European funding for digitization projects: Opportunities and risks for research libraries

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Recherche avancée

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/Jean-Jacques Le...
Outline and goals of the presentation

- Introduction to the world of EU funding
- Overview of the current funding programmes in the context of research libraries
- Possible benefits, risks and pitfalls
- Strategies for writing a proposal
Life cycle of a EU-funded project

- Follow up the Work Programmes and the Calls
- Constitute a consortium
- Draft and submit a proposal
- Evaluation by EC and experts
- Negotiations between EC and the project coordinator, based upon the budget
- Establishment of a grant agreement
Who is in a project?

- Co-ordinating beneficiary: the coordinator bears overall project management responsibility
- Beneficiary: partners which carry out specific parts of the work
- Division between content providers and technical partners
- Sub-contractor: provides services to a beneficiary
Opportunities and risks

- Opportunities:
  - Financial
  - Research and best practices
  - Networking

- Risks:
  - Low acceptance rate
  - Financial: only partial funding + time lag for return of expenses
  - Sustainability of project outcomes
Overview of past and current funding programmes for research libraries

❑ Past programmes:
  ■ Telematics for Libraries 1990-1998
  ■ IST ICT Digicult 1998-2006
  ■ eContent and eContentPlus 2001-2008
  ■ Research Infrastructures

❑ Current programmes under FP7-2009:
  ■ ICT Digicult: Challenge 4 Digital Libraries
  ■ ICT - PSP: Theme 2 Digital Libraries
  ■ Capacities - Research Infrastructures
Current call: ICT Digicult

- Challenge 4 Digital Libraries and content – objective 4.1 « Digital Libraries and Preservation »
- Target outcomes:
  - Scalable systems for preserving digital content
  - Advanced preservation scenarios
  - Multimedia libraries for collaborative use
- Call open from 24/11/09 to 13/04/10
Scenario of project funding

- Find a suitable programme
- Have a project! Or join one...
- Find project partners
- Write the proposal
- Proposal submission and evaluation
- Negotiation if the project is accepted
Finding project partners or joining others

- Ideally, people you already worked with
- Resources:
  - Cordis database
  - Ideal-IST service
  - EC networking events
- Importance of geographical aspect (new and old member states)
- Public – private partnership
Cordis partner search

CORDIS: Partners Service > Search

Search for partners

General

Search for partners

Seventh Framework Programme

Please note that the Partners data is in English and you can use only English search terms.

General

:: Search all Partners:

Enter search term(s):

EU funded collaboration

Profile Type*:  Project Proposal
Company Expertise

Programme*:  ASIA-ITC
CIP
COAL-STEEL-RTD C
COST

OR

Private collaboration

Type*:  FINANCIAL SUPPORT
FURTHER RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT
JOIN VENTURE AGREEMENT
Ideal-IST service

Published Partner Searches
- PS-RU-3678: AdNet - Software Platform for Adaptive Networks of Intelligent Services based...
- PS-ES-3629: Retail Open Architecture for Social Shopping and Interaction through Internet...
- PS-TR-3644: CaaS: Dynamic, Dependable, Semantic Middleware for Component as a Service

ICT News
- Idealist eChallenge Pre-Conference Brokerage - Face2Face meeting on Call 6: Ideal-IST is organising an international Brokerage Event and Information Day...

ICT Events
- Digital Libraries and Digital Preservation: ICT Call 6 Information Day: This event addresses researchers interested in submitting project proposals...

Find Partners  Find Services  Find News  Find Events
Proposal contents

☐ Language: any official language, but ...

☐ Two parts:
  ■ Part A: administrative information about the proposal and the participants – online forms
  ■ Part B: scientific and technical content of the proposal – format directly linked to evaluation criteria
Proposal part A

- A1 form: snapshot of proposal
  - Title, acronym, objective, etc
  - Abstract
  - Previous submission

- A2 form: partners

- A3 form: financial data - budget
Proposal part B

- => Example from a BPN proposal structure
- Cover page + project profile
- Section B1: Relevance
- Section B2: Impact
- Section B3: Implementation
Section B2: Impact

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**Objectives**
To systematically identify the needs of the users in order to better guarantee acceptance and utilization of the service of the project.

**Description of work**
WP2 will conduct a user requirements study by means of an online questionnaire complemented by individual interviews and observations with researchers; this will be carried out twice in the duration of the project. The user study will identify requirements for storing and accessing content. Multilingual and cultural issues will also be addressed.

+ description of methodology for designing and analysing the survey
+ its use in the project work plan...
Evaluation procedure

**Before evaluation**

1. Selection of Independent Experts

**During evaluation**

2. Eligibility Check

3. Briefing of Experts & Evaluation criteria

4. Individual assessment

5. Consensus meeting

6. Panel review
Overall advice

☐ Divide your effort over all the criteria
☐ Use clear language with well-organized content
☐ Explicitly state (with evidence!) why the proposal meets the evaluation criteria
Specific remarks

☐ Relevance criterion: easy to get a high score if you have a sound idea which is in line with the objectives, and which addresses a broad public

☐ Impact criterion: prove that the offered content is of high quality and quantity, IPR and metadata should be dealt with => importance of the content table
Specific remarks

- Impact criterion: provide concrete evidence of why your proposed project will be sustainable and the results will be disseminated
- Implementation criterion: most proposals waste points here
- Consortium: must be well-balanced with a logical divide of the labor
- Only rely on subcontracting when adequate
**Good workpackages**

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Getting help and support

- Submission: EPSS Help desk  support@epss-fp7.org
- For each Work Programme and Call: information days and briefings
- E-mail notification
- Use Cordis e-mail notification service to be notified by e-mail each time a call relevant to your area of expertise is published
Outsource proposal writing

- Outsourcing: costs, risks and benefits
- Individual consultants or companies, which can also propose to ensure project coordination
Further reading and links

- Practical Guide to EU funding opportunities for Research and Innovation

- FP7 ICT Programme 2009-2010: How to Submit a Proposal
  [http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/item-display.cfm?id=883](http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/item-display.cfm?id=883)

- Guide to financial issues

- National contact points