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Dear colleagues,

you may already know it: the EU FP5 second call for proposals is out since today (<http://www.cordis.lu/eesd/calls/calls.htm>), as expected, and the deadline for submission is Feb 15.

The new call does indeed answer a question I have been wondering about when I heard from many first-call projects that they were asked to re-submit. The present call is only for the slots that were, last year, declared to be opened at this stage (not for the previous slots). Probably the re-invited proposals then still bid for the old money (or at least, I hope so).

There is however one important exception: "2.3.1 Mitigation and adaptation to global change". About this, the official document says "re-open ... because of the quality of proposal received in reply to the call of 20 March 1999". Further down, they point out that Kyoto really is tremendously important for the commission ("primary objective"), and then comes the following far-reaching sentence: "If one takes into account the time lag between the research results, the political decisions and the actual emission reduction it is evident that the year 2000 is the last opportunity for research to cover the remaining analytical gaps of priority." (da_pg2_en_199902.pdf, page 6). Tough!

This mail goes to all people I have currently listed as "likely participants in A-TEAM", although the group may either grow or shrink as the remaining time passes by (depending, among other things, on your inputs!).

The present state of development is that I have recently circulated another draft of our basic document among just a few of you, hoping for input to it REALLY SOON. On the basis of this, I intend to

- a) develop a better draft that will then be circulated to all of you,
- b) organize a small brainstorming meeting, hopefully before christmas, but again only with a small core group,
- c) by christmas, provide you with a roadmap for the remaining things to be done.

Best regards,

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