# Networking with Southeast Europe:

## Joint Call for Research Proposals

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## SEE-ERA.NET PLUS Joint Call

Following SEE-ERA.NETs successful Pilot Joint Call, SEE-ERA.NET PLUS further enhances RTD cooperation between the Western Balkan Countries (WBC), Turkey and EU Member States. The design of the call focuses on the priorities and needs of the Western Balkan countries with a view to strengthening their integration into the European Research Area (ERA).

## Mission Statement

Based on the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, SEE-ERA.NET PLUS is the next step in further integrating the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) and its key research communities into the European Research Area (ERA). It will further enhance the coordination of bilateral R&D cooperation with the WBC and lift it up to an activity at European level. By joining forces and by pooling financial resources, the SEE-ERA.NET PLUS consortium creates critical mass. The SEE-ERA.NET PLUS consortium consists of seventeen partners from fourteen countries of the South Eastern European (SEE) region (6), EU Member States (7) and Turkey (1), involving the relevant R&D programme owners.

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The indicative budget per project will be a maximum of 150.000 Euros for a period of one to maximum two years. The overall budget of this call is 3.5 Million Euros.

**Project applications have to be in English.**

More information about the call and the online-application tool can be found at
**http://plus.see-era.net/pjc**

Minimum conditions for participation:
Each consortium has to consist of at least two partners from the Western Balkan Countries and one from the other participating countries (2+1 principle).

The consortium consists of seven EU Member States (Austria, Bulgaria, France, Germany, Greece, Romania, Slovenia), six Western Balkan Countries (Albania, Bosnia and Hercegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia) and Turkey. Countries outside the consortium are welcome to participate with their own funding.

**If you have further questions, please contact your SEE-ERA.NET National Contact Point.**

# Two-step procedure:

## Step 1:

*1st of September 2009*
Launch of 1st step of the Joint Call
(Expressions of Interest)

*31st of October 2009*
Deadline for the submission of Expressions
of Interest (max. 5 pages)

## Step 2:

After a successful evaluation, selected project consortia
will be invited to submit their full proposals.

*1st of January 2010*
Launch of 2nd step of the Joint Call
(Full Proposals)

*15th of March 2010*
Deadline for the 2nd step of the call

# Thematic priorities:

## AgroFood

1) Preservation of indigenous species and
   traditional food products (in SEE/WBC)

2) Interdisciplinary field: Land use impact
   in agriculture on biodiversity

## ICT

3) Software systems for learning process
   management and support

4) ICT for energy efficiency

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