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ITEA announces upcoming 7th Call for Projects

Each year ITEA issues a Call for Projects. Its 7th Call opens on 19 January. If you plan to participate, now is the time to visit ITEA's website <http://www.itea-office.org>.

ITEA's 7th Call opens on 19 January, when a Project Outline Preparation meeting will be held in Paris to firm up proposals and bring together potential partners. Project Outlines must be submitted by 2 April 2004. Those intending to participate can get details from the ITEA website.

ITEA projects are bottom-up, industry-driven initiatives, involving complementary R&D from at least two companies in two different countries (according to EUREKA rules). However, the number of industrial partners, both in terms of technology development and lead users, is usually higher. Projects involve between 40 and 300 person-years and typically last up to three years. Consortia should include partners from large industries, SMEs and universities/research institutes. All 33 countries in the EUREKA framework provide financial support.

ITEA Calls for Projects involve a two-step procedure. First Project Outlines are submitted. If this stage is successful, a Full Project Proposal is requested. Projects that are approved receive the ITEA (EUREKA-endorsed) label with which the chances of receiving national funding are greatly increased.

More detailed information is available on the ITEA website: www.itea-office.org (under PROJECT CALLS) or can be obtained from ITEA's programme coordinators. The ITEA's programme coordinators are **Riccardo Capobianchi** and **Erik Rodenbach**. Telephone: +31 40 247 5590.

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