



**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

**ICT - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES**

**A Theme for research and development under the specific programme “Cooperation” implementing the Seventh Framework Programme (2007-2013) of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities**

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**Work Programme 2008**

**Amendment for *Contribution to General FP7 Activities* in 2008**

**Amendment to the work programme part "Information and Communication Technologies" in the framework of the Specific Programme : 'Cooperation' for research, technological development and demonstration**

- In Section 4 on "Implementation of Calls", replace sub-section on "ICT Contribution to General FP7 Activities" with the following:

***ICT Contribution to General FP7 Activities***

**Risk Sharing Finance Facility**

In addition to direct financial support to participants in RTD actions, the Community will improve their access to private sector finance by contributing financially to the 'Risk-Sharing Finance Facility' (RSFF) established by the European Investment Bank (EIB).

The Community contribution to RSFF will be used, by the Bank, in accordance with eligibility criteria set out in the Work Programme 'Co-operation' (Annex 4). RSFF support is not conditional on promoters securing grants resulting from calls for proposals described herein, although the combination of grants and RSFF-supported financing from EIB is possible.

The Specific Programme 'Cooperation' stipulates that the Community contribution to RSFF will be funded by proportional contributions of all Themes, except Socio-economic Sciences and the Humanities. The amount contributed by the ICT Theme will be committed entirely in 2007.

The use of the Community Contribution from the Specific Programme 'Cooperation' will be on a 'first come, first served' basis and will not be constrained by the proportional contribution of Themes. Further information on the RSFF scheme is given in Annex 4 of this work programme.

**Other contributions**

In addition to RSFF, the ICT priority will also contribute to other general activities including the CORDIS service, EUREKA membership, the COST Programme and cross-cutting ERA-NETs. A summary of this contribution is given below:

	<b>2007 (EUR)</b>	<b>2008 (EUR)</b>
CORDIS	2 089 730	<b><u>2 084 083</u></b>
Eureka	238 826	<b><u>89 318</u></b>
COST	8 955 986	<b><u>8 931 786</u></b>
ERA-NET	2 985 329	<b><u>5 656 798</u></b>
RSFF	48 760 000	<b><u>0</u></b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>63 029 871</b>	<b><u>16 761 985</u></b>

A summary table of all the above expenditures is given in Appendix 4.

- Replace Appendix 4 on "Distribution of budget commitment" with the following:

#### Appendix 4: Distribution of budget commitment

The distribution of budget commitment over 2007-08 is presented below. The amount for Call 1 is from the 2007 and 2008 budgets. The amounts for Calls 2, 3, FET-Open and the joint call with the Security Theme are from the 2008 budget.

#### Indicative budget for the ICT Theme (2007-08 Work Programme)

	2007 (EUR)	2008 (EUR)
FP7-ICT-2007-1	1 013 000 000	181 000 000
FP7-ICT-2007-2		477 000 000
FP7-ICT-2007-3		265 000 000
FET Open	6 000 000	59 000 000
Joint Call ICT-Security		20 000 000
<b>General activities</b> (see Section 4 Implementation of calls)	63 029 871	<b><u>16 761 985</u></b>
<b>Other expenditures:</b>	31 200 000	22 860 000
Independent experts assisting in proposal evaluations and project reviews	<i>14 960 000</i>	10 000 000
Annual ICT Conference	<i>4 000 000</i>	0
Studies	<i>6 000 000</i>	6 000 000
Publications and communication activities and event support	<i>2 900 000</i>	3 660 000
HFSP	<i>1 500 000</i>	1 500 000
EICTP	<i>1 700 000</i>	1 700 000
IMS secretariat	<i>140 000</i>	0
<b>Estimated total budget allocation</b>	1 113 229 871	<b><u>1 041 621 985</u></b>