

Tentative “backward” schedule, milestones defined by ESGARD:

March 2008	Closing of Call for IA
January 2008	Opening of Call for IA
Fall 2007	Beginning of the proposal write up
(September 2007?	Presentation of the proposal status to the community)
Summer 2007	Decision upon the number of IA
Spring 2007	Selection of R&D items and definition of the priorities
Nov. 15-17, 2006	Preparation work discussed with CARE participant
October 30, 2006	First meeting of the 3 preparatory groups

RECALL:

ESGARD decided to set up Working Groups to help developing a consistent set of research Activities that could be imbedded in an Integrated Activity (IA) project, starting from the 30+ Letters of Intent received.

Working Groups proposed:

- 1) High-intensity high-energy protons beams
- 2) Superconducting RF acceleration systems
- 3) Novel accelerating systems

Starting from the LoI received, the working groups are expected to

- Establish a consistent set of prioritized ***Joint Research Activities***, including a first estimate of the needed resources for each activity,
- Identify the infrastructures that could be subject to ***Transnational Access***,
- Establish a consistent set of ***Networking Activities*** related to R&D activities
- Identify the infrastructures that will benefit from the proposed R&D,
- Identify the laboratories/institutes/universities that would participate to the different activities.
- Nominate a possible coordinator for each NA, TA and JRA

Composition of the Working Groups:

1) *High-intensity high-energy protons beams:*

A. Devred, V.Palladino, W. Scandale, R. Garoby*, R. Ostojic

2) *Superconducting RF acceleration systems:*

T. Garvey, O. Napoly*, D. Proch, F. Richard, V. Palladino, T. Linnecar, O. Brunner

3) *Novel accelerating systems:*

T. Garvey, G. Guignard, E. Jensen*, F. Richard, V. Palladino,

ESGARD Strategy:

ESGARD has in mind to plan for a few (1 to 3) Integrated Activity Proposals based on the work by the 3 preparatory groups. This is based on the message consistently received in 2006 from the EU project office on capacities that submitting 2-3 proposals and asking for 2-3 EU contributions between 10 and 15 M€ had a good chance of success and likely was the best strategy.

This preliminary plan was recently communicate to the project officer concerned in Brussels

EU Project Officer comment:

Other communities plan for several Integrated Activity proposals in order to maximize the funding. Hence, it is not clear to him that this approach is the best strategy, compared with the submission of one single large proposal.

In case of one single proposal (on accelerator R&D), it can be indicated as a point of reference that the highest contribution granted by EC in the past to a single project amounts to 27 M€

More interactions between ESGARD and EU-office are needed before being able to define the best strategy and to decide on the number of IAs in Summer 2007.

One ESGARD request is to:

Identify the laboratories /institutes/universities that would participate to the different activities.

→ aiming to get “engagements de principe” from potential participants for spring, beginning of summer 2007.

→ getting the commitment of the participant for contributions aiming at balancing the funds of EU is important:

1) internal procedure (e.g. CERN)

2) for external participant, it is demanded to

- identify a contact person per participant

- be sure the contact gets the approval of the top management of its institute

- ask for a formal confirmation from the contact by e-mail quoting that his management agrees.

Note that in FP7 there is no EU forms to fill anymore and to submit electronically

Note: All participants are in Full Cost mode (no AC anymore)

(this means permanent and additional staff salaries may be reimbursed up to a max. of 75%, with 60% overhead on this amount)