

Belmont Forum and FACCE-JPI International Opportunities Fund

National Annex: The Netherlands

Partners: This call is supported by Wageningen UR in the sense that the opportunity for collaboration in international consortia in the frame of the programme is disseminated and that there is a contact point for enquiries.

There is no Dutch funding scheme that provides grants earmarked for this call; any Dutch participation is IN KIND.

Background. Together with the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Wageningen UR is a member of the Joint Programming Initiative on Food Security, Agriculture and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI). This Member State driven initiative aims to jointly programme research to tackle the grand challenge of food security and sustainable agriculture under climate change. Wageningen International director Huub Löffler is member of the Governing Board. WI staff member Christine Bunthof leads mapping and foresight activities for strategic collaboration which is part of an EC funded project to support the implementation of the JPI. Alignment of national programmes is key to the long-term perspective of the JPI, alongside developing and implementing this concept, FACCE-JPI actively undertakes joint implementation actions, some of which in collaboration with other initiatives. The collaboration between Belmont Forum and FACCE-JPI is special in the sense that it provides opportunities for research consortia with partners beyond Europa. As Wageningen UR fosters international collaboration, including those with countries such as the US, Brazil and Australia, it was decided to take part in the development of the call and to disseminate the call announcement to all institutes and departments of Wageningen UR.

Notice: Depending on all call conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, Wageningen UR research teams can take part in consortia applying to this call. Note however that no Netherlands budget is earmarked for providing grants in the frame of this call (neither by any national funding scheme, nor by an institutional funding scheme).

Participation in a consortium should thus fit into, and provide added value to, activities of your research team funded through other means already.

Details of the call and the application process are provided via the *Belmont forum* website. Wageningen UR researchers that are interested in teaming up in international consortia to apply to this call are advised to contact their National Contact Point before the proposal is submitted.

Eligibility and national funding modalities: It is expected that applications to this call will be Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document. Wageningen UR partners can participate under the condition that they can guarantee to fulfil tasks as agreed within the research consortium within the means they have, so without need for additional means.

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