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Idea for eGovernment in Western Balkans

FP6-IST Call 6
2.6.5 International Co-operation:
International cooperation for eGovernment and eParticipation
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Work Programme


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Objectives


2.6.5: International Co-operation


Objective we target

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The main objectives are:


- To establish privileged partnerships with selected countries or regions in which there is added value and mutual interest in jointly addressing important technological issues and enhancing competitiveness.
- To contribute to the stability and prosperity of regions neighbouring the EU through the improvement of public services, through institutional reinforcement and through improved decision making and democratic processes;
- To address important global environmental issues such as the management of geo-physical risks;
- To prepare for future, wider and more concrete partnerships with the target regions.


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What makes a good proposal


- Idea
- Consortium
- Methodology
- Project management
- Budget & timetable
- Quality of the content / text
- ...

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Proposal Idea

- ✓ **'Key words':** ePublic procurement, transparent, efficient, facilitating SMEs participation, innovation
- ✓ **e-procurement in:** public health, local authorities, public education, public administration, public bodies, etc.
- ✓ **e-procurement of:** goods and services (subcontracting, outsourcing, etc.)


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Objectives of the proposal idea

- ... Transfer good practices
- ... Study their technical and operational feasibility
- ... Suggest and initiate a research roadmap for Western Balkans in eProcurement


Overall: To reinforce transparent and efficient public e-procurement in W. Balkans and support increased participation of SMEs in public contracts.


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Activities - Tasks


- ... Identify existing e-procurement initiatives (Western Balkans)
- ... Review existing state-of-the-art at EU level
- ... Review and compare (existing or new under development) EC policies with W.Balkans policies
- ... Organise a number of events (info-days, round tables, training sessions, mentoring workshops, etc.) to reinforce collaboration and exchange of experiences between main stakeholder and to identify areas / topics for further research and development
- ... Produce a website on public e-procurement state-of-the-art


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Proposal Innovation


- Address SMEs by identifying and encouraging the adoption of e-business platforms which support the creation of alliances between SMEs to jointly produce bids
- Set / suggest common specs / criteria and guidelines for e-procurement (based on existing standards) – including suggestions for new standards
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Proposal Facts

- Budget: 500 – 600 KEuro
- Duration: 24 months
- Consortium: about 10 partners (research organisations, SME groupings, public authorities, institutes / local authorities, consultants, etc.) from the W.Balkans and EU-28.
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Contents of Proposal Summary

- Title
- Background and rationale
- Aim and Objectives – Innovation Features / Aspects.
- Outcome - Deliverables...
- Methodology (Work-Packages)
- Potential partners (type, role, contribution)
- ...

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