

Call title: KBBE 2013

For description of the topics of the calls, please refer to section II 'Content of calls'

- **Call identifier:** FP7-KBBE-2013-7 – single stage
- **Date of publication:** 10 July 2012
- **Deadline¹:** 05 February 2013 at 17.00.00, Brussels local time
- **Indicative budget²:** EUR 341.35 million

The budget for this call is indicative. The final budget awarded to actions implemented through calls for proposals may vary:

- The final budget of the call may vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for each call; and
- Any repartition of the call budget may also vary by up to 10% of the total value of the indicated budget for the call.

Indicative budget breakdown:

Activity	Indicative amount³ (EUR million)	
Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments	124.62	
Activity 2.2: Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being	88.90	
Activity 2.3: Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes	Topics (Group A): KBBE.2013.3.1-02; KBBE.2013.3.3-02; KBBE.2013.3.3-03; KBBE.2013.3.5-01; KBBE.2013.3.5-02; KBBE.2013.3.6-01	20.01 ⁴
	Topics: (Group B) KBBE.2013.3.1-01;	107.82 ⁵

¹ The Director-General responsible may delay this deadline by up to two months.

² Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modification by the budgetary authority. Figures are rounded to 2 decimal places.

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⁴ In case this budget can not be consumed (totally or partially) the corresponding budget will be allocated to the topics under Activity 2.3 – Call KBBE 2013 (group B);

⁵ In case this budget can not be consumed (totally or partially) the corresponding budget will be allocated to the topics under Activity 2.3 – Call KBBE 2013 (group A);

	KBBE.2013.3.2-02; KBBE.2013.3.3-01; KBBE.2013.3.3-04; KBBE.2013.3.4-01; KBBE.2013.3.6-02	
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• **Topics called:**

Activity/ Area	Topics called	Funding Schemes and additional eligibility criteria
<u>Activity 2.1: Sustainable production and management of biological resources from land, forest and aquatic environments</u>		
Area 2.1.1 Enabling research	<i>KBBE.2013.1.1-01: Development and exploitation of genomic data and tools, phenotyping approaches and breeding concepts to sustainable animal production systems</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - The requested European Union (EU) contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
Area 2.1.2 Increased sustainability of all production systems (agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture); plant health and crop protection	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-01: Agro-forestry systems for Europe</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-02: Legume breeding and management for sustainable agriculture as well as protein supply for food and feed</i> <i>Up to two projects may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be

		<p><i>assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i></p>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.2-03: Integrated approach towards small grain cereal production and diversification in Europe</i></p> <p><i>Up to two projects may be funded, one targeting in particular 'major' small grain cereal crops (Triticum aestivum, Hordeum vulgare) and one in particular 'minor' small grain cereal crops (all others except rice; pseudo cereals are equally excluded). Attribution of proposals to either category ('minor cereals' or 'major cereals') must be clearly highlighted by the applicants at the time of submission, either in the title or abstract of the proposal. Therefore, in the ranking list, the highest ranked proposal for each category will have precedence over the following proposals from the other category even if it obtains a lower score.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> <i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 5 000 000 per proposal.</i> <i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.2-04: Control of pests and pathogens affecting fruit crops</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> <i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.</i> <i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.2-05: Biological control agents in agriculture and forestry for effective pest and pathogen control</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> <i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</i> <i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least</i>

		35% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-06: Improved coordination and collaboration for EU Plant Health reference collections</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- <i>Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 500 000 per proposal.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-07: Novel practices and policies for sustainable wood mobilisation in European forests</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.</i> - <i>The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-08: Innovative insights and tools to integrate the ecosystem-based approach into fisheries advice</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> - <i>The requested European Commission contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.</i> - <i>The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15% total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i> - <i>The duration of the proposed project shall be maximum 4 years.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.2-09: Diversification of fish species and products in European aquaculture</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- <i>Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not</i>

		<p>exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement. - The duration of the proposed project shall be minimum 5 years.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.2-10: Boosting the domestication of established farmed finfish species through selective breeding</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement. - The duration of the proposed project shall be minimum 4 years.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.2-11: Assessment of organic aquaculture for further development of European regulatory framework</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination and Support Action (supporting action). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 500 000 per proposal. - The duration of the proposed project shall be minimum 3 years.
<p>Area 2.1.3 Optimised animal health, production and welfare across agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture</p>	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.3-01: Emerging viral vector borne diseases</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 20 % of the total requested EU

		<i>contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.3-02: Sustainable apiculture and conservation of honey bee genetic diversity One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.3-03: Sustainable animal production: an integrated and multi-factorial approach One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 20 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.3-04: Coordination of research between EU and China on major infectious diseases of animals and zoonoses One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000 per proposal. - Minimum number of participants: 3 independent legal entities from different Member States or Associated Countries and 1 from China.
	<i>KBBE.2013.1.3-05: Ecology of drug resistant bacteria and transfer of antimicrobial resistance throughout the food chain One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed

		<p>EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
Area 2.1.4 Socio-economic research and support to policies	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-07: Boosting the translation of FP projects' results into innovative applications in the field of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and aquaculture</i></p> <p><i>Up to six projects may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 50 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement. - The duration of the proposed project shall be maximum 2 years.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-08: Boosting the outreach of research with focus on agricultural and forestry knowledge and innovation systems</i></p> <p><i>Up to one project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 per proposal.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-09: Improving the capacity of agro-meteorological crop modelling to integrate climatic variability and extreme weather events</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 000 per proposal.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-10: Agriculture and trade development in EU's Eastern Neighbours</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 000 per proposal.
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-11: Measurement of research impact in European</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research

	<p><i>agriculture</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>project).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 000 per proposal.</i></p>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.1.4-12: Support to agricultural policy - Establishing and testing farm-level indicators</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 per proposal.</i></p>
<p>Activity 2.2 Fork to farm: Food (including seafood), health and well being</p>		
<p>Area 2.2.1 Consumers</p>	<p><i>KBBE.2013.2.1-01: Impact of food and nutritional behaviour, lifestyle and the socio-economic environment on depression and proposed remedial actions</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal</i></p>
<p>Area 2.2.2 Nutrition</p>	<p><i>KBBE.2013.2.2-01: New technologies to study brain function in relation to eating behaviour</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</i></p>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.2.2-02: Factors influencing the human gut microbiome and its effect on the development of diet-related diseases and brain development</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal</i></p>
	<p><i>KBBE.2013.2.2-03: Food-based solutions for eradication of vitamin D deficiency and health promotion throughout the life cycle</i></p> <p><i>One project may be funded.</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project)</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.</i></p>
<p>Area 2.2.3 Food processing</p>	<p><i>KBBE.2013.2.3-01: Development and industrial application of sensors for food processing operations</i></p> <p><i>Up to three projects may be funded</i></p>	<p><i>- Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs).</i></p> <p><i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 per proposal.</i></p> <p><i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 20 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be</i></p>

		<i>assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.2.3-02: Network for the transfer of knowledge on traditional foods to SMEs Up to two projects may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Coordination and Support Action (supporting action).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4 000 000 per proposal</i>
Area 2.2.4 Food quality and safety	<i>KBBE.2013.2.4-01: Assuring quality and authenticity in the food chain One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</i>
Area 2.2.5 Environmental impacts and total food chain	<i>KBBE.2013.2.5-01: Assessment of the impact of global drivers of change on Europe's food security One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 4 000 000 per proposal.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.2.5-02: Saving water and energy for resource-efficient food processing Up to three projects may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.</i> - <i>The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 20 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
Area 2.2.6 European Research Area	<i>KBBE.2013.2.6-01: Exploitation of results of Framework Programme projects in food, health and well-being by small and medium-sized enterprises Up to five projects may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs)</i> - <i>The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 000 000 per proposal.</i> - <i>The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 75 % of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of</i>

		<i>the Grant Agreement.</i>
<u>Activity 2.3 Life sciences, biotechnology and biochemistry for sustainable non-food products and processes</u>		
Area 2.3.1 Novel sources of biomass and bioproducts	<i>KBBE.2013.3.1-01: Plant High Value Products - from discovery to final product</i> <i>The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 20 000 000</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before the signature of the Grant Agreement.
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.1-02: EU-Latin America Partnering Initiative on sustainable biodiversity in agriculture</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action) - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000 per proposal. - Minimum number of participants: 3 independent legal entities from different Member States or Associated countries and 3 from different ICPC countries from Latin America.
Area 2.3.2 Marine and fresh-water biotechnology (blue biotechnology)	<i>KBBE.2013.3.2-02: The CO2 algae biorefinery</i> <i>The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 20 000 000</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before the signature of the Grant Agreement.
Area 2.3.3 Industrial biotechnology: novel high added-value bio-products and bio-processes	<i>KBBE.2013.3.3-01: Support for demonstrating the potential of biotechnological applications</i> <i>The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 20 000 000</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project) - The requested EU contribution shall be restricted to demonstration activities, other activities and management
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.3-02: Bioeconomy and bioregions</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	- Coordination and Support Action (supporting action). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed

		<i>EUR 1 000 000 per proposal.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.3-03: Opening markets for bio-based products: Standardisation, labelling and procurement One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 6 000 000 per proposal.
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.3-04: Optimal and cost-effective industrial biocatalysts The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 20 000 000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs) - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
Area 2.3.4 Biorefinery	<i>KBBE.2013.3.4-01: Preventing and valorising bio-waste in biorefineries The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 12 000 000</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs). - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signatures of the Grant Agreement.
Area 2.3.5 Environmental biotechnology	<i>KBBE.2013.3.5-01: New, fast, and reliable molecular detection methodologies One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collaborative Project (small or medium-scale focused research project targeted to SMEs). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 000 000 per proposal. - The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before signature of the Grant Agreement.
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.5-02: GMO ERA-NET preparatory action One project may be funded</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Coordination and Support Action (coordinating action). - The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 1 000 000 per proposal.
Area 2.3.6	<i>KBBE.2013.3.6-01: Novel bio</i>	- Collaborative Project (large-

Emerging trends in biotechnology	<i>inspired materials and processes</i> <i>One project may be funded</i>	<i>scale integrating project targeted to SMEs).</i> <i>- The requested European Union contribution shall not exceed EUR 9 000 000 per proposal.</i> <i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 25% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before the signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>
	<i>KBBE.2013.3.6-02: Synthetic Biology towards applications</i> <i>The topic aims at financing a limited number of large collaborative projects within an overall maximum budget of EUR 20 000 000</i>	<i>- Collaborative Project (large-scale integrating project targeted to SMEs)</i> <i>- The estimated EU contribution going to SMEs shall be at least 15% of the total requested EU contribution. This will be assessed at the end of the negotiation, before the signature of the Grant Agreement.</i>

• **Eligibility criteria:**

- The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 of this work programme. Please note that the completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable.
- The budget limits and other eligibility criteria indicated in the above table are strict eligibility criteria.
- Table of standard minimum number of participating legal entities for all funding schemes used in the call, in line with the Rules for Participation and in the below format apply to all topics, unless indicated otherwise in the table above:

Funding scheme	Minimum conditions
Collaborative Projects	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and Support Actions (coordinating action)	At least 3 independent legal entities, each of which is established in a MS or AC, and no 2 of which are established in the same MS or AC
Coordination and Support Actions (supporting action)	At least 1 independent legal entity.

- Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants.

- **Evaluation procedure:**

- The evaluation criteria and scoring scheme are set out in annex 2 of the work programme.
- Proposal page limits: Applicants must ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the electronic Submission Services of the Commission.

The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits.

The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) should be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).

- During the consensus stage of evaluation, if a proposal fails to achieve the threshold score for the first criterion (Scientific and/or Technological excellence) or the second criterion (Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management), the evaluation of this proposal will be stopped.
- Proposals will be prioritised according to their scores in a single ranking list per budget line. The procedure for prioritising proposals with equal scores is described in Annex 2 to the work programme.
- There may be competition between proposals submitted on different topics and proposals submitted on the same topic within budget lines. This may result in some topics not being supported. A reserve list may be produced of projects that pass the evaluation but fall below the available budget in case additional budget becomes available.
- For topics indicating a maximum number of fundable projects, proposals will be selected in order of the ranking list until the limit of fundable projects is reached. Priority will then be given to the next best ranked proposals, again until the limit of fundable projects is reached. This procedure will be repeated until the limits of all topics or the overall budget of the activity is reached.
- For topics indicating a maximum budget per topic (KBBE.2013.3.1-01; KBBE.2013.3.2-02; KBBE.2013.3.3-01; KBBE.2013.3.3-04; KBBE.2013.3.4-01; KBBE.2013.3.6-02), proposals will be selected in order of the ranking list until the limit of one topic budget is reached. Priority will then be given to the next best ranked proposals, again until the limit of one topic budget is reached. This procedure will be repeated until the limits of all topic budgets or the overall budget of the activity is reached.

- **Indicative timetable:** Evaluation results: approximately three months after the relevant deadline mentioned above. Grant agreement signature: it is estimated that the first grant agreements related to this call will be concluded in September – October 2013.
- **Consortia agreements:** Participants in Collaborative Projects (large-scale integrating projects) and Collaborative Projects (large-scale integrating projects targeted to SMEs) are required to conclude a consortium agreement. For other projects consortia agreements are not obligatory but recommended.

- **The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates** which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme.
- **Flat rates to cover subsistence costs:** In accordance with Annex 3 to this work programme, this call provides for the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, see the relevant Guides for Applicants for this call. The applicable flat rates are available at the following website: http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documentation under 'Guidance documents for FP7 / Financial issues / Flat rates for daily allowances'.
- **Additional information concerning twinning of projects from call KBBE and related programmes in third countries:** with a view to promoting international cooperation with third countries that have signed bilateral S&T agreements with the European Union, initiatives for collaboration between projects under Theme 2 of FP7 and related research programmes in these third countries will be encouraged on the basis of mutual benefit and reciprocity. The Commission reserves the right to ask the coordinators of FP7 projects, during the grant agreement negotiations, to include collaboration activities with projects financed by these third countries. The costs of these activities are expected to be approximately 1% of the total European Union contribution to these projects. Parallel funding is expected from the related research programmes in the third countries for counterpart projects.
- For the topics which have a percentage of EU contribution going to SMEs as an eligibility criterion, a substantial involvement of SMEs will be considered under the 'Implementation' criterion.