

## **EFDA 2011 Work Programme**

### **Call for Participation**

### **Fusion Researcher Fellowships**

#### **1. Specific objectives of the action**

At its 37<sup>th</sup> meeting, held in Bruxelles on 21 March 2007, the CCE-FU endorsed the recommendations made by the Ad-Hoc Group « Survey of Human Resources in the European Fusion Programme ». Among the two training actions to be implemented under EFDA in the FP7 fusion research programme, the present action aims at *“provid(ing) encouragement for excellence and career development by awarding grants similar to the Marie Curie type fellowships”*. This cohesive, but flexible framework should encourage excellence and career development of researchers who are already in the programme or attract high quality potential candidates from outside the programme. These grants should be attributed at post-doctoral level or equivalent.

A first programme was launched at the end of 2007 covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2007, a second programme, in the course of 2008, covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2008 and a third programme, in the course of 2009, covering the period 1 January to 31 December 2010. A fourth programme has been approved at the 45<sup>th</sup> EFDA Steering Committee meeting held in Dublin on 23 June 2010 as part of the 2011 EFDA Work Programme. The Community funding of the fellowships will be provided under Article 8.2e of the Contract of Association. The grants will cover the salaries of the selected candidates and part of the cost of their research activities and missions for a duration of up to 2 years.

In view of creating a recognised brand of excellence, EFDA will organise selection according to the criteria recommended by the AHG.

#### **2. Eligibility**

The Eligibility criteria have been elaborated according to the AHG Recommendations endorsed at CCE-FU, namely that *“the competition should be as broad as possible, therefore all recently attributed post-docs ... should be allowed to compete for this funding, although the proposals should be channelled through the Heads of Associations.”* Thus, all candidates starting (or foreseeing to start) a post-doctoral (or equivalent) contracts over the period 1 January to 31 December 2010 are eligible. The candidates shall work on a scientific or technical subject relevant to the Euratom fusion programme.

Details are provided in the Guide for applicants.

### **3. Applicable evaluation criteria**

*“In view of ensuring the excellence of the selected fellowships and thereby creating a recognised “brand””, the Eligibility criteria have been elaborated according to the AHG Recommendations endorsed at CCE-FU, namely that “the fellowship should be awarded according to the sole exceptional quality of the candidate and his/her proposal.”*

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### **4. Timetable of Implementation**

Deadline for proposals: 30 September 2010

EFDA SC : January 2011 (to be confirmed)

Task Agreements: February 2011 (to be confirmed)

### **5. Community contribution**

The maximum Community contribution will be up to 52000€ per year and per researcher for his/her salary, up to 6000€ per year and per researcher for expenses related to the participation to research and training activities (meeting and conference attendance, participation in training actions, research costs, etc.), with an additional 3% of the direct costs for management activities and 10% of direct costs as contributions to overheads, excluding costs for subcontracting. The use of the mobility agreement to support mobility of the participants for their training actions will ensure the pan-European nature of the joint training actions. The duration of the fellowship supported by this action will be up to 2 years.

The eligible expenditures supported by the Commission are those which are paid during the period covered by the Task Agreements to be placed further to the selection process. The start date of every Task Agreement will be at the earliest, the deadline of submission of the proposals to the call, even if the grantee was hired before.