

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF A COMPETITIVE CALL FOR AN ADDITIONAL PROJECT PARTNER**

The following project currently active in the *Sixth Framework programme of the European Community for research, technological development and demonstration activities contributing to the creation of the European research area and to innovation (2002-2006)* requires the participation of a new project partner to carry out certain tasks within the project.

Project contract number: 511598; Project acronym: COGAIN; Project full name: Communication by Gaze Interaction

Strategic objective: IST / eInclusion; Instrument type: Network of Excellence

Expected duration of participation in project: from September 2005 to August 2009

Language in which proposal should be submitted: English

Opening date and time of the call: February 23rd, 2005, 17h00 Brussels time

Closing date and time of the call: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2005, 17h00 Brussels time

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COGAIN is a Network of Excellence, aiming at a durable integration of activities in its field (using eye-gaze to help in the communication of special user groups, especially those suffering from motor neuron diseases). The project started in September 2004, and the goal is that it will during its five-year funding period create structures that remain active and influential through other means of funding after August 2009. COGAIN aims to achieve this goal by forming a network of (a) developers of eye communication applications, (b) developers of eye-tracking technology, and (c) representatives of user organisations and communication centres. Partners in the network should be willing to share their visions and to commit to using jointly developed platforms and application interfaces. The degree of integration is a key element when the progress of the project is evaluated.

Summary of task(s) requested: With this call, we look for (1-4) partners who develop eye communication applications or are able to provide new tracking solutions, interface approaches, or language models used for text entry; (1-4) partners who promote exploitation of the technology and applications developed in the project; and (1) partner to expand our contacts with user communities; in total, at most 5 new partners will be selected.

Total Commission funding available for the tasks by the new partners is maximum EUR 141.600 (about EUR 7.000 per partner per year on the average). The project budget is revised yearly; actual funding depends on how actively the COGAIN partners are involved in the activities of the project. The bulk of the funding goes to integration activities.