

- has stable and sufficient financing sources to guarantee the continuity of its organisation for the duration of the project and to participate in its financing,
 - has adequate experience and proven capacity to manage activities at a level equivalent to that of the programme.
8. **Provisional notification date of results of the award process**
- 10 July 2002.
9. **Award criteria**
- See 'Guidelines for applicants'.
10. **Format of applications and dates**
- Applications must be submitted on the **standard application form** contained in the 'Guidelines for applicants' referred to in point 12, whose format and attached instructions must be strictly observed. Applications must be submitted in **one signed original and five copies**.

11. **Deadline for submission of applications**

21 June 2002 at 12.00.

Any submission received by the Contracting Authority after this deadline will not be considered.

12. **Detailed information**

Detailed information on this call for proposals is contained in the 'Guidelines for applicants', published together with this notice on EuropeAid Cooperation Office's Internet website:

http://europa.eu.int/comm/europeaid/tender/index_en.htm

Any questions regarding this call for proposals should be sent by e-mail (quoting the publication reference shown in point 1 to:

maria-esmeralda.almeida-teixeira@cec.eu.int.

All applicants are encouraged to consult the above Internet web page regularly before the deadline for applications, since the European Commission will publish the most frequently asked questions and the corresponding replies.

Open call for proposals for RT actions under the specific programme for research and training (Euratom) in the field of nuclear energy (1998 to 2002)

Call identifier: 'NE Open 3'

(2002/C 79/16)

1. In accordance with the Decision of the Council of 22 December 1998 concerning the fifth framework programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) for research and training (RT) 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 a research and training programme (Euratom) in the field of nuclear energy (1998 to 2002)⁽²⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the specific programme), the European Commission hereby invites proposals for indirect RT actions under the specific programme.

In conformity with Article 5 of the specific programme, a work programme⁽³⁾, specifying detailed objectives and RT priorities and an indicative timetable for their implementation, was drawn up in March 1999, subsequently revised on 25 July 2000 and 10 August 2001 by the European Commission to serve as the basis for implementing the specific programme. The objectives, priorities, indicative budget and types of indirect

RTactions referred to in this call notice correspond to those set out in the work programme as revised on 10 August 2001.

2. This call relates to proposals, specified under point 4 of this call, called under a continuous submission scheme, under which, depending on the type of indirect RT actions submitted, proposals will be evaluated at fixed intervals (for which deadlines for receipt are provided).

Details of the types of indirect action, and, where applicable, their associated deadlines for receipt, are specified under point 4 of this call notice.

3. The specific programme is implemented notably through indirect RT actions as provided for in Annexes II and III 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 in the implementation of the fifth framework programme of the European

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 1999/64/Euratom of 22 December 1998 (OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 34).

⁽²⁾ Council Decision 1999/175/Euratom of 25 January 1999 (OJ L 64, 12.3.1999, p. 142).

⁽³⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 616, as last modified by Decision C(2001) 2508.

Atomic Energy Community (Euratom) ⁽¹⁾ (hereinafter referred to as the rules for participation), and the work programme. The fifth framework programme 'Manual of proposal evaluation procedures' ⁽²⁾, 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:

European Commission
Nuclear Energy Information desk
MO 75 5/59
B-1049 Brussels
E-mail: jeanette-linda.coppens-poole@cec.eu.int
Fax (32-2) 295 49 91
Web: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp5- Euratom/calls/calls.htm>

4. Those eligible to participate in indirect RT 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.

5. Proposals must be **received** by the Commission before or on the deadline applicable to these type of indirect actions by one of the following methods:

— post, courier ⁽³⁾ or hand-delivered before 17.00 (Brussels local time) to:

NE Open 3
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 before or on the deadline specified above. 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.

Further information is available in the guide for proposers.

Important notice: The above constitutes a change with respect to some earlier calls where the deadlines applied

to submission. **Deadlines now apply to receipt by the Commission.**

You can find the new version of the manual of proposal evaluation procedures at the following address: <http://www.cordis.lu/fp5/src/evalman.htm>

Please note that failure to use the above address exactly as it is reproduced here could lead to delays in having your proposal received by this programme, and could correspondingly lead to your proposal not being received before the deadline.

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.

The Commission will offer a pre-proposal check service for this call, as described in the guide for proposers. Proposals for this service will not be accepted later than four weeks before the cut-off dates 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.

According to the rules for participation 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 RT 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 Atomic Energy Community pursues an equal opportunities policy and, in this context, women are particularly encouraged to either submit proposals or to participate in their submission.

7. This open call that comes into force at the date of the publication in the *Official Journal of the European Communities* cancels and replaces the open call 'NE Open 2' (2001/C 290/08) published in OJ C 290, 16.10.2001.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 1999/66/Euratom of 22 December 1998 (OJ L 26, 1.2.1999, p. 56).

⁽²⁾ Commission Decision C(1999) 710, as last modified by Decision C(2000) 2002 of 14 July 2000.

⁽³⁾ For courier services that require a telephone number for the recipient, please use (32-2) 298 42 06.

ANNEX

Type of activity	Indicative budget per activity ⁽¹⁾ ⁽²⁾ (EUR millions)	Proposals will be evaluated on the following cut-off date
<p>RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF A GENERIC NATURE ⁽³⁾</p> <p>Radiation protection and health</p> <p>Scope will be strictly limited to the following topics:</p> <p>— <i>Mechanisms for and pre-disposition to radiation-induced health effects.</i> Identification of genes, in particular those of low penetrance, conferring pre-disposition to radiation-induced health effects; mechanisms and cellular consequences of radiation effects induced in the absence of an initial DNA damage; mechanisms of genomic instability and its role in carcinogenesis and other non-cancer pathologies</p> <p>— <i>Epidemiological studies.</i> Investigation of the claimed excess of breast cancer in Chernobyl contaminated areas of the former Soviet Union</p>	2,5	3.7.2002

⁽¹⁾ Subject to budgetary availability and the Commission reserving the right not to commit the total budget available for each call.

⁽²⁾ These indicative amounts are provided solely for guidance; the actual resources allocated to an area will depend, *inter alia*, on the quality of the proposals received and optimising coverage of the programme objectives.

⁽³⁾ Shared cost actions (see Annex III of the framework programme) will be the principal implementation mechanism together with support for thematic networks and concerted actions.