



Welcome to NEXPRESSO, the "Network for EXchange and PRototype Evaluation of photonicS componentS and Optical systems". Beginning in July 2010, NEXPRESSO is a 3 year programme funded under the Seventh Framework Programme of the European Union (FP7-ICT-2009.3.7: Photonics). NEXPRESSO is a continuation of ACCORD the Advanced Components Cooperation for Optoelectronics Research and Development.

NEXPRESSO's objectives are to:

- Purchase at marginal cost pre-competitive photonic devices from innovative European companies and put them in the hands of European researchers and students, at no net cost to the university or to the company that furnished the devices and
- Facilitate transfer of device evaluation results to potential end-users, assisting companies to access new markets and new applications.

Involvement in NEXPRESSO is free of charge. Organisations wishing to participate are asked to register their interest and hence become a Member of the NEXPRESSO Project by accessing the web site www.nexpresso.eu

There are three different types of call in the NEXPRESSO Project

Type 1

This is a continuation of the ACCORD mechanism. Manufactures register pre-market components on which they would like researchers to conduct experiments. These components are displayed on the NEXPRESSO web site and Researchers are asked to propose projects with a selected component. The proposals are assessed and the best are selected to enter contract negotiations. NEXPRESSO purchase the component and offer it to the researcher to undertake the proposed project.

Type 2

Under this mechanism researchers can ask for a component not currently available in the market in order to progress their research. Manufacturers can then propose components nearing market launch. AS IN Type 1 NEXPRESSO will purchase the component and provide it to the researcher.

TYPE 3

In this mechanism an "End-User" can suggest a research project using a component not yet in the market. The Researcher and component supplier have to be identified. Once this has been achieved NEXPRESSO buys the component and provides it to the researcher.

All three types of call are open. In the case of Type 1 it is the call for components which will be open until 30th March 2012. The corresponding Call for R&D Proposals will open on 16th April and close on 25th May 2012.