



## Partial Funding for Academia-Industry Technology Transfer Projects in Computing Systems

TETRACOM (Technology Transfer in Computing Systems) is a Coordination Action funded by the European Commission under FP7 to coordinate and support technology transfers from academia to industry.

A funded Technology Transfer Project (TTP) can typically last 3-12 months, and the total budget can span from 20k to 200k EUR, of which TETRACOM can pay up to 50% (10k to 100k EUR). TETRACOM funding is only for academic beneficiaries (e.g. universities, publicly funded research centers, etc.). The company partner will



either co-fund the transfer project at the university or invest its own work – or both. During the review process, TTP proposals with a cash contribution from the company partner will be preferred. The expected average size of the TETRACOM grant will be 25k EUR. All costs need to be eligible costs as per EU FP7 project rules, e.g. no value added tax included. A public summary of the activity will be published after the TTP.

The applicant organisation is the University legal entity. A Participant Identification Code (PIC) in the European Commission database will be needed for including the University as a new beneficiary in the TETRACOM consortium for funding the TTP. To find out or register your organisation's PIC code, please refer to the participant Portal.

Only companies with business activities and/or physical sites in European Union or Associated States are eligible as technology transfer partners. However, the actual collaborating company department does not necessarily have to be located itself in these countries. The research institution and the company are responsible for entering into a bilateral contract on the technology transfer. The partnership to the TETRACOM consortium cannot be established before the existence of such a contract has been proven. The academic partner has also to accede to the existing grant agreement and consortium agreement.

The TTP proposals will be e valuated by external experts under a Non-Disclosure Agreement (ND). The steering committee of TETRACOM will perform the final approval or rejection of the proposals and decide the exact budget assignment for accepted proposals under confidential conditions.

Technology transfer projects require a certain level of maturity or readiness of the technology for such an action to be successful. A too low TRL (Technology Readiness Level) indicates that there is still a need for research and development activities before going for commercialization. At this page you can find some examples of technology transfer projects already accepted for TETRACOM funding.