Country	Participating funding organisations
Finland	The Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation (Tekes); Academy of Finland (AKA); Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)
France	Ministere de l'Agriculture de l'Alimentation de la Peche et de la Ruralité - Direction Générale des Politiques Agricole, Agroalimentaire et des Territoires (MAAP/DGPAAT), Institut Technologique (FCBA); Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique (INRA)
Germany	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF), Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH - Projektträger Jülich (PtJ); Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe e.V. (FNR)
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (COFORD); Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (SEAI)
Italy	Ministry of Agricultural, Food and Forestry Policie (MIPAAF)
Latvia	Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Latvia (ZM), Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS)
Norway	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)
Slovenia	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology (MHEST)
Spain	Instituto Nacional de Investigación y Tecnología Agraria y Alimentaria (INIA)
Sweden	Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA); The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas)
Turkey	Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)
United Kingdor	n Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council (EPSRC)

Contacts for further information

Updated information on this joint call and all relevant documents, including full call text and application form, are published on the two participating ERA-Nets' websites:

- WoodWisdom-Net www.call2010.woodwisdom.net
- ERA-NET Bioenergy www.eranetbioenergy.net

If you have questions on the general call process and proposal submission please contact the joint call office:

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For questions regarding national funding rules and national forms please consult the call text Annex A: Specific National Rules. Additional information on national funding rules can be obtained from the contact persons at the participating funding organisations (listed in the full call text).



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JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

WoodWisdom-Net

Research and Development Proposals for the WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme and ERA-NET Bioenergy

Sustainable forest management and optimised use of lignocellulosic resources:

Bridging gaps between research disciplines, producers, consumers and society

Deadline for applications: 1 December 2010, 1 PM (CET)







Introduction

In this call the European Research Area Networks (ERA-Nets) WoodWisdom-Net 2 and ERA-NET Bioenergy aim to step up the cooperation and coordination of research activities carried out at national and regional level by joining forces to promote innovative research and cooperation to help optimise the use of trees and forests.

Both ERA-Nets have launched several joint calls in the past, two within the WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme (on wood material science and engineering in forest-based value chains) and four within the ERA-NET Bioenergy (on small-scale combustion, on cleaning of product gas from biomass gasification, on short rotation coppice and on clean biomass combustion). This is the first joint call integrating both ERA-Nets.

This joint call should bring together partners along the whole innovation chain from basic and applied research to industrial development, as well as promoting the participation of researchers outside EU. The scope is broad, covering forest management, land use and innovative production in value chains, in addition to promoting interdisciplinary collaboration and involvement of stakeholders and bridging gaps between research disciplines, producers, consumers and society.

Total public funding of ca. 18.5 $M \in$ will be jointly provided by 19 national funding organisations (see table) during 2011-2014.

Call topics

Proposals for collaborative transnational projects on basic and/or applied research and/or industrial research and development are welcome. There is no funding available for industrial/commercial scale pilot projects.

The call covers the research topics listed below. Each proposal should address at least one or more of these topics. Innovative forms of cooperation are encouraged, e.g. interdisciplinarity (natural/technology sciences and social sciences, researchersusers), research and implementation, involvement of stakeholders.

- 1. Forest for multiple needs of society, including enhanced productivity and optimised use of forest feedstock.
- 2. Advanced products and technologies for primary wood processing and manufacturing of wood and fibre-based products.

3. Advanced biofuels and biorefineries.

Please refer to the full call text for a detailed description of the call topics and their focus areas.

Application procedure

All call documents and forms are published on the websites:

www.call2010.woodwisdom.net

www.eranetbioenergy.net

Submission deadline for pre-proposals:

1 December 2010, 1 PM CET

A joint transnational evaluation of pre-proposals will be undertaken and consortia that pass the pre-proposal evaluation will be invited to submit a full proposal.

Who is eligible to participate?

Proposals are invited for collaborative research and development from transnational consortia of industry, SMEs, stakeholder associations and research organisations that fulfill the following conditions:

1) consortium includes partners from at least three different countries from the list of participating countries (see table), and

2) consortium should combine basic and/or applied research and/or industrial research and development, preferably combinations of trans- and/or interdisciplinary collaboration, involvement of stakeholders, bridging gaps between research disciplines, producers and consumers.

Partners from third countries not officially participating in the call can be included in the consortium if they finance their activity from other sources.

The benefits of participation

This joint call offers participants a simplified introduction to R&D projects at the European level. Individual project partners seek funding from their national funding agencies in accordance with the relevant call and national funding rules. The added value is the opportunity to easily access international know-how, to gain technology and market expertise and to integrate into international value chains. Programme activities include joint monitoring of the projects, programme seminars, dissemination of results and a central programme website.