

FORESTVALUE CALL FOR PROPOSALS - PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

ForestValue - Innovating the forest-based bioeconomy

Provisional¹ 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 September 2017 with a closing date for pre-proposals in December 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 September 2017.



¹ * On 14 February 2017 a proposal for the ERA-NET Cofund “ForestValue - Innovating forest-based bioeconomy” was submitted to the European Commission (EC) in response to the SFS-19 call Sustainable Food Security - Resilient and resource-efficient value chains. ForestValue builds on the success of three forest-related ERA-NETs: WoodWisdom-Net, SUMFOREST and FORESTERRA. The main aim of ForestValue is the joint implementation of a trans-national call for proposals for research, development and innovation in the forest-based sector. Results of the evaluation of this proposal and thus confirmation for the planned joint call announcement are expected by mid-May 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
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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