

**JPI-Climate / Belmont Forum  
Transnational Collaborative Research Projects**

**“Climate services Collaborative Research Action on  
Climate Predictability and Inter-Regional Linkages”**

**National Annex Austria**

**Partners:** This call is supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV)

**Notice:** Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget earmarked by the participating BMWFV for this call will be up to 0.4 Million Euro (according to exchange rates at time of funding).

The official national call announcement for Austria has been published on <http://era.gv.at/object/document/1671>. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the <https://bfgo.org/> website. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For Austria enquiries please see below.

**Eligibility and national funding modalities:**

All applicants have to comply with the rules as described in the official Call Text. In addition for Austria, the following eligibility and national funding modalities apply:

The general BMWFV funding rules "Nationale Förderungsbedingungen zur transnationalen Ausschreibung" can be found on <http://era.gv.at/object/document/1671>.

Interdisciplinary proposals of Topic 1, 2 and 3 are eligible for BMWFV funding.

IN ADDITION to these general funding rules, in order to be in line with the principles of JPI Climate, the following conditions apply:

**Transdisciplinarity / Stakeholder Involvement**

Reconfirming the importance of co-designing and joint implementation of the research proposals and projects with stakeholders\* (see call text): This is compulsory for consortia applying under Call Topic 3, desirable for Topic 1 but does not necessarily apply for Topic 2. Projects receiving funding by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFV)

a) are eligible

- to include stakeholder organizations as partner in the project consortium;
- to account for resulting personnel costs in these organizations - in case of project partners from the private sector an in-kind contribution to these costs of min. 50% is required;
- to account for other costs of stakeholder involvement in the research process (e.g. consultation and knowledge dissemination activities).

b) are called

- to attract in-kind contributions of participating stakeholder partners to the project;
- to clarify and document the commitment, specific responsibilities and active contributions of participating stakeholders in designing, implementing and valorizing the proposed research project and
- to exemplify the two aforementioned issues in the full proposal to the project.

\* The term 'stakeholder' refers to actors outside the scientific community in terms of change agents and knowledge partners such as policy makers, regulators, NGOs, municipalities / local authorities or business and industry.

### **Open Access to Knowledge and Data**

Reconfirming the importance of an open provision and sharing of knowledge and data gained in publicly funded research projects, projects receiving funding by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW)

a) are eligible

- to account for costs arising from publication in open access journals;
- to account for costs of user-oriented knowledge dissemination activities and
- to guarantee authorship and creatorship of obtained research results and data in terms of a 'creative commons' licensing.

b) are called

- to publish key results in open access media (journals / platforms\*\*) and to ensure permanent and free access of obtained qualitative and quantitative data and meta-data;
- to make use of timely and user-oriented means of dissemination to reach out to stakeholders outside the scientific community and
- to include open access publications and dissemination strategy in their project plan (full proposal).

\*\* please consult e.g. the Directory of Open Access Journals (<http://www.doaj.org>).

### **Climate-friendly Climate Research**

Reconfirming the importance of considering and reducing the carbon footprint of research and research management (see call text), projects receiving funding by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW)

a) are eligible

- to account for the use of virtual meeting infrastructure on a pro-rata basis (e.g. software licenses) that verifiably allows for substituting physical meetings;
- to account for (night) train tickets, including single sleeping compartments
- to account for the costs of carbon compensation in case air travel or another major carbon emissions source could verifiably not be avoided in a reasonable way by the use of existing (international) train connections or other climate-friendly alternatives.

b) are called

- in terms of international travel to make use of existing (night) train connections that provide a reasonable accessibility to meeting venues (accessibility level 1 and 2\*\*\*). This applies in particular to meetings within Europe.
- to organize face-to-face consortium meetings before or after (one of) the three meetings arranged by the Call Organizers (see call text), or take the opportunity of international conferences to co-align their schedule in order to limit the carbon footprint. Virtual meetings should be given priority.
- in terms of organizing green / climate-friendly project meetings to select venue and starting / closing times in a way that that keep distances travelled to a minimum and are easily reachable via climate-friendly modes of transport (e.g. trains) by the highest number of participants and
- to give priority to low carbon offers of (organic) catering and accommodation

\*\*\* see JPI CLIMATE 'Climate-friendly Climate Research' checklist on the JPI CLIMATE website: <http://www.jpi-climate.eu/joint-actions/calls/2013callclimatefriendlyclimateresearch>

It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and the BMWFV will fund the Austrian partner of any successful trans-national collaboration.

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