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Re: EC Info Day on Tsunami Early Warning Systems

Dear Expert,

The European Commission has been funding EU research on natural disasters since the late 1980's via its Framework Programmes (FP) for Research and Technological Development. We wish to inform you that the EU has just published (in the *Official Journal*) a Call for Proposals within the IST Priority of FP6, related to Tsunami Early Warning Systems (TEWS). This will be the last Call under the IST Priority of FP6.

To consult the official version of the Call text, please see the following web sites:

- http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/lex/LexUriServ/site/en/oj/2005/c_325/c_32520051222en00250028.pdf
- <http://www.cordis.lu/ist/>
- http://fp6.cordis.lu/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6ActivityCallsPage&id_activity=124

For your convenience the text has been copied below. Please take note that the Call for Proposals for this particular topic is under the heading of International Cooperation (INCO), and as such, the guidelines relevant to INCO must be adhered to if you intend on submitting a proposal to this Call. For more information of the IST-INCO activities see <http://www.cordis.lu/ist/international/home.html>

Call Text (*please consult internet for latest version*):

Early warning systems for geo-physical hazards - Target countries:

Mediterranean partner countries, Indonesia, Thailand, India, Sri-Lanka, Japan, USA, Canada, New-Zealand.

The aim is to develop, validate and demonstrate advanced systems and services to manage geo-physical risks, with a focus on developing an early warning and alert capacity for improved disaster prevention and preparedness in coastal zones. The objective is to establish operational prototypes for tsunami detection, early warning and alert relevant to the main tsunami-prone regions in the Atlantic and Mediterranean, and Indian Ocean.

Additional support measures include; technology transfer between EU and tsunami-prone countries and regions bordering the Indian Ocean, for sharing best practice, promoting standards and adapting these to local needs and conditions; Collaboration with specialised institutes in countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea with the aim of promoting a harmonised approach to tsunami early warning and alert for the Mediterranean basin.

- Instruments: STREPs, SSAs and CAs
- Indicative budget 5 M€

We plan to hold an "Info Day" in Paris on Tuesday 31st January 2006, kindly hosted by the UNESCO-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), in 1, Rue Miollis. This meeting will have the aim to disseminate the Call, provide a more in depth view of the needs related to TEWS, and enable EU and non-EU potential partners to engage in networking activities (see below for draft agenda).

Should you have any questions concerning the meeting, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Vinciane Williquet (tel: +32-2-295 29 32 or email: vinciane.williquet@cec.eu.int). If you are interested in taking part, we ask that you return the attached registration form by 20TH January at the latest. Also, please indicate whether or not you would be interested in giving a brief presentation (no longer than 3 slides in 3 minutes) in either one of the sessions: 1) Monitoring, or 2) Alert. The meeting will be open to all, but for security reasons and space limitations, participation will be by invitation only.

Best Regards,

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Info-Day on Tsunami Early Warning Systems

Paris, 31 January 2006

Organised by DG INFSO, European Commission in collaboration with
UNESCO/IOC

Venue: SC/IOC Tsunami Office,
Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission/UNESCO
1 Rue Miollis
75732 Paris CEDEX 15

Draft Agenda

- 9:30- 9:45 Welcome
- 9:45-10:15 Setting the Scene: a summary of IOC actions (IOC, P. Bernal,)
- 10:15-10:45 The need for a global TEWS (GEO-Tsunami Working Group, TBD)
- 10:45-11:15 Sensor infrastructure in the Indian Ocean (GFZ, Potsdam, J. Lauterjung,)
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30-12:30 Call Objectives, Selection Criteria (EC, G. Weets, K. Fabbri, D. Peter)
- 12:30-13:00 Discussion
- 13:00-14:15 Lunch
- 14:15-15:45 Networking Session 1: monitoring systems and early warning
(Short presentations (3 min) by potential partners)
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00-17:30 Networking Session 2: alert and emergency management
Short presentations (3 min) by potential partners
- 17:30-18:00 Conclusions and Closing