

IMISCOE RESEARCH CLUSTERS: CALL FOR PROPOSALS
DEADLINE: DECEMBER 1ST 2014

The IMISCOE Research Network organizes much of its collaborative work of researchers in Research Clusters and Standing Committees. The call for new initiatives is intended to mobilize colleagues in order to explore possibilities of enhancing new research (by developing research proposals), joint publications or other activities around specific topics as well as the establishment of Standing Committees for more long-term research clusters. Existing successful research clusters and standing committees are also encouraged to apply if they can clearly identify why further support from IMISCOE is needed. For more information on IMISCOE standing committees and research clusters, see www.imiscoe.org.

IMISCOE provides the following forms of support to research clusters:

- A maximum amount of 5000 euros as seed funding for cluster activities such as convening meetings, having keynotes, achieving publications, etc.
- Allocation of one or two fixed slots for every cluster during the IMISCOE annual conference. This can be used for a working meeting, a panel, a workshop, or any other type of activity.
- Communication of cluster activities on and via the IMISCOE website www.imiscoe.org and its newsletters

In order to be eligible for IMISCOE support, a proposal must meet the following criteria:

- The person(s) leading a proposal must be individual member of IMISCOE and must be employed at one of the 35 IMISCOE member institutes. Non-IMISCOE members (also from non-member institutes) can participate, but not as leader/chair. Member institutes can only coordinate a maximum of 2 clusters (standing committee or research cluster) at any given moment.
- The proposal should be clear on how the funding is used. The funding should be used to initiate new activities (convening meetings, inviting guest speakers, etc.). It is not permitted to cover personnel costs from the budget.
- The proposal should include presence of the proposed cluster at the upcoming IMISCOE annual conference.

Proposals will be reviewed by the Executive Board of IMISCOE. The proposals will be ranked according to the following award criteria::

- Argumentation of academic excellence of the proposal; how does the proposal reach beyond what we know already, in what way is it innovative. We encourage disciplinary as well as interdisciplinary proposals.
- Concreteness of the proposal in terms of output/outcomes; this can be either a joint publication effort (book/journal) or a joint effort to write a research proposal. For research proposals, it is recommended to mention the intended funding scheme to which the proposal will be submitted.
- Excellence of the researchers involved in the proposal and balance between young/mid-career/achieved scholars. Include a full CV of the cluster leader, and a list of other participants (including their positions and institutional affiliation).

- Representation of different countries and a fair number of IMISCOE member institutes and individual members.
- If the research cluster is following up on activities from previous years, then the proposal has to be explicit on what has been achieved already and what the new activities will add to these past achievements.

Please send your proposals (max 1500 words, in pdf-format) to imiscoe@fsw.eur.nl before December 1st 23:59.