

Proposals for **ESF Research** **Networking Programmes**

These long-term research networking programmes are the platform for nationally funded research groups to address major scientific and research infrastructure issues with the goal to advance the frontiers of science.

A successful programme proposal must deal with high-quality science and demonstrate the added value of being carried out at the European level.

ESF Programmes are funded *à la carte* by ESF Member Organisations interested in supporting proposals recommended by ESF.

Proposals are assessed through international peer review. On the basis of written assessments by external referees the ESF Standing Committees select proposals to be recommended for funding. The final decision on proposals to be presented to the ESF Member Organisations for funding will be made by the ESF Chief Executive together with the Standing Committee Chairs. **New Programmes will be launched only if sufficient funding from Member Organisations is obtained for recommended proposals.**

Awards will typically be to a maximum value of **€120,000** annually, for a four or five-year period

Call opens: **1st July 2008**

Deadline for submitting proposals: **23rd October 2008**

New Programmes start from **1st January 2010**

For further information: **www.esf.org/programmes**