

Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action: Arctic observing systems and sustainable science

National Annex: NORWAY

Partners: This call is supported by The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

Funding principles

The official national call announced is distributed on the RCN website. Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point (see below) before starting to prepare proposals for application.

Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the budget earmarked by the RCN to Norwegian researchers for this call will be 8 million NOK (~1 million Euros).

Eligibility and national funding modalities

Under the call, the RCN will accept applications for [Research Projects \(type 3\)](#), Type 2 Small syntheses grants and Type 1 Small collaboration grants. It is expected that applications to this call will be part of a consortium as defined in the call. In addition, to benefit from the additional geographic breadth, all proposals should include at least one Belmont Forum country outside Europe. Researchers from countries not represented by any of the partner-countries are welcome to participate in the research projects at their own expense.

Open access and knowledge dissemination

The RCN encourages open access publication and data sharing. Projects receiving funding from the RCN under the present call:

a) are eligible

- to account for costs arising from publication preferably in open access journals
- to account for costs of user-oriented knowledge dissemination activities
- to include a budget for participation in synthesis meetings that will be held back-to-back with a scientifically relevant international conference or event in their project plan
- to include a data storage plan

b) are called

- to publish key results in open access media (journals/platforms¹) 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
- to include open access publications in their project plan (full proposal)
- to include a dissemination strategy in their project plan (full proposal)

Climate-friendly research

Projects receiving funding from the RCN under the present call are called to

¹ see e.g. [Directory of Open Access Journals \(http://www.doaj.org/\)](http://www.doaj.org/)

- account for virtual meeting infrastructure that verifiably allows for substituting physical meetings
- for any project meetings arranged in Norway, to allow for virtual participation by video
- to select venue and starting/closing times in a way that keep distances travelled to a minimum and are easily reachable via climate-friendly modes of transport by the highest number of participants

The funding procedure will follow RCNs normal procedures for funding for approved proposal(s) for research project(s).

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