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Timings for first NER300 Call

The Commission's intended timetable for the first NER300 Call for Proposals, [revealed in an answer to a Parliamentary Question](#), is given below. The first deadlines have slipped by three months compared to estimates made by the Commission in March 2010:

- **in Q3 2010** Publication of Call in the Official Journal (external consultants are aiding the Commission in designing the Call). Commission officials talk of September or October.
- **in Q3 or Q4 2010** The Commission organises an NER300 Info Day.
- **in Q4 2010** Consortia bidding for projects submit their proposals to the Member State(s) where they would like to build their project. The Commission wants to allow bidders at least three months from the date of Call publication to submit their proposals.
- **in Q1 2011** The Member States forward the proposals they approve to the EIB for technical and financial due diligence
- **by Q4 2011** EIB screening complete
- **by 31 Dec 2011** EC adopts decisions to award NER300 funding to winning proposals. This deadline will not be moved. If further slippage in the timetable occurs, the time allotted to the EIB and Commission in 2011 will be reduced.

According to this draft schedule, the last quarter of 2011 would be available for Member States to negotiate with Commission on the particular projects each wants to fund. They will, as a group, need to agree on a portfolio of winning proposals before the Commission can commit NER300 funding to any project.