

## **EXPLORATORY WORKSHOP**

**Identifier: *PN-II-ID-WE-2008-1***

### ***PRESENTATION***

#### **Goal:**

Identification of new approaches in basic research in order to explore new scientific domains for:

- development of advanced theoretical models for complex phenomena;
- effectuation of complex experiments which highlight new fundamental aspects or validate the existing theoretical models;
- use of the results and the theories from a scientific domain into a complementary one;
- approach to some research directions with potential/applications recognised by the international scientific community;

#### **Derived objectives:**

- opening of new directions in research and/or the exploitation of existing research domains, with potential impact on new development trends in science;
- promotion of scientific collaborations between researchers from different countries with different professional experiences, in order to apply for international projects.

#### **Eligibility criteria:**

- funding application is made up by a researcher who works within a Romanian Higher Education or the Research Institution;
- the maximum number of participants is 30 (including the organiser and the invited key speakers)
- workshop participants can be both Romanian and foreign researchers (including young researchers with PhD and/or Post PhD positions);
- selection of participants takes into account scientific experience and the capacity to participate actively in workshop sections, with no participation fee;
- institution applying for financial support for the organisation of Exploratory Workshops is registered and validated in the Register of Potential Contractors and in accordance with/ and it is framed in the definition of the research organisation in accordance with to the Community Framework for State Aid in the Research Domain (C323/2006).

**Classes/categories/types of participants:**

- Romanian and foreign key speakers;
- Romanian and foreign researchers.

**Period of time/Duration:** 1-3 days

**Budget:**

The financial support given for the organisation of this type of event is of 30.000 lei maximum.

**Eligible costs/expenses:**

- Expenses regarding mobility\* (pursuant to the present law/legislation) for the Romanian participants and Romanian and foreign invited key speakers;
- Specific expenses/costs\*\*: elaboration and print of workshop documents, materials, web page design, official meals, etc.

**Procedure for application, evaluation and selection of the project proposals:**

The project proposals are applied in a single stage and they are written in accordance with the funding application (the application form in Romanian language and in English language).

1. **Eligibility check:** The received project proposals are checked by the UEFISCSU administrative staff/personnel, in order to make sure that all the eligibility criteria are met.
2. **Evaluation:** The eligible project proposals are evaluated taking into account the scientific quality by the CNCSIS special Committees established in this respect, which give marks according to the evaluation form. The marks are justified by comments.
3. **Feed-back:** The directors of the projects are informed about the results of the evaluation of the project proposals, each applicant receiving the final evaluation report.
4. **Notices:** The directors of the projects can make complains regarding procedure errors.
5. **Funding:** The list with the project proposals selected for funding is established taking into account the allocated budget and the scores.

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\* There is no funding for foreign participants with exceptions of key speakers;

\*\* The following are not accepted for funding: space to rent and the equipment necessary for the workshop as well as the costs for local administrative activities; all these must be co-funded

The elements to be found in the application form:

1. Theme of the Exploratory Workshop
2. Detailed presentation of the research theme approached during the workshop
3. Expected results
4. Preliminary programme
5. List of participants (invited key speakers and participants)
6. Estimated budget
7. Organiser's short CV

**Funding and reporting of an Exploratory Workshop elaboration:**

➤ *Funding steps:*

1. 30% paid in advance from the programme budget
2. 70 % paid after the reporting documents are presented

➤ *Scientific report:*

1. Scientific content of the event (achieved objectives, presented themes, conclusions/outcomes, contribution to the development of future directions in the approached scientific domain); *this report will be made public, both in Romanian and in English;*
2. Information regarding the event organisation (summary) – 2 pages maximum;
3. Workshop final programme;
4. Final list with participants – scientific title, name, surname, native country, institution from which they come/mother institution, address, phone, fax, email;
5. Statistic information regarding the participants (geographical balance with due regards also to age and gender, etc)
6. Final list with key speakers – scientific title, name, surname, native country, mother institution, address, phone, fax, email.

➤ *Financial report:*

1. post calculus estimation;
2. centralizing table of the expenses

**Calendar:**

The Exploratory Workshop proposals for 2008 must be submitted in the period:

**10<sup>th</sup> of January – 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2008** (postal date).

The Exploratory Workshop proposals for 2009 will be submitted in the period:

1<sup>st</sup> of April 2008 - 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2009, the evaluation process being made every other 3 months.