



# ICT Policy Support Programme



# Who can participate?

- The programme is open to all legal entities established in the EU Member States
- Legal entities established outside the EU may participate on equal terms with Member States on the basis of and in accordance with the conditions laid down in the association agreements
- Other third countries may participate on a case-by-case basis but will not receive any funding



# Context

## Instruments overview

Three complementary instruments based on combined approaches:

Support to EU level ICT solutions → Pilots Type A

- Large Scale Pilots focused on Interoperability
- Key actors: Member States - Lead actors (Industry key role in the Implementation)
- Strong political dimension

Stimulating innovative use of ICT in public & private sector → Pilots Type B

- Implementation of ICT based innovative services through Pilots
- Key actors: Full service value chain (providers, users, public authorities)

Mobilisation/Exchanges between practitioners & policy makers → Thematic Networks

- Development of new policy implementation schemes through exchange of experiences and best practices



# Pilots Type A

## Main features of Pilots Type A

- Focus on **interoperability** and building on Member States solutions
- The outcome should be an open, common interoperable solution with results widely disseminated and available to all Member States

## Scale and participants

- Legal minimum of **6 Member States** (=national administrations or competence centres acting on their behalf) or associated countries participating in the consortium.

## Duration and Funding

- Duration is typically **36 months** with a pilot service operating for 12 months.
- The EU contribution is up to **50%** of costs for achieving interoperability. The indicative Community contribution available is **5-10M€ / pilot**
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. **Only one proposal** is expected to be selected on quality for each Pilot Type A defined in the work programme.



# Pilots Type B

## Main features

- The goal is to carry out a **first implementation** of an ICT based innovative service carried out under realistic conditions.
- The engagement of a **complete value-chain of stakeholders** is expected.
- The emphasis is on **fostering innovation** in services → the pilot may need to take-up completed R&D work, may extend already tested prototype services or may combine / integrate several partial solutions to realise a new innovative approach
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. **One or more** proposals will be selected on quality for each Pilot Type B defined in the work programme.



# Pilots Type B cont.

## Scale and participants

- Legal minimum of **4 legal entities** from 4 different Member States or associated countries.
- Consortia are expected to engage the **complete service value chain**, including relevant public authorities (sustaining partners), service providers, industrial stakeholders & users

## Duration and funding

- Duration is typically **24-36 months** with a pilot service operating for 12 months.
- EU contribution is up to **50% of eligible costs** of the pilot (including personnel costs, travel and accommodation and other specific costs)
- The indicative Community contribution available is **2-3 M€ / pilot**



# Thematic Networks

## Main features of Thematic Networks

- The goal is to bring together relevant stakeholders, expertise and facilities to support the implementation of Information Society policies using ICT
- The work of the Thematic Networks should be focused on develop new policy implementation schemes through working groups, workshops and exchanges of good practices.

Examples: preparation of future pilot activities, replication of innovative solutions, development of common cross border strategies, etc.

- The expected outcomes of Thematic Networks must be clearly defined and measurable, and the results shall be in the public domain.
- Proposals will be evaluated against the published evaluation criteria. One or more proposals will be selected on quality for each Thematic Network defined in the work programme.



# Thematic Networks cont.

## Scale and participants

Legal Minimum is 7 key stakeholders (legal entities) from 7 different Member States or associated countries. Networks must be open.

## Duration and funding → Draft

- Duration between 18-36 months.
- EC contribution is 300-500 K€/network funded through lump sums according to the following scheme:

### Coordinator

- Coordination costs: 3.000 € per year and per beneficiary for the first 10 beneficiaries and 2.000€ per year and per beneficiary from the 11th to the 20th beneficiary
- Attendance to meetings and events: 5.000€ per year

### Other beneficiaries

- Implementation costs: 3.000 € per year and per beneficiary
- Attendance to meetings and events 5.000€ per year and per beneficiary



# Evaluation of Proposals

The evaluation of proposals will be based on the principles of transparency and of equal treatment. It will be carried out by the Commission with the assistance of independent experts

## Evaluation criteria

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### Eligibility Criteria

- on-time, completeness, proposer status, ....

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### Award Criteria

- Relevance (threshold 3/5)
- Impact (threshold 3/5)
- Implementation (threshold 3/5)

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### Selection Criteria

- financial & operational capacity to carry out project
- professional competencies and qualifications



# Award criteria overview

Relevance	Alignment with the Work Programme objectives	All 3 instruments
	Alignment with relevant policies on European and national level.	
	Added value for Community contribution	Pilots B, TN
	Capability to build support across the EU	Pilots A, TN
Impact	Target outcomes	All 3 instruments
	Expected impact	
	Capability and commitment of the partnership and involvement of all relevant stakeholders	
	Long term impact	
	Free availability of common results in view of implementing interoperability on EU wide level	Pilots A
	Free availability of common results and the openness of the thematic networks	TN
	Maturity of the technical solution, i.e. the R&D phase of the pilot is complete	Pilots B
Implementation	Adequacy of the chosen approach	All 3 instruments
	Clarity of the work plan	
	Effectiveness of management approach & dissemination plan.	
	Appropriateness of resource allocation and estimated cost	
	Security, privacy, inclusiveness and accessibility issues	Pilots A, Pilots B

# Other Instruments

## Calls for Tender to support

- Benchmarking: Support for surveys and gather ICT related data relevant for ICTPSP objectives and themes
- Studies (around 15) addressing the economic and social impact of the Information Society on various fields

Details will be defined in the tender packs

## Grants to support conferences

(e.g. EU Presidency events, Ministerial conferences, etc)



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Thank you

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