



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO IDENTIFY
RESEARCH ACTIONS READY FOR SPECIFIC
PROGRAMME TOPICS AS A BASIS FOR THE
PREPARATION OF WORK PROGRAMMES FOR THE
6TH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH

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Acronym (up to 20 characters)	ACTraining Network					
Sub-Thematic Priority ¹ most relevant to your topic	1.1.1.1b					
Other relevant Sub-Thematic Priorities ²	1.1.1.1a					

Abstract:

With this expression of interest ACTIP, the Animal Cell Technology Industrial Platform, representing Europe's industry using animal cell culture technologies, together with ESACT, the European Society for Animal Cell Technology, representing individual scientists working in the field, would like to draw attention to the current and future shortage of qualified personnel at all levels (technician, engineer, PhD) in animal cell culture technologies. This shortage, which is expected to become worse with increasing activities in biotechnology, genomics, proteomics, metabonomics and toxicogenomics, could severely hamper Europe's scientific and industrial competitiveness and should be addressed by a dedicated "training through research" programme relevant for the biotech industry active in Animal Cell Technology (including production of biopharmaceuticals, cell-biology and screening methods). Such a training programme could be executed in both academia and industry and would address all levels (from technicians to PhD students). Because of the specialised nature of the profession and the shortage of national facilities in this field in most EU member states, a co-ordinated European effort is the only realistic option. Therefore, ESACT and ACTIP urge the European Commission to create opportunities in Framework Programme 6 to support **dedicated "training through research" activities in animal cell culture technology** to adequately support Europe's goal of becoming, in the coming years, a world leader in science and technology.

¹ Indicate only one sub-thematic priority number given in Annex 1, eg. 1.1.6.1.i or 1.1.1.ii.b or 2.3

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