

# eContentplus 2007 Work Programme

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# Reminder: aim and characteristics of the *eContentplus* programme

## Overall aim

*“to make digital content in Europe more accessible, usable and exploitable, facilitating the creation and diffusion of information, in areas of public interest, at Community level”.*

## Enabling role

Help content stakeholders (providers and users) realise the full potential of digital content

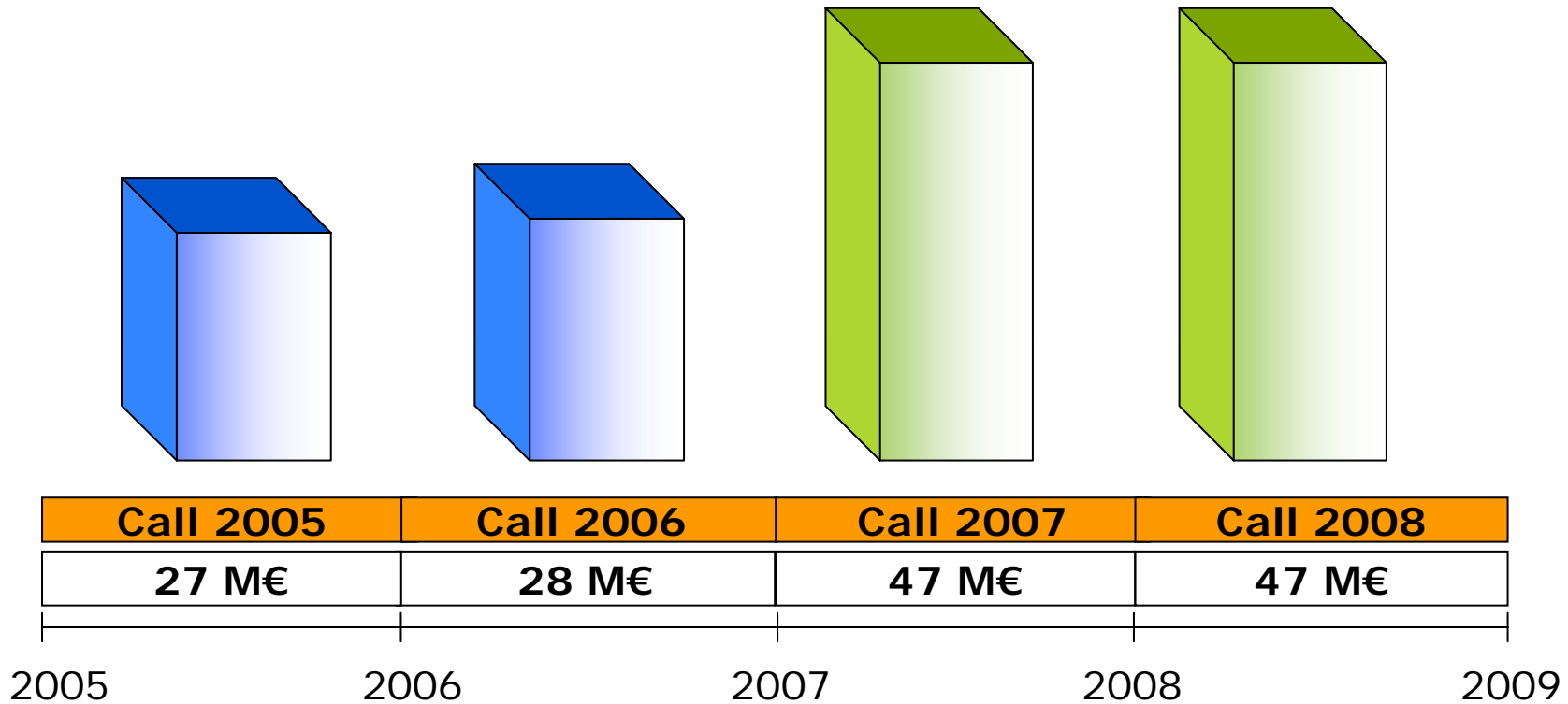
... by creating better conditions for accessing, using and exploiting digital material

... based on which it will be possible to build added-value products and services across Europe



# eContentplus 2005-2008 – Budget

**149 Million euro**



# What is funded

## Projects that:

- aim at improving the usability and quality of **existing** digital content in **specific contexts of use** in order to create the **conditions** for the emergence of quality trans-European GI content based services.
- use proven **state-of-the-art** technical solutions,
- are geared towards **innovation in organisation and in deployment** (as opposed to purely technological innovation).



# What is not funded

- Digitisation
- Content creation
- Product or service creation (as main objective)
- New technology



# New project type: Best practice network

## What is it?

Project combining the **consensus building** and awareness raising function of a thematic network with the **implementation**, in real life context, of the solutions discussed.

## Aim

Promote the **adoption of standards and specifications** for making digital GI content in Europe more accessible and usable.



# New project type: Best practice network

## Each BPN:

- identifies possible solutions for an issue related to the objective of the target area
- tries out one or more of the solutions discussed to draw conclusions on their validity and adapts its approach, if necessary.

The Commission organises  
“clustering meetings”  
as appropriate

The **final output** of the BPNs reflects both the results of the large scale implementations and the results and recommendations of the clustering activities.



# Requirements

## Best Practice Networks

- Content; European dimension
- Impact (adoption of standards & specifications)
- Consortium (providers; users; standardisation bodies)
- Networking capacity & Clustering



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## Geographic Information



# Target area Geographic information

## Scope

any data that directly refer to a specific location or geographic area

## Actions

Best practice networks (3.1)



# Best practice networks

## action 3.1 for Geographic information

### Objective

- Interoperability of spatial data sets and services
- Reduce barriers related to one or more of the specific themes in annexes I-III of INSPIRE.

*(Only one network by theme will be selected)*

### Expected results

- Spatial data aggregated to cover a significant part of Europe and accessible in a seamless way across borders in multiple languages
- Consensus built on strategy for interoperability
- A sustainable network of stakeholders is established.



# INSPIRE\* Directive

- **general rules** for establishing an infrastructure for spatial information in Europe for the purposes of Community environmental policies and policies or activities which may have an impact on the environment.
- based on the infrastructures for spatial information established and operated by the Member States.
- no collection of new spatial data

\* *IN*frastructure for *SP*atial *Info*Rmation in Europe (<http://www.ec-gis.org/inspire/>)



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Community funding



# Funding

Indicative total funding: 14 M€

Project type	Community contribution	Typical duration <i>(in months)</i>	Number of Countries <i>(impact)</i>	Funding
<b>Best Practice Networks</b>	80% of <u>direct</u> costs	<b>18-24 (up to 36)</b>	<b>14-27</b>	<b>4-6 M€</b>



# Proposal submission

- Deadline for **receipt** of proposals:  
**4 October 2007**  
**in Luxembourg**  
**17:00 local time**
- Paper Submission



# Call documentation

## eContentplus website

<http://ec.europa.eu/eContentplus>

- Work programme
- Call text
- Guide for proposers
- Model grant agreement
- Frequently asked questions (FAQ)



# Where to get help

## From the Commission

- eContentplus helpdesk  
[econtentplus@ec.europa.eu](mailto:econtentplus@ec.europa.eu)
- Preproposal service
- Preproposals addressed to the helpdesk using the form available on the web site

## From the National Contact Points

The list of NCPs is available on the web site under "contact"



Thank you for your  
attention!

**Questions?**

