



# Welcome to EDULINK

The ACP – EU Cooperation Programme  
in Higher Education

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# THE EDULINK PROGRAMME

- **EDULINK** is a programme **open to all ACP states**;
- **EDULINK** benefits **Higher Education Institutions (HEIs)**;
- Projects selected for grant funding were identified through **open calls for proposals**;
- Applications had to be submitted by **networks of HEIs** working around a **joint project**.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVES

- To foster capacity building and regional integration in the field of higher education through **institutional networking**;
- To support **a higher education system of quality**, which is efficient and relevant to the needs of the labour market, and consistent with socio-economic development priorities of ACP countries.

# PROGRAMME PURPOSE

The Programme purpose is to **strengthen the capacity** of ACP Higher Education Institutions at their **three constitutive levels:**

- **Institutional/administrative,**
- **Academic**
- **Research and Technology**

# APPLICANTS (I)

- **Eligible applicants** are HEIs (university, polytechnic, college, institute, or similar), or entities within such institutions, with their headquarters in **any of the ACP** states or in the **15 EU Member States** that are signatories to the 9<sup>th</sup> EDF.

**HEIs** are institutions that:

- Provide courses at the undergraduate and/or graduate level of higher education, leading to recognised qualifications in their own country;
- Are recognised and their diplomas accredited by the competent national authority in their own country.

## APPLICANTS (II)

- Applicants must operate within a constituted institutional network, involving **at least 3 HEIs from at least 2 different ACP states**.
- The participation of **EU HEIs** is not imperative, but is welcomed.
- HEIs from **Cuba** and **South Africa** may participate in projects as applicants or partners but cannot be direct beneficiaries of EDF funds.

# DURATION AND FINANCING

## DURATION

- Project duration is a **minimum of 1 year** and a **maximum of 3 years**.

## FINANCING

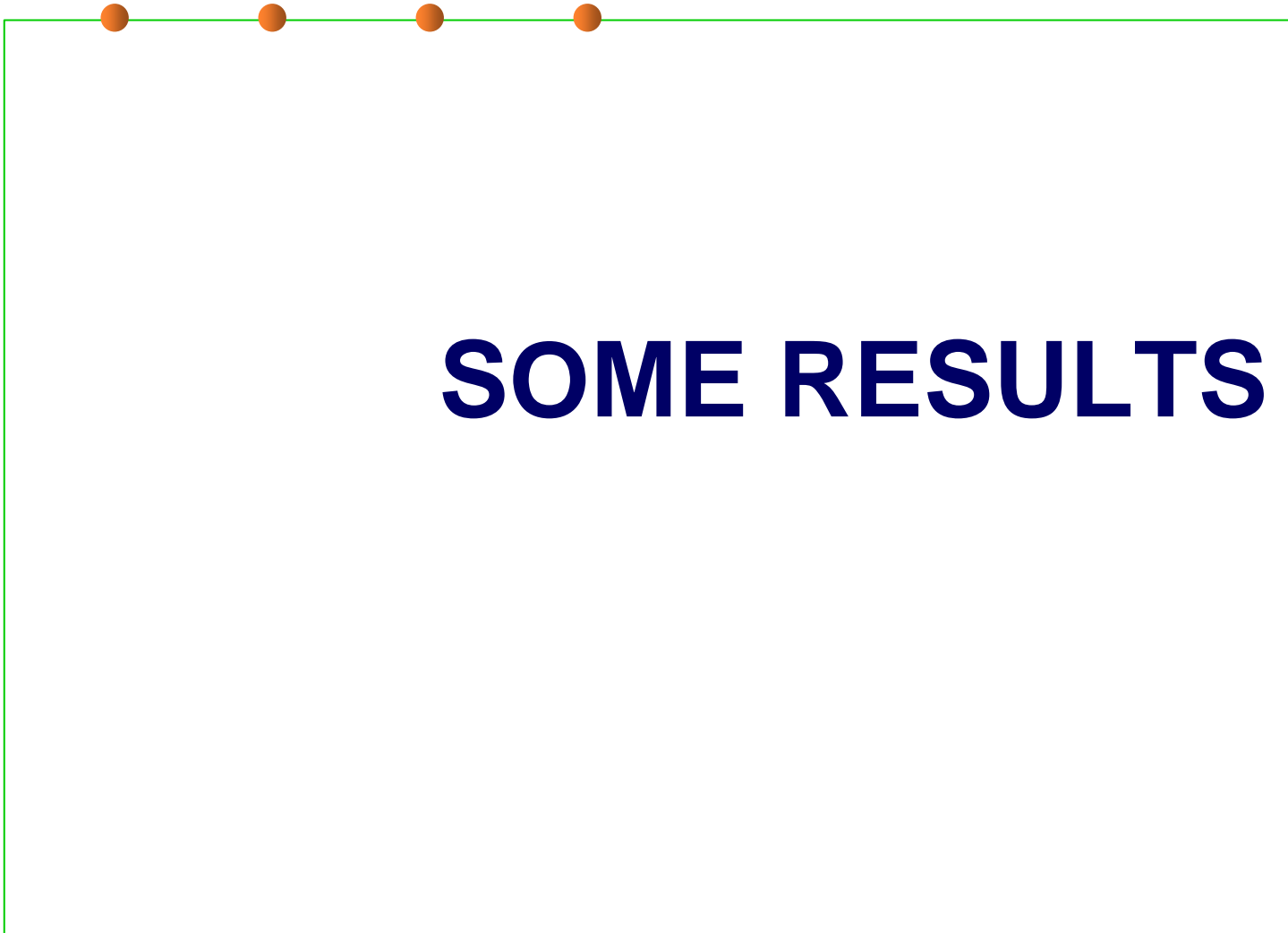
- Selected Projects could be awarded a **grant** between a **minimum of 200.000 €** and a **maximum of 500.000 €**
- Applicants' **own contribution** had to be at least **15% of the total project volume**.

# ORGANISATIONAL AND IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

**3 Calls for Proposals have been implemented  
between 2006 and 2008:**

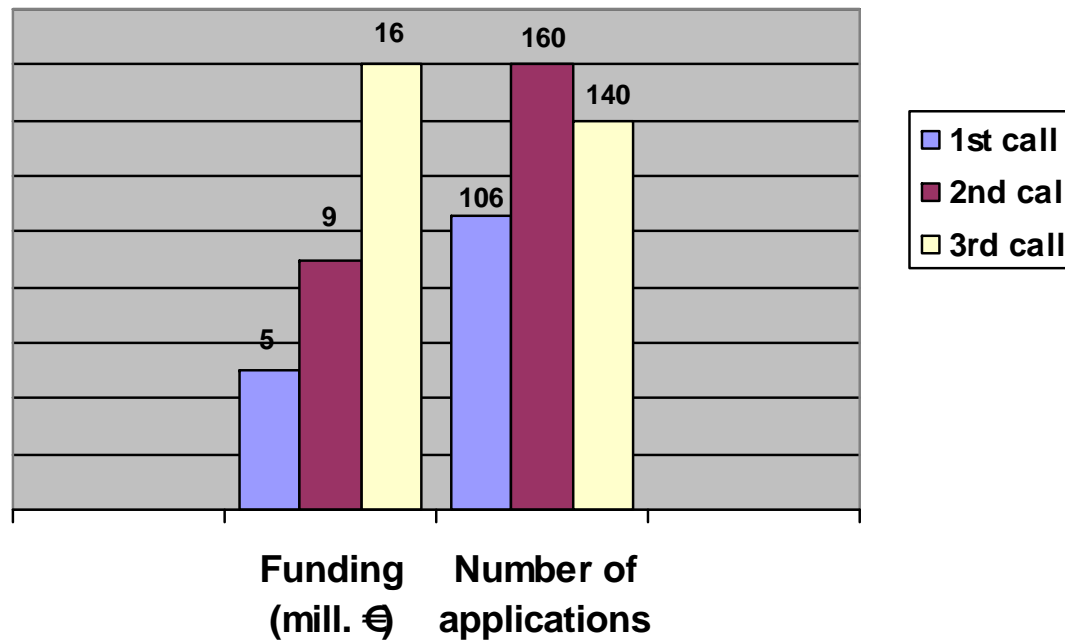
- **1<sup>st</sup> call: 5 million € → 11 projects**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> call: 9 million € → 21 projects**
- **3<sup>rd</sup> call: 16 million € → 34 projects**

**TOTAL 30 million € → 66 projects**

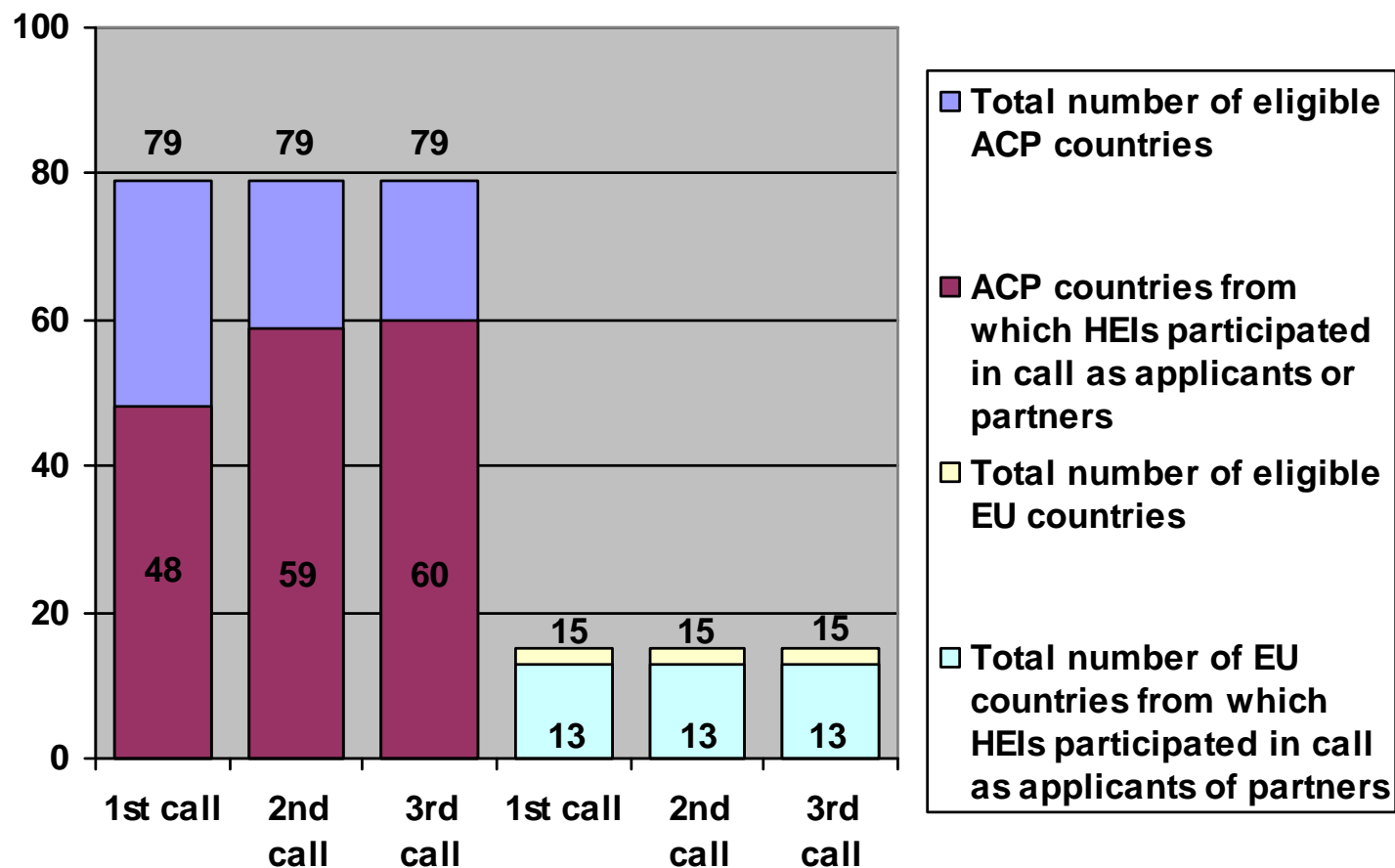


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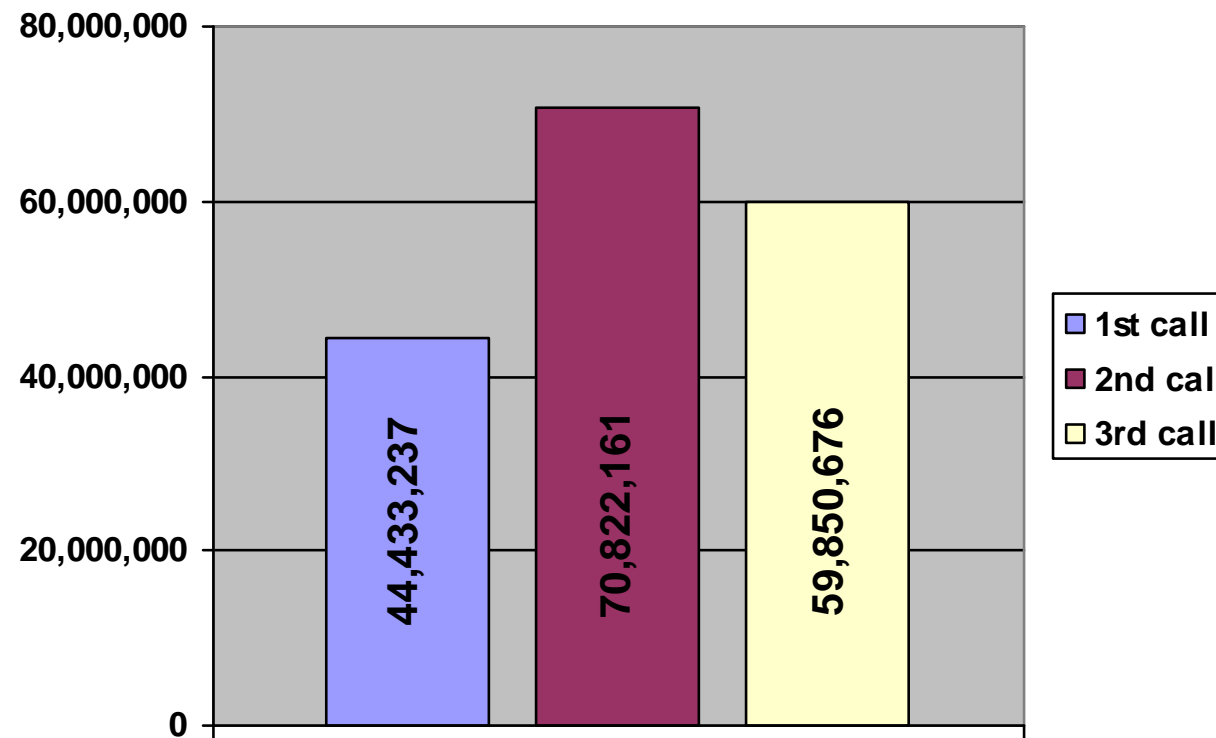
## Funding and number of applications received



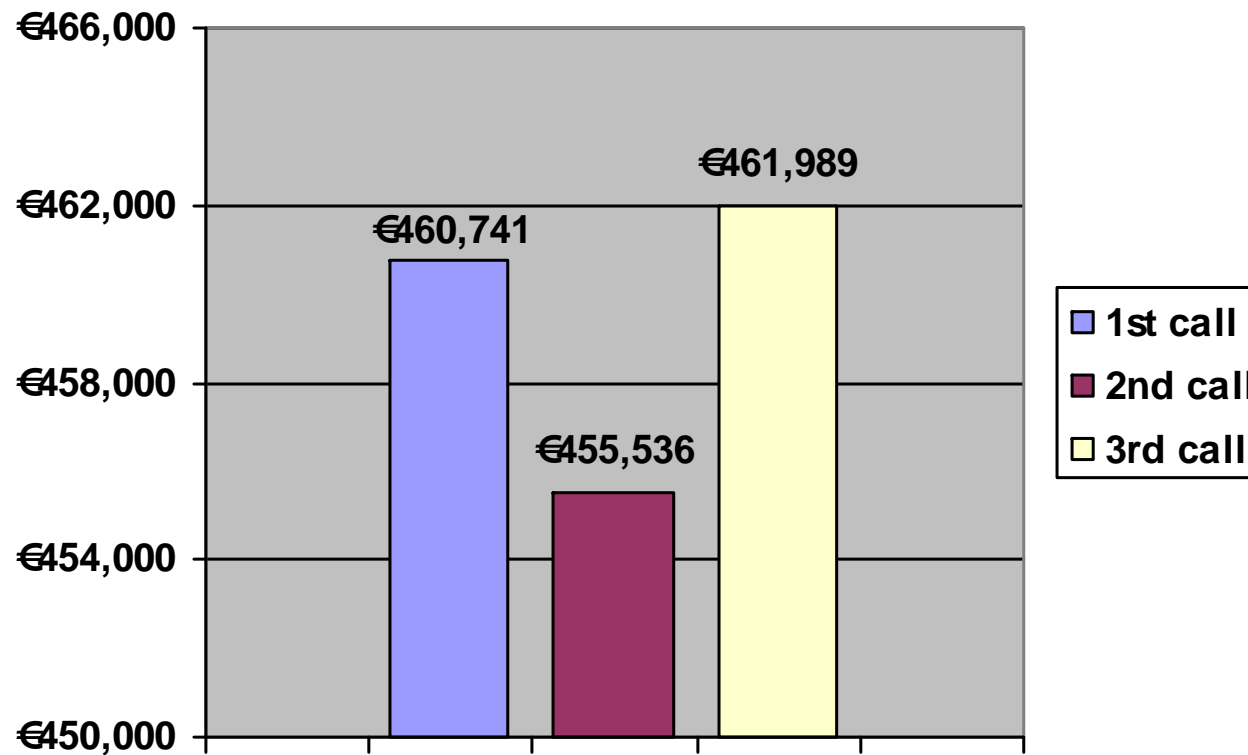
# Eligible ACP and EU countries represented through applicant or partner HEIs



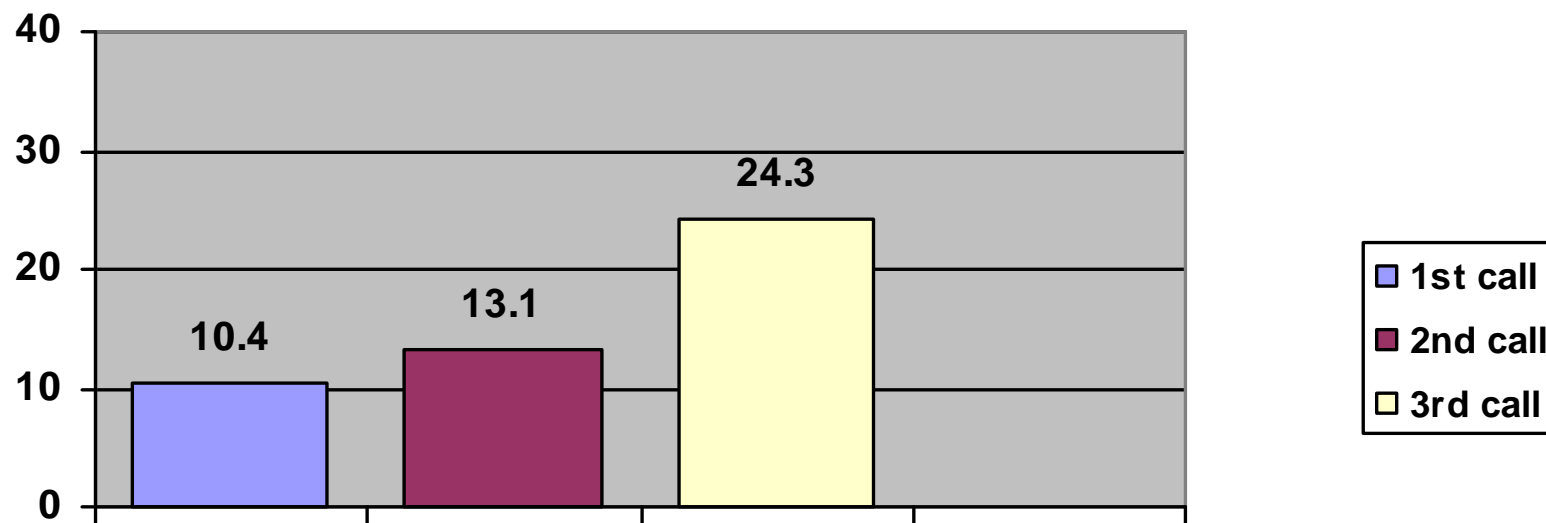
# Amount of funding requested in €mill



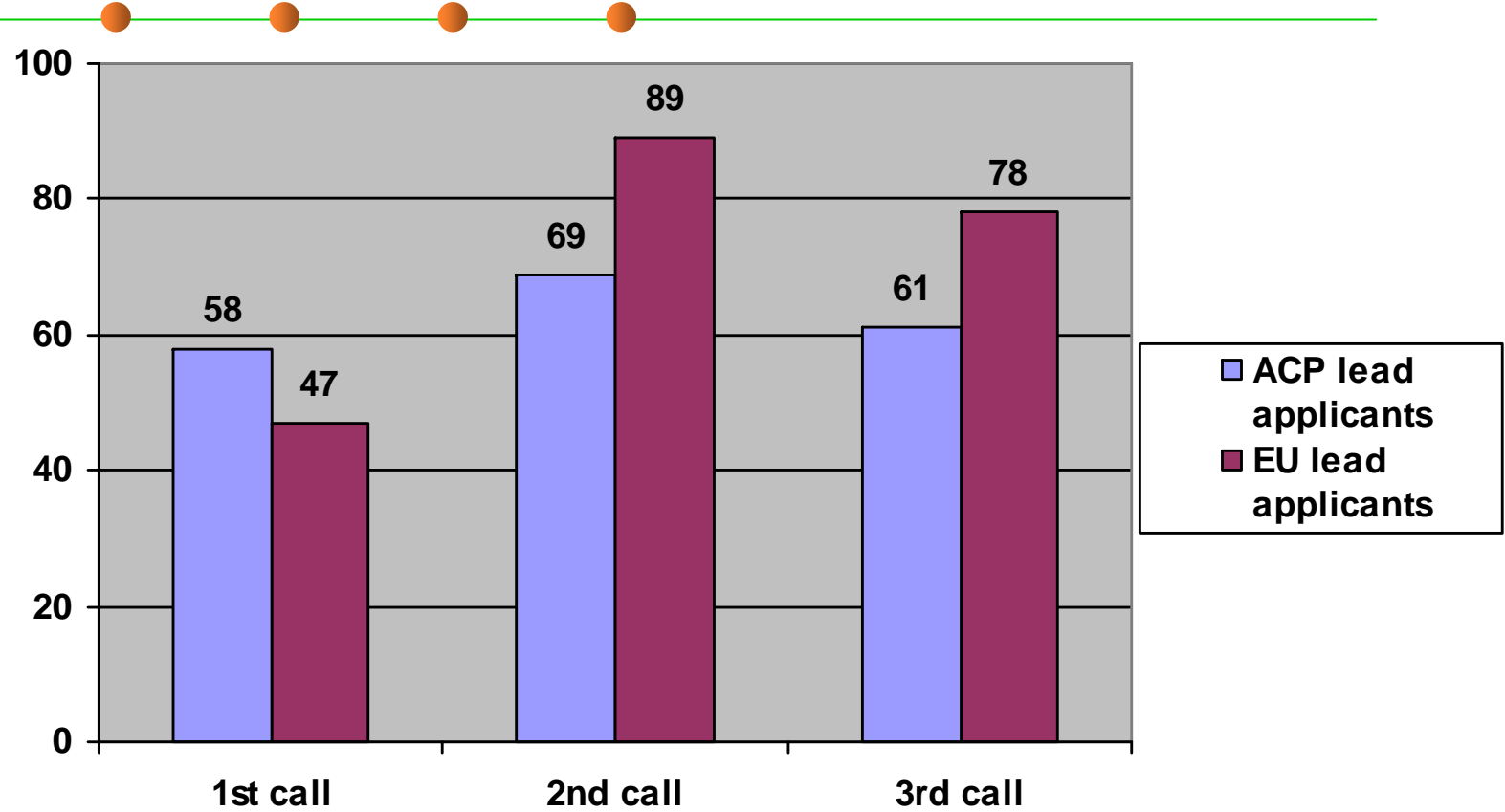
## Average amount of funding of selected projects



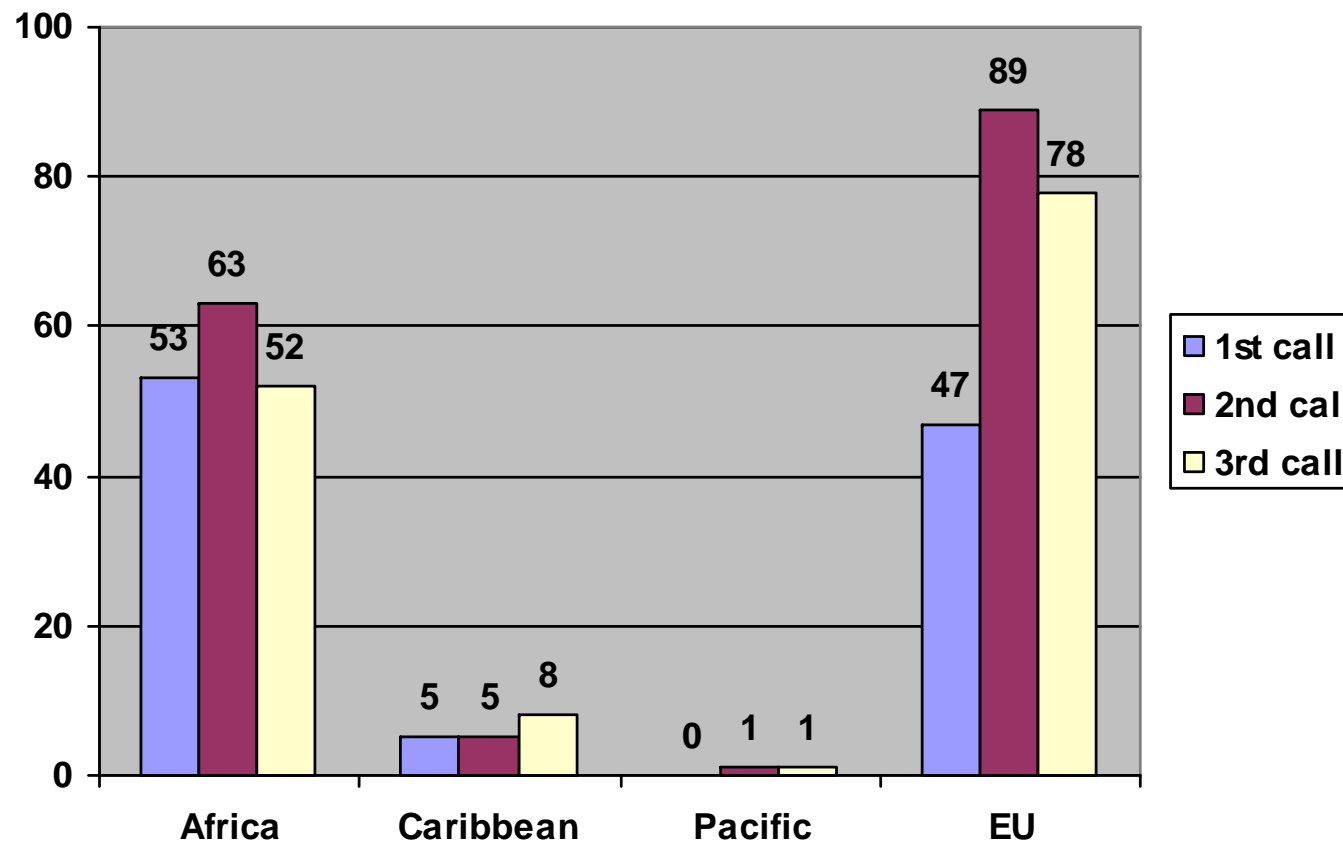
# Funded applications as percentage of applications received



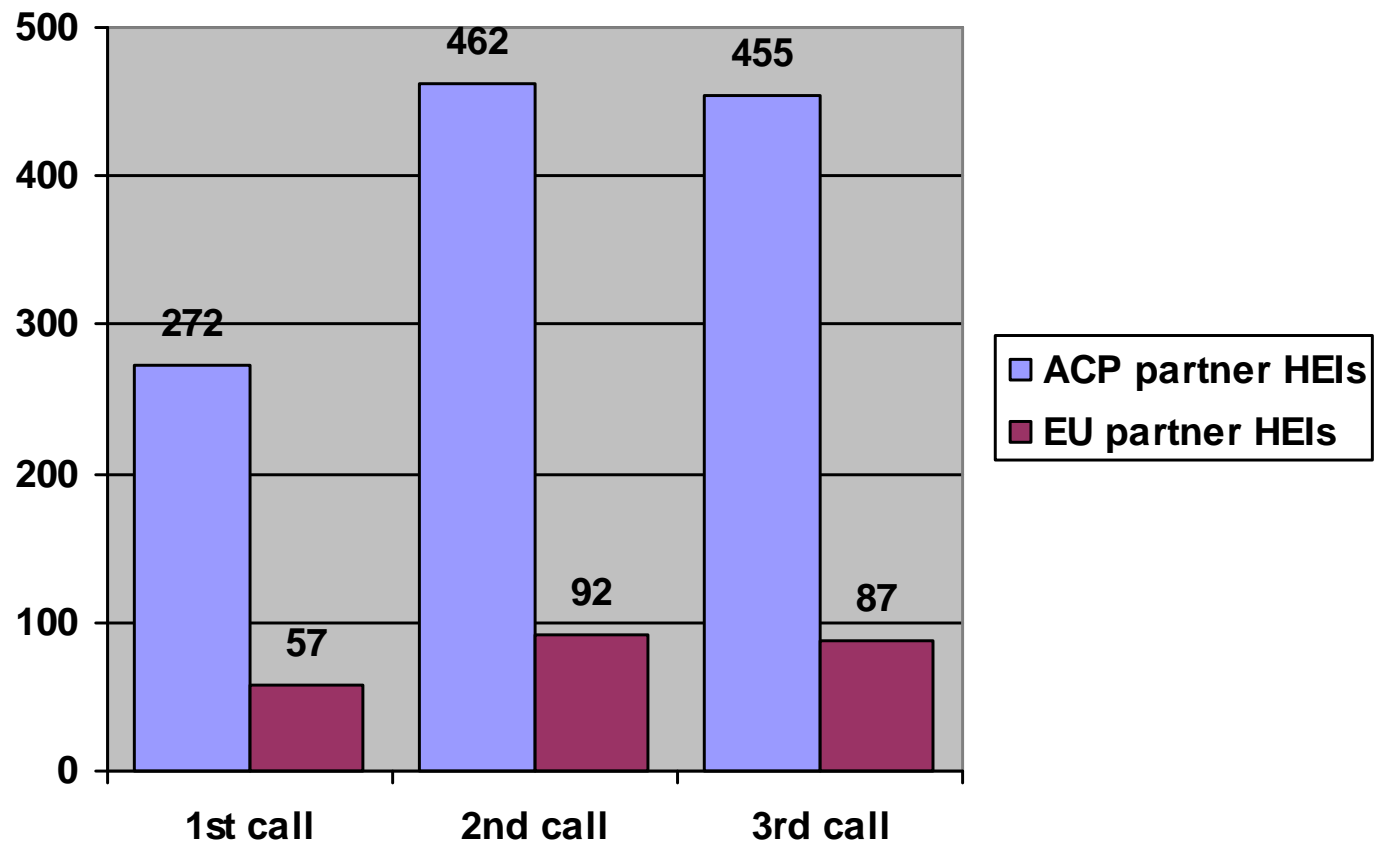
# Number of ACP and EU lead applicants



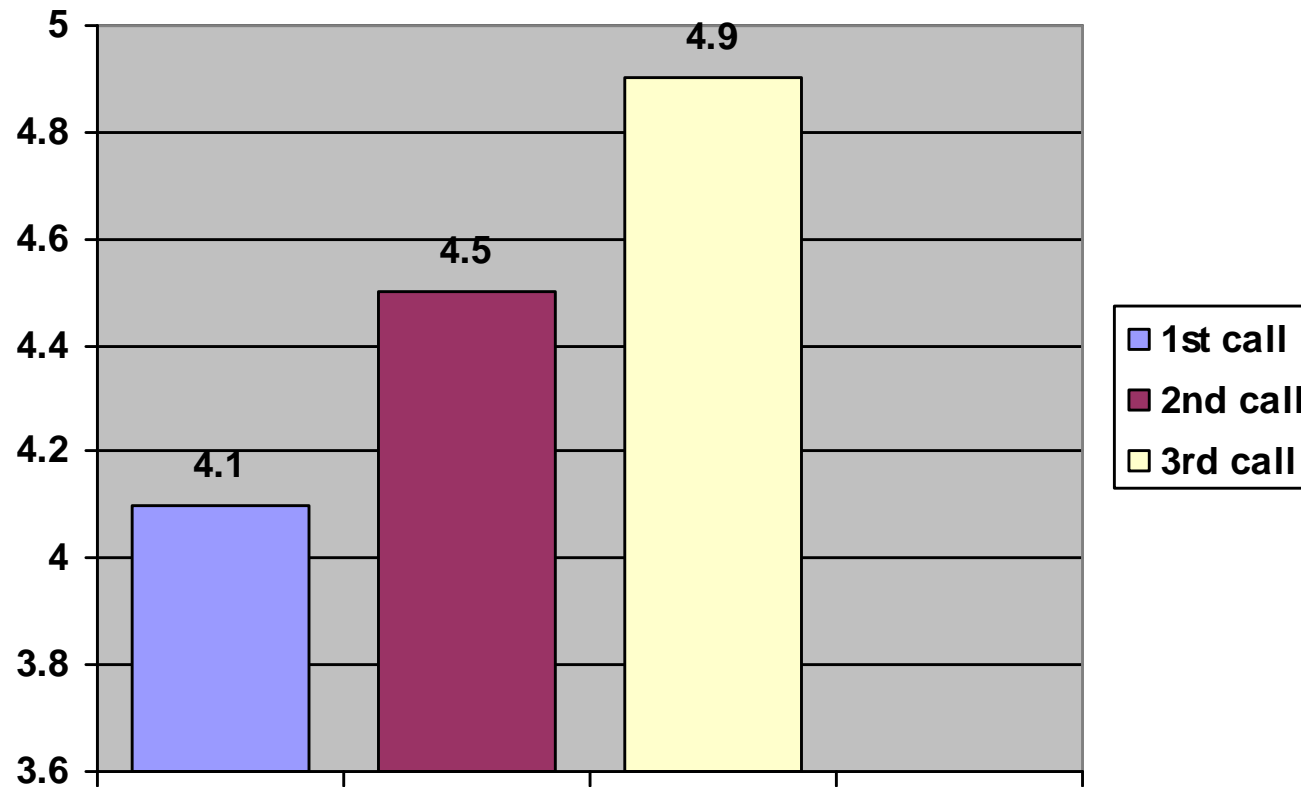
# Lead applicant HEIs by region



## Number of ACP and EU HEIs involved as partners



## Average size of partnerships



## Higher Education Institutions that have won more than 1 contract

