

ANNOUNCEMENT

INTAS Collaborative Call 2006 with NIF – National Innovation Fund, Kazakhstan

In 2006 INTAS launches a collaborative **call for Innovation Grants (Innovation Partnering Projects)** with the National Innovation Fund (NIF)¹, Kazakhstan, with an indicative budget of **€ 500,000**, shared equally between NIF (approximately **€ 250,000**) and INTAS (approximately **€ 250,000**).

Scope:

Innovation Partnering Projects – for use of research results within companies:

INTAS and NIF will provide financial support for the application of research results within companies, potentially leading to innovative products, technologies or services of significant economic and/or societal value.

An Innovation Grant will help a consortium made of NIS and INTAS partners to innovate and to create international partnerships. In a mutually beneficial approach, it will provide support to further develop and protect results of research and technology development and to orient their use towards clearly specified needs of the society and/or the market in the INTAS members and the NIS.

Consortium:

The project consortia must comprise at least **three contractors**: namely one contractor from Kazakhstan and two contractors from different INTAS member states. **At least one contractor must be a company from Kazakhstan or from an INTAS member state.** Additional contractors from Kazakhstan, other NIS (than Kazakhstan) and INTAS member states can be included in the consortium. The consortium must include one of the main authors of the innovation. The coordinator of the project must come from an INTAS member state.

Duration of projects:

The project duration must be 12, 18, or 24 months.

Maximum allowable funding:

The maximum financial contribution to a project by INTAS and NIF is **€ 50,000**. **Contractors from Kazakhstan must receive 50% of the project grant**, which will be funded by NIF. The remaining 50% of the project grant shall be made available to contractors from INTAS member states and other NIS than Kazakhstan (if any) and will be funded by INTAS. The company from an INTAS member state or from Kazakhstan must additionally contribute to the project not less than 20% of the total project grant as jointly provided by NIF and INTAS.

Indicative Timetable:

Opening of the call:	16 March 2006, 10H00 (Brussels time)
Deadline for submission:	30 May 2006, 13H00 (Brussels time)
Results of the selection:	November 2006
Earliest start of the projects:	December 2006

Proposals must be submitted through the INTAS internet-based Submission System.

¹ <http://www.nif.kz>