

COMMISSION

New open call for proposals for RTD actions under the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'energy, environment and sustainable development' (1998 to 2002)

(Part B: Energy)

(Call identifier: 'Energie-Open')

(2000/C 303/10)

1. In accordance with the Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 December 1998, concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration (RTD) activities for the period 1998 to 2002 ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the fifth framework programme), and with the Council Decision of 25 January 1999, adopting the specific programme for research, technological development and demonstration on 'energy, environment and sustainable development' ⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the specific programme), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RTD actions under the specific programme.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme ⁽³⁾, specifying detailed objectives and RTD priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up in March 1999 and updated in March and October 2000 by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative budget, and types of indirect RTD actions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme update of October 2000, which needs to be used in conjunction with the March 2000 version of the EESD: Part B — Energy work programme.

2. This call relates to:

— proposals, specified under Point 4 of this call, called under a continuous submission scheme, which, depending on the type of indirect action submitted, will be evaluated at fixed intervals (for which deadlines for receipt are provided),

— details of the types of indirect action, and their respective deadlines for receipt, are specified under

point 4 of this call notice. Proposals under this scheme may be submitted at any time up to the date of closure of the scheme.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RTD actions as provided for in Annexes II and IV of the fifth framework programme and in Annex III of the specific programme.

Evaluation and selection criteria and modalities relevant to this call are given in the fifth framework programme, the specific programme, the Council Decision of 22 December 1998, concerning the rules for the participation of undertakings, research centres and universities and for the dissemination of research results for the implementation of the fifth framework programme ⁽⁴⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation and dissemination), and the work programme. The fifth framework programme manual of proposal evaluation procedures ⁽⁵⁾, along with its annex on this specific programme, provides further details. Information on these rules and on how to prepare and submit proposals is given in the Guide for Proposers, which can be obtained, along with the work programme and other information relating to this call, from the European Commission using one of the following addresses:

— *For proposals addressing short-term issues:*

European Commission
Directorate General TREN
Energy info desk
DM 28
Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
B-1049 Brussels
E-mail: tren-info@cec.eu.int
Fax (32-2) 295 05 77
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/eesd>

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 58.

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 606. As last amended by Commission Decisions C(2000) 670 and C(2000) 3017.

⁽⁴⁾ OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 46.

⁽⁵⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 710, as last modified by Commission Decision C(2000) 2002 on 14 July 2000.

— For proposals addressing medium-to-long term issues:

European Commission
 Directorate-General for Research
 Energy info desk
 SDME 2/3
 Rue de la Loi/Wetstraat 200
 B-1049 Brussels
 E-mail: helpline-energy@cec.eu.int
 Fax (32-2) 296 06 21
 Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/eesd>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RTD actions under the specific programme, are hereby invited to submit proposals that address the following parts of the work programme.

See the Annex to the present call.

Important: This call takes into account the new approach for the implementation of all subprogramme activities, as described in the work programme update: October 2000.

Please note that a clear differentiation must be made between proposals addressing short-term and medium-to-long term issues. In order to facilitate reception of proposals, please use the following codes after the call identifier:

'ENERGIE-OPEN'-ST (for short-term issues)

'ENERGIE-OPEN'-MTL (for medium-to-long term issues).

When submitting a proposal for a research project, a demonstration project, or a combined project under the RTD activities of a generic nature, proposers may include an application for a *bursary for young researcher from developing countries*. Further information on this scheme is given in the guide for proposers.

SME specific measures (i.e. exploratory awards, cooperative research) are implemented through the continuous submission scheme of this call. More information on this can be obtained through the SME helpdesk (website: www.cordis.lu/sme; e-mail: research-sme@cec.eu.int; fax: (32-2) 295 71 10).

Relating to the OPET network accompanying measure (see point 'Coordination with horizontal activities' in Annex II to the work programme), three fixed deadlines are set, for 9 February 2001, 14 December 2001 and 15 March 2002. A special brochure with detailed information will be sent upon request.

5. Proposals must be received by the Commission no later than 5 p.m. (Brussels local time) on the deadline for

receipt applicable to each type of indirect action (see Annex) by one of the following methods:

— post, courier⁽¹⁾ or hand-delivered to the following address:

'ENERGIE-OPEN' + (Code)
 The Research Proposal Office (ORBN 8)
 Square/Plein Frère Orban 8
 B-1040 Brussels.

— electronic submission, the details of which are given in the guide for proposers. When packaging a proposal for electronic submission, two files are created. The first is a small validation file, which provides basic information on the proposal and a unique identification code. This validation file must be received by the European Commission not later than 5 p.m. (Brussels local time) on the deadline for receipt specified in Annex. The second file contains the proposal and must be received unmodified, as verifiable from the unique identification code, not later than 48 hours after this deadline.

Proposals submitted under the continuous submission scheme, which are not received by a given deadline for receipt, will be evaluated following the next deadline for receipt.

Proposers are requested to use only one of the methods, described above, by which to submit proposals, and to only submit one version of any given proposal. In the case of an eligible proposal being received in both paper and electronic formats, only the electronic version will be evaluated.

Important: Proposers are **strongly recommended** to submit a pre-proposal check (forms available in the guide for proposers). Pre-proposal checks will not be accepted later than six weeks before the deadlines for receipt indicated in the Annex.

6. In all correspondence relating to this call (e.g. when requesting information, or submitting a proposal) please make sure to cite the applicable call identifier.

In submitting a proposal, either on paper or electronically, proposers accept the procedures and conditions as described in this call and in the documents to which it refers.

All proposals received by the European Commission will be treated in strict confidence.

⁽¹⁾ For courier services that require a telephone number for the recipient, please use (32-2) 296 02 45.

According to the rules for participation and dissemination and the European Commission regulation for implementing them, Member States and associated States may have access, on presentation of a reasoned request, to useful knowledge which is relevant to policy-making. This knowledge must have been generated by those RTD actions supported as a result of this call and which addressed a part of the work programme specified as eligible for such access.

The European Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly

encouraged to either submit proposals or to be involved in their submission.

7. This new open call comes into force at the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* and cancels and replaces the open call C 77/1999/15 and its corrigenda C 73/2000/11 published in the Official Journals C 77 and C 73 of 20 March 1999 and 14 March 2000 respectively.

ANNEX

Deadlines for receipt and indicative budget 2001-2002

Type of activity	2001-2002 (million EUR)	Proposals will be evaluated by batches according to the following deadlines for receipt ⁽¹⁾
RTD activities of a generic nature		
RTD activities of a generic nature	8,4	9.2.2001, 14.12.2001
Training		
Individual fellowships	Up to 5,6	9.2.2001, 14.12.2001
Host fellowships		
Accompanying measures		
	Up to 33,42 ⁽²⁾	9.2.2001, 14.12.2001, 15.3.2002
SME measures		
Exploratory awards	Up to 25	17.1.2001, 18.4.2001
Cooperative research		17.1.2001, 18.4.2001, 19.9.2001 16.1.2002, 17.4.2002

⁽¹⁾ The competent Director-General may modify the dates of the call or of the deadlines for receipt by one month earlier or later than initially foreseen.

⁽²⁾ Including OPET.