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PATHFINDER

Practical Aspects and Frequently Asked Questions





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Pathfinder Reference documents

- Reference documents available on [NEST Web Site](#) for each topic
- Generated following iterative [consultations with experts](#)
- Provide further [practical guidance to proposers](#) in terms of the scope, objectives, partnerships, etc
- Proposers are strongly encouraged to consult and read over the documents prior to preparing proposals





Pre-proposal check service

- Pre-proposal check service available up to 3 weeks prior to the deadline (that is: 11 January 2006)
- Pre-proposal Forms: Guide for Proposers
- Requested: project summary + partnership
- Before submitting, ideas and partnership should be pretty clear and stable
- NEST will give guidance regarding suitability of scope and eligibility, based on information submitted
- Responses from the EC are simply for guidance and do not commit the Commission either way
- Final decision on proposals made by external expert evaluators
- Not a discussion forum!
- Pre-proposals (PATHFINDER) and OUTLINE Proposals (ADVENTURE, INSIGHT) are something different





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Evaluation

- Evaluation will be performed first by sending proposals to remote referees for detailed technical evaluation
- Following that, a Panel with wide ranging expertise will be brought together to choose the most outstanding proposals, and that form a complementary set
- Evaluation expected to take place in April 2006, and initial results available before the end of July
- Expert referees on these topics always needed / welcome (include NEST activity code) (http://www.cordis.lu/experts/fp6_candidature.htm)





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NEST-PATHFINDER Information and Brokerage Event, Brussels, Nov/Dec 2005

- Still Tentative...
- Overall Information on Pathfinder
- Parallel sessions on each topic
- Chance to meet potential partners
- Jointly organised with NCPs





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Previous Call: FP6-2004-NEST-PATH

- Call budget 35M€
- 59 STREP proposals, 17 retained
- 4 CA proposals, 0 retained
- 5 SSA proposals, 1 retained





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Previous Call: FP6-2004-NEST-PATH

- **Synthetic Biology**
 - 3 new STREPs funded out of 14 submitted (21% success rate)
 - 1 SSA funded, no CAs
- **What it means to be human**
 - 8 new STREPs funded out of 21 submitted (38% success rate)
 - No CAs or SSAs
- **Measuring the Impossible**
 - 6 STREPs funded out of 24 submitted (25% success rate)
 - No CAs or SSAs

