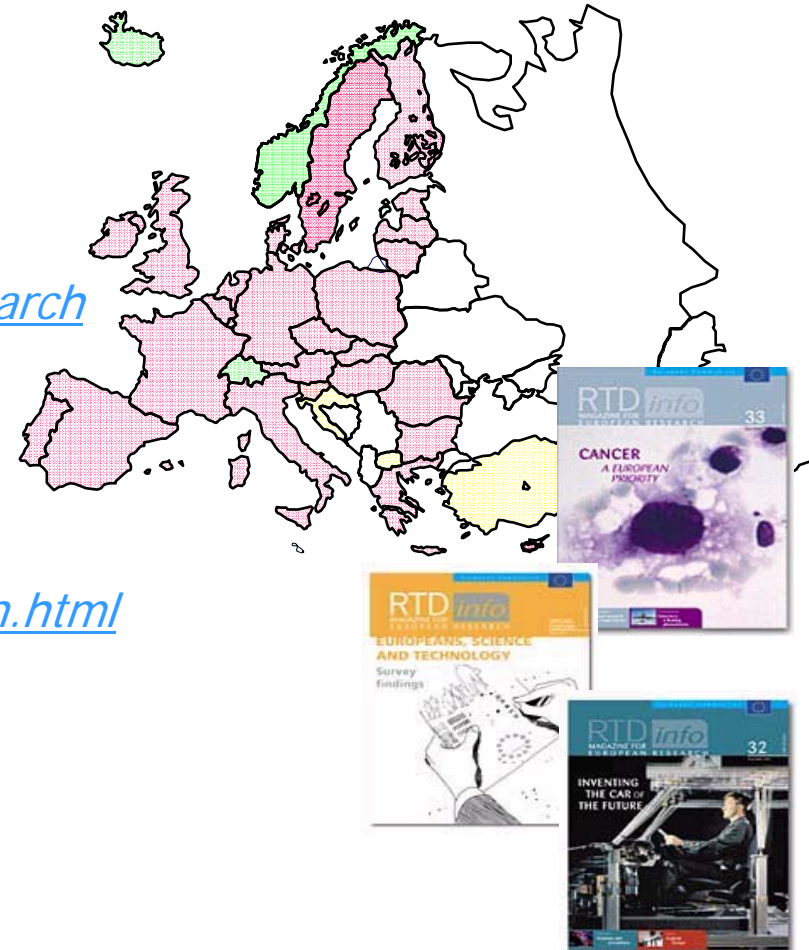


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