



WearIT@work: Take-Up Call

Draft version and preliminary explanations

wearIT@work integrated project is composed by 35 partners coming from 14 different European countries and working in different industrial sectors, research environments, Universities. Among them we can mention Carl Zeiss, DoCoMo, EADS, HP, Microsoft, SAP and Siemens. The project is coordinated by TZI, one of the research centres of the University of Bremen. With a total budget 23,7M€ and an EC funding of 14,6M€, wearIT@work, which is started in June 2004 and will end in November 2008, is currently the largest worldwide project about Wearable Computing.

Take-Up projects aim

- Facilitating the use of wearable technologies in working environments.
- Openness: the call is open to everybody (except partners of wearIT@work, which cannot get any further funding out of this call) and will consider also third party technologies.
- Independent evaluation: the take-up project proposals will be evaluated by independent experts.

Available funding

- 382.000 €;
- Expected number of funded projects: 1-3 (duration of a projects \leq 18 months).

Take-Up project types

- Application of wearable technology in new industrial sectors (industrial trials);
- Take-up of best practices and standards in applications similar to those in the four business cases;
- Further development and improvement of the current business applications (e.g., ergonomics aspects, human-computer interfaces, etc.).
- User Centred Design (UCD) studies for application of wearables in other industrial environments.

Participants and roles

- Industrial companies, research organisations, public administration;
- Maximum three organisations per project; single participation is possible;
- Participants from the Member States of the European Union and Associated States.

Examples for take-up project consortia

Take-Up project type	Participant Roles
Industrial trial	Application scenario owner, system integrator and/or technology provider
Best practices take-up	Application scenario owner, and/or system integrator and/or knowledge provider
Business applications further development	Technology provider e/o system integrator
UCD studies	Application scenario owner, knowledge provider

- The above are only examples for possible roles within the different types of take-up activities. It is up to the evaluators to decide whether the proposers have the necessary expertise and capabilities to fill the roles necessary for each single proposal.
- The same organisation can play more than one role within a take-up project.

- Examples of organisation types for the different roles:
 - Application scenario owner (final user): industrial companies, public administrations and governmental bodies, research organisations;
 - Technology provider: industrial companies, research organisations;
 - System integrator: industrial companies, research organisations;
 - Knowledge provider: research organisations, consulting firms;

Take-Up Schedule

- August 23, 2006 Call issue and submission opening
- September 27, 2006 Submission closing
- October 11, 2006 End of evaluation
- November 22, 2006 Commission approval
- November 23, 2006 Start negotiation
- June 30, 2008 End Take-up Projects

Structure of a Take-Up project proposal

- **Part A:** set of forms collecting administrative data about the proposal and the proposers (e.g. proposers' name and address, brief description of the work, total funding requested by type of activity etc).
- **Part B:** the text of the proposal, structured as follows.
 - *Front page, contents page, summary page.*
 - *Tasks addressed:* which tasks within the call are addressed, what is proposed, how relevant it is to the call aim and the WearIT@work aim (facilitating the adoption of wearable technology in working environments), potential impacts and benefits.
 - *Outline implementation plan:* activities (work packages and tasks; Gant and Pert diagrams, types of activities- research and innovation, demonstration, training, project management activities). The recommended length of this part is 10 pages.
 - *Description of the participants:* description of the participating organisations, the competences and capabilities of each individual person that will take part of the project and their expertise in order to achieve the objectives; complementarity between the take-up project consortia and the existing wearIT@work participants. The recommended length for this part is max. 5 pages per participant;
 - *Project resources:* project effort form (person-months for each activity in the plan), description of resources needed (personnel, equipment, finance, etc.). The recommended length of this part is 3 pages;
 - *Other issues:* wider societal implications, knowledge spreading and awareness, synergies with education, gender issues, ethical issues.

All the proposal preparation forms will be available on the project web-site soon.

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