

Evaluation Summary Report

Proposal : 248809
Acronym : ICTNET
Program : FP7
Call : FP7-ICT-2009-4
Funding scheme : Coordination and support action - Coordination - CSA-CA
Duration : 24 months
Activity : ICT-4-9.3 - General Accompanying Measures

ICTNET
European Network for the Research on the Economic Impact of ICT

Proposal submitted by :

N°	Proposer name	Country	Total cost (€)	%	Grant requested (€)	%
1	ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT	France	245,562	49.18	245,562	49.18
2	ZENTRUM FUER EUROPAEISCHE WIRTSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG GmbH	Germany	78,076	15.64	78,076	15.64
3	IMPERIAL COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE	United Kingdom	113,634	22.76	113,634	22.76
4	università degli studi di parma	Italy	62,042	12.43	62,042	12.43
5	UK Office for National Statistics	United Kingdom	0	0.00	0	0.00
6	THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM	United Kingdom	0	0.00	0	0.00
7	UNIVERSITEIT MAASTRICHT	Netherlands	0	0.00	0	0.00
8	VERENIGING VOOR CHRISTELIJK HOGER ONDERWIJS WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK EN PATIENTENZORG	Netherlands	0	0.00	0	0.00
9	The Conference Board Europe	Belgium	0	0.00	0	0.00
10	RIJKSUNIVERSITEIT GRONINGEN	Netherlands	0	0.00	0	0.00

11	LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE	United Kingdom	0	0.00	0	0.00
12	OESTERREICHISCHES INSTITUT FUER WIRTSCHAFTSFORSCHUNG	Austria	0	0.00	0	0.00
13	ELINKEINOELAEMAEN TUTKIMUSLAITOKSEN KANNATUSYHDISTYS R.Y.	Finland	0	0.00	0	0.00
14	COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES - DIRECTORATE GENERAL JOINT RESEARCH CENTRE - JRC	Belgium	0	0.00	0	0.00
15	STATISTISK SENTRALBYRAA - STATISTICS NORWAY	Norway	0	0.00	0	0.00
16	INSTITUTO VALENCIANO DE INVESTIGACIONES ECONOMICAS, S.A.	Spain	0	0.00	0	0.00
17	SDRUZJENIE KLUB IKONOMIKA 2000 (Club Ekonomika 2000)	Bulgaria	0	0.00	0	0.00
18	INSTITUTO SUPERIOR TECNICO	Portugal	0	0.00	0	0.00
19	Stiftelsen Institutet for Naringslivsforskning (THE RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS)	Sweden	0	0.00	0	0.00
20	LUISS LIBERA UNIVERSITA INTERNAZIONALE DEGLI STUDI SOCIALI GUIDO CARLI	Italy	0	0.00	0	0.00
21	CENTRAAL BUREAU VOOR DE STATISTIEK	Netherlands	0	0.00	0	0.00
22	TILASTOKESKUS.	Finland	0	0.00	0	0.00
23	CENTRE DE RECHERCHE PUBLIC HENRI TUDOR	Luxembourg	0	0.00	0	0.00
24	Istituto Nazionale di Statistica	Italy	0	0.00	0	0.00
25	SPANISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SOCIETY OBSERVATORY	Spain	0	0.00	0	0.00
26	Central Statistical Office	Poland	0	0.00	0	0.00
27	ICEG EUROPEAN CENTER KFT	Hungary	0	0.00	0	0.00
28	Banque de France	France	0	0.00	0	0.00
29	UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI CAMERINO	Italy	0	0.00	0	0.00
30	Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich	Switzerland	0	0.00	0	0.00
31	Statistics Sweden	Sweden	0	0.00	0	0.00
	Total		499,314	100%	499,314	100%

Abstract :

The objective of this project is to develop the coordination of the research in the economics of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) in Europe. ICT have been a major driver of productivity and growth over the last two decades. Today ICT are one of the keys to emerging from the economic crisis and putting countries back on a path to sustainable growth. This project would contribute to achieve these objectives. Our proposal is to bring together the main research groups into a network which would: enhance our understanding of the economic effects of ICT; and increase the policy relevance of the research in this field. The project focuses on four areas: ICT, Growth and Productivity; ICT, R&D and Intangibles; ICT-enabled innovation; and ICT diffusion to the Economy. To achieve its objectives, the project would rely on: a network of over 30 research institutions with an established research record on the economics of ICT; a coordination group composed of 4 leading institutions; a series of 8 cross-thematic workshops; a series of 4 issues papers and 4 assessment papers; an interactive website; a final report. The duration of the project is 2 years.

Evaluation :

1.Scientific and/or technological excellence (relevant to the topics addressed by the call) (<i>Threshold 3.0/5 ; Weight 1.00</i>)	Mark :
The proposal addresses the creation of a network for co-ordinating research in the field of economics of ICT. The concept of the proposed network, which will focus on four specific areas, is very sound and addresses the call very well. The objectives are very clear, appropriate and comprehensively address the requirements of the workprogramme. The proposed project will make an important contribution to the co-ordination of high quality research. The coordination mechanisms are convincing and will ensure efficient utilisation of budgeted resources and personnel, for example, the organisation of workshops, which will deliver cross fertilisation in the areas considered. The work plan is clear and appropriate. The phasing of deliverables provides an immediate and ongoing benefit to stakeholders. The approach described in the work plan has not been sufficiently tailored to the process of aligning opinions. Risks and contingency plans are not described.	4.50
2.Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management (<i>Threshold 3.0/5 ; Weight 1.00</i>)	Mark :
The management structure is well suited to the management of a multi party academic project that is focused on the creation, consolidation and transfer of data, techniques and knowledge. The individual participants are highly qualified and have established reputations in the fields covered. There is a balance of expertise both within partners and across the consortium as a whole. The budgeting model optimises the funding available for deliverables by reducing the costs of management through the allocation of the budget to a limited number of partners. Resources that are necessary for the project, but which are not included in the budget, are insufficiently explained.	5.00
3.The potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results (<i>Threshold 3.0/5 ; Weight 1.00</i>)	Mark :

The contribution of the proposed project has the potential to provide a global level impact in terms of understandings and the alignment of metrics and measurement of the economics of ICT, with respect to policy, business and individuals. There will be a clear impact on researchers and policy makers. The dissemination measures are well suited to the proposed project. However, the dissemination of targeted information to business audiences is insufficiently considered.	4.50
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4.Remarks (Threshold 10.0/15)	TOTAL
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Risk and contingency plans should be provided. The additional resources necessary for the project should be clarified. Dissemination of targeted information to business audiences should be improved.	14.00

Does this proposal have ethical issues that need further attention? (If yes, please complete an ethical issues report form (EIR))	N
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For each criterion under examination, score values are interpreted as follows:
0- The proposal fails to address the criterion under examination or cannot be judged due to missing or incomplete information ; **1-** Poor. The criterion is addressed in an inadequate manner, or there are serious inherent weaknesses. ; **2-** Fair. While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses. ; **3-** Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, although improvements would be necessary. ; **4-** Very Good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, although certain improvements are still possible. ; **5-** Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.