



CROSSTEXNET

Call 2010

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Scope of the Call

Q: What kinds of proposals are expected?

A: The aim is to fund transnational, innovative R&D projects related to high added value textile materials.

2. Eligibility

Q: Who can apply to this call?

A: Consortia consisting of at least two independent SMEs from two different participating CROSSTEXNET countries can apply. However, eligibility may vary as it will be dependent on the rules of the relevant national funding programmes. Prospective partners are strongly recommended to discuss eligibility with their national/regional funding agency (please, see the contact list in the Annex 2 of the “Guidelines for proposers”).

Q: Can partners outside the CROSSTEXNET countries/regions participate?

A: This call is primarily directed at those nations/regions that are partners of the CROSSTEXNET consortium. The list of participating funding agencies is detailed in the Call Guidelines. Additional project partners from countries which are not directly involved in this call can join the consortia if they can provide their own source of funding. Participants from these countries cannot be coordinators of project submitted to this call.

Q: How many countries must be involved in a project?

A: A minimum of 2 countries participating in this call must be involved.

Q: Can applicants be involved in more than one project?

A: Yes, it is possible to participate in more than one project.

Q: Is there a maximum level of project costs that should originate in any one country within a project?

A: Although there is no firmly defined split of funding between countries within a project, it is recommended, as a guide, that a maximum of 70% of the total eligible project costs should originate in any one country.

3. Application Process

Q: How can I submit a pre-proposal?

A: CROSSTEXNET uses an on-line submission system. Access to the system is via www.crosstexnet.eu. Users must register on the website prior to gaining access to the submission system. The coordinator of the project should submit the pre-proposal on-line using the on-line submission system.

Q: Where can I find all the necessary forms for submitting a proposal?

A.: Forms and all necessary documents for submitting a proposal may be downloaded from the CROSSTEXNET website at www.crosstexnet.eu.

Q: Will I receive confirmation of receipt?

A: The project coordinator will receive an email confirming receipt of the submitted proposal.

Q: Does every partner have to supply a proposal?

A: Only the project coordinator must submit the CROSSTEXNET pre-proposal and full proposal using the electronic submission tool; this is enough at CROSSTEXNET level. Then, at local level, each project partner has to apply for funding from their respective national/regional agencies. In some case, the information detailed in the proposal forms will meet the requirements of some funding agencies. However some other funding agencies will require the submission of further documents or information. Each partner is requested to contact their local funding agency in order to determine what additional information is required and when it needs to be provided.

Q: Is it permissible to supply a proposal in a national language?

A: The pre-proposal and full proposal forms must be submitted in English. The national or regional documents must also be provided to the relevant funding agencies according to the existing national/regional rules.

Q: Is it necessary to provide a Consortium Agreement with the full proposal?

A: It is not necessary to provide a Consortium Agreement with the full proposal form. Anyway, the Consortium Agreement must be signed before the first national/regional funding instalments are

transferred.

Q: Can I request an extension of the deadline to submit either a pre-proposal or full proposal?

A: No. The Call deadlines for pre-proposal and full proposal are fixed.

4. Evaluation

Q: How are proposals evaluated?

A: Proposals are evaluated by the relevant national or regional funding agencies according to the common CROSSTEXNET evaluation criteria and to the specific criteria relevant to regional/national funding programme. The national/regional funding agencies make their own evaluation based on the role and activities of the national/regional partners viewed in the perspective of the overall transnational project.

Q: Will I get feedback on the project submission?

A: The CROSSTEXNET team will send feedback on the evaluation to the project coordinator after all funding decisions have been made. Feedback on the proposal will be provided also by the relevant national/regional agencies.

Q: What happens if the feedback on the pre-proposal is negative?

A: Applicants, whose pre-proposal has not been recommended for second stage, will not be able to submit a full proposal.

5. Funding

Q: Who is funding this call?

A: The funding comes from the national/regional funding agencies so each project partner is responsible for applying for funding from the relevant agency.

Q: What exactly is funded?

A: The level of funding and the costs covered are dependent on the rules of the relevant national/regional programmes. Partners are recommended to discuss this with the appropriate funding agency.

Q: Is the funding the same as for purely national/regional projects or is there a bonus funding available for this call?

A: Only some programmes offer a bonus for transnational cooperation. Partners are recommended to discuss this with the appropriate funding agency.

Q: Is every partner required to submit a funding application?

A: No, partners may participate using their own financial means, provided that at least 2 independent SMEs belonging to 2 participating countries submit a funding application and are funded by their respective regions or countries.

Q: Can additional public or private sponsors be involved?

A: Additional public or private contributors are acceptable as long as the co-financing arrangements are fully transparent and described in the submitted documents.

Q: What happens if a partner fails to be awarded funding by their respective national/regional agencies?

A: One of the CROSSTEXNET requirements is that all partners either receive funding from their respective national/regional agencies or use their own financial means. If a partner is not awarded funding by their national/regional agency and is unwilling to use their financial means, then no partner will be funded (the project will not be funded).

6. Project Implementation

Q: How long does it take before the projects can actually start?

A: It is expected that funding decisions will not be made earlier than 31 December 2010.

Q: Is it a problem if a project starts before the final decision by the national/regional agencies?

A: It is recommended that the project should only start after the funding decisions have been made. However, the project could start before at own risk.

Q: What happens if a partner leaves the consortium?

A: The issue over what happens if a partner leaves should be covered by the Consortium Agreement.