

**Call title: ERA-NET Call 2013**

- Call identifier: **FP7-ERANET-2013-RTD**
- Date of publication: 10 July 2012.
- Deadline: 28 February 2013, at 17.00.00, Brussels local time<sup>1</sup>.

**Indicative budgets and Topics<sup>2</sup>:**

A total of EUR 61.1 million<sup>3</sup> is foreseen for this cross-thematic call, which will be allocated to the ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus topics detailed in *Table 1* by the individual Themes in the Cooperation Work Programme and Parts in the Capacities Work Programme which are participating in the call.

**Table 1 – Overview of the Actions in FP7-ERANET-2013 -RTD**

*Funding Scheme: Coordination and Support Actions (Coordinating Actions)*

<b>Challenge/Activity / Area</b>	<b>Topic identifier</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Indicative budget (EUR million)</b>
<b>FOOD SECURITY, SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE, MARINE AND MARITIME RESEARCH AND THE BIO-ECONOMY</b>			
Socio-economic research and support to policies	KBBE.2013.1.4-01	Sustainable Forest Management and Multifunctional Forestry ERA-NET	2.0
	KBBE.2013.1.4-02	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) ERA-NET	2.0
	KBBE.2013.1.4-03	Mediterranean agriculture ERA-NET	2.0

<sup>1</sup> The Director-General responsible for the call may delay this deadline by up to two months.

<sup>2</sup> Under the condition that the draft budget for 2013 is adopted without modifications by the budget authority.

<sup>3</sup> Total indicative budget provided by the concerned Themes for ERA-NET actions. Following the evaluation of proposals, the final total budget of the call, as well the individual sub-budgets independently allocated by each Theme, may vary by up to 10% of the values initially foreseen.

	KBBE.2013.1.4-04	Information and Communication Technologies and robotics for sustainable agriculture ERA-NET	2.0
	KBBE.2013.1.4-05	Climate smart Agriculture: adaptation of agricultural systems in Europe ERA-NET Plus	4.0
	KBBE.2013.1.4-06	Innovative solutions in organic food and agriculture for next generation of food systems seeking synergies between rural development, natural resource management and food security and quality ERA-NET Plus	3.0
Marine and fresh-water biotechnology	KBBE.2013.3.2-01	Marine biotechnology ERA-NET	2.0
<b>LEADERSHIP IN ENABLING AND INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGIES</b>			
Integration	NMP.2013.4.0-7	ERA-NET to support Innovation in the NMP thematic area	1.5
<b>SECURE, CLEAN AND EFFICIENT ENERGY</b>			
Energy: Horizontal Programme Actions	ENERGY.2013.10.1-1	ERA-NET Plus – Bioenergy II: Demonstrations of the European Industrial Bioenergy Initiative	20.0
	ENERGY.2013.10.1-2	ERA-NET Plus – European wind resources assessment	5.0
	ENERGY.2013.10.1-3	Supporting the coordination of national research activities of Member States and Associated States in the field of OCEAN energy (ERA-NET)	2.0

<b>PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT</b>			
Mobilising environment knowledge for policy, industry and society	ENV.2013.6.5-6	ERA-NET Plus – Development of new methodologies, technologies and products for the assessment, protection and management of historical and modern artefacts, buildings and sites	4.0
<b>SMART, GREEN AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORT</b>			
Eco-Innovation	SST.2013.1-3	ERA-NET Plus - Advanced systems, materials and techniques for next generation infrastructure	4.0
<b>INCLUSIVE, INNOVATIVE AND SECURE SOCIETIES</b>			
Socio-economic Sciences and Humanities	SSH.2013.2.1-4	ERA-NET Plus on the future of the welfare state	6.0
Gender and Research	SiS.2013.2.1.1-2 <sup>4</sup>	ERA-NET on the promoting of gender equality in research institutions	1.6

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<sup>4</sup> A dedicated additional eligibility criterion (3 years minimum duration of the action) is applicable to topic SiS.2013.2.1.1-2.

## **General Eligibility Conditions**

The general eligibility criteria are set out in Annex 2 to this work programme, and in the guide for applicants. The completeness criterion also includes that part B of the proposal shall be readable, accessible and printable. Only information provided in part A of the proposal will be used to determine whether the proposal is eligible with respect to budget thresholds and/or minimum number of eligible participants

## **Additional Eligibility Criteria for ERA-NET actions**

The minimum number of participants in an ERA-NET action is **3 independent legal entities** which finance or manage publicly funded national or regional programmes. **Each of these shall be established in a different Member State or Associated Country.**

Partners for ERA-NET actions eligible to satisfy the above conditions are:

- Programme owners: typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing research programmes carried out at national or regional level.
- Programme 'managers' (such as research councils or funding agencies) or other national or regional organisations that implement research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.
- Programme owners (typically national ministries/regional authorities) which do not have a running or fully fledged research programme at the moment of submitting an ERA-NET proposal, but which are planning, and have committed, to set up such a programme, are also eligible if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.

Sole participants (as referred to in Article 10 of the Rules for Participation) are eligible if the above-mentioned minimum conditions are satisfied by the legal entities forming together a sole participant. A sole participant shall explicitly indicate which of its 'members' are either programme owners or programme managers in the proposed action, and indicate for these members the respective national/regional programmes which are at the disposal of the proposed ERA-NET action.

Provided that the proposal complies with the minimum number of participants required in an ERA-NET action as described above, the following legal entities are eligible:

- a) Programme owners and programme managers not established in a Member State or Associated Country;
- b) Private legal entities (e.g. charities) which own or manage research programmes, if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.

**For topic SiS.2013.2.1.1-2, the minimum duration of the action shall be 3 years**

## **Additional Eligibility criteria for ERA-NET Plus actions**

- The minimum number of participants in an ERA-NET Plus action is **5 independent legal entities** which finance or manage publicly funded national or regional programmes. **Each of these shall be established in a different Member State or Associated Country.**

Partners for ERA-NET actions eligible to satisfy the above conditions are:

- Programme owners: typically national ministries/regional authorities responsible for defining, financing or managing research programmes carried out at national or regional level.
- Programme 'managers' (such as research councils or funding agencies) or other national or regional organisations that implement research programmes under the supervision of the programme owners.

Sole participants (as referred to in Article 10 of the Rules for Participation) are eligible if the above-mentioned minimum conditions are satisfied by the legal entities forming together a sole participant. A sole participant shall explicitly indicate which of its 'members' are either programme owners or programme managers in the proposed action, and indicate for these members the respective national/regional programmes which are at the disposal of the proposed ERA-NET Plus action.

- Provided that the proposal complies with the minimum number of participants required in an ERA-NET Plus action as described above, the following legal entities are eligible:
  - a) Programme owners and programme managers not established in a Member State or Associated Country;
  - b) Private legal entities (e.g. charities) which own or manage research programmes, if their participation is well justified and adds value to the overall programme coordination.
- A single joint call shall be planned with a clear financial commitment from the participating national or regional programmes<sup>5</sup>.
- The total planned budget of ***the joint call shall have a minimum financial volume of EUR 5 million, EU contribution included.***
- The joint call organised by the national programmes shall establish a set of common general evaluation/selection criteria, such as excellence and European added value.

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<sup>5</sup> Proposals must demonstrate that national research programmes are committed to support the call. Selected proposals will have to provide evidence that a commitment has been made by the relevant research programmes.

- A common peer review mechanism for evaluating the proposals submitted to the joint call shall be planned.
- Each project financed out of the joint call shall be trans-national (i.e. minimum of two partners from different Member States or Associated Countries).
- Detailed rules for participation in the funded trans-national projects shall be defined by the call organisers themselves (i.e. participating national or regional programmes).

## **Evaluation Criteria for ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals**

For the evaluation of ERA-NET and ERA-NET Plus proposals, the general criteria and thresholds applicable to Coordination and Support Actions given in Annex 2, are complemented as follows:

*1. Scientific and/or technological excellence - Quality of coordination (Threshold 3/5)*

Level of ambition in the collaboration and commitment of the participants in the proposed ERA-NET / ERA-NET Plus action to coordinate their national/regional research programmes.

*2. Quality and efficiency of the implementation (Threshold 3/5) – no additional criteria*

*3. Potential impact (Threshold 3/5)*

Contribution to establishing and strengthening a durable cooperation between the partners and their national/regional research programmes.

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A reserve list may be produced of proposals that pass the evaluation, but fall below the available budget.

- Proposal format:
  - Applicants shall ensure that proposals conform to the page limits and layout given in the Guide for Applicants, and in the proposal part B template available through the Electronic Submission Services of the Commission. The Commission will instruct the experts to disregard any pages exceeding these limits. The minimum font size allowed is 11 points. The page size is A4, and all margins (top, bottom, left, right) shall be at least 15 mm (not including any footers or headers).
- Evaluation procedure:
  - The evaluation will follow a single stage procedure.
  - Proposals will not be evaluated anonymously.
  - Proposals may be evaluated remotely.
- Indicative timetable:
  - Evaluation in April 2013.
  - Opening of negotiations in June 2013.
  - Selections from October 2013.
  - Grant agreements from December 2013.
- Consortia agreements:
  - Consortia Agreements are recommended.

- The forms of grant and maximum reimbursement rates which will be offered are specified in Annex 3 to the Cooperation work programme. This call provides the possibility to use flat rates to cover subsistence costs incurred by beneficiaries during travel carried out within grants for indirect actions. For further information, please refer to the relevant Guide for Applicants. The applicable flat rates are available on the Participant Portal at:  
[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7\\_documents](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/fp7_documents) under 'Guidance documents for FP7/Financial issues/Flat rates for daily allowances'.