

FORESTVALUE CALL FOR PROPOSALS - PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

ForestValue - Innovating the forest-based bioeconomy

PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS IN 2017

The ForestValue Research Programme announces the upcoming call for joint European research projects. The indicative total available budget amounts to 25 million € (national public funding including EC top-up funding of 5 million €). The total call volume with industrial co-funding is estimated to be above 30 million €.*

The call for pre-proposals is expected to open in the last quarter 2017. Projects are expected to start in late 2018/early 2019.

The topics of the planned *ForestValue* joint call will contribute to **transforming the global economy from a dependence on fossil and non-renewable raw materials to a sustainable “bio-based economy”**.

The overarching aim of the call is to support projects that will address the development and/or proof of novel strategies, methods, processes or products designed to support the forestry and forest-based industries (incl. their respective partners, resellers, consumers, end-users) on their way towards novel bio-products/services while remaining competitive and efficient providers of sustainable products and services. Attention will be given to currently underused potentials in the production and processing chain of the forest-based sector to develop novel ideas and create new markets.

Basic and applied research, close-to-market research and innovation actions are all envisaged.

The co-funded joint transnational call will address the whole forest-based value chain in two areas. The exact scope will be defined and decided by the Call Steering Committee but the expected main directions of the call are:

- A. *Sustainable management of forests*
- B. *Innovative production technologies, industrial processing, products and services*

As these topics, covering the whole forest value chain, are crosscutting, the call will also aim to encourage and make best use of interdisciplinary systems approaches, and improve the impact and integration of social research and economics in this sector. As policy issues pertain to all parts of the value chain, they may be addressed in each part.

This early pre-announcement of the call is to give potential consortia time to start discussing ideas for collaborative projects before the formal call is announced.

The full call information package will be published in the last quarter of 2017.



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2017 Joint Call Funding Partner Organisations

Please note that the information in this table is provisional and subject to change in the official call announcement being published with the call opening.

| Country | Funding partner organisation |
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| Finland | Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM) |
| Finland | Academy of Finland (AKA) |
| Finland | Tekes – the Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation (Tekes) |
| Finland | Ministry of the Environment (YM) |
| Austria | Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment & Water Management (BMLFUW) |
| Czech Republic | Ministry of Agriculture of the Czech Republic (MoA) |
| Czech Republic | Forestry and Game Management Research Institute (FGMRI) |
| France | The French Environment and Energy Management Agency (ADEME) |
| France | The French National Research Agency (ANR) |
| Germany | Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) |
| Germany | Agency for Renewable Resources (FNR) |
| Ireland | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) |
| Latvia | Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (LAAFS) |
| Latvia | State Education Development Agency (VIAA) |
| Poland | National Science Centre (NCN) |
| Slovenia | Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS) |
| Spain | Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (MINECO) |
| Spain | The Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology |
| Sweden | The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS) |
| Sweden | Swedish Energy Agency (SWEA) |
| Sweden | Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova) |
| United Kingdom | The Forestry Commissioners (FC) |
| Norway | Research Council of Norway (RCN) |
| Switzerland | The Commission for Technology and Innovation (CTI; in the Federal Department of Economic Affairs FDEA) |
| Switzerland | Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN; in the Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications DETEC) |
| Tunisia | Institution of Agricultural Research and Higher Education (IRESA) |
| Turkey | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) |
| Argentina | The Argentine Ministry of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation (MINCyT) |
| Egypt | Academy of Scientific Research & Technology (ASRT) |
| Jordan | National Center for Agricultural Research And Extension (NCARE) |

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