



2017-2018 Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA Joint Call

## Complete announcement of Opportunity

The Partners of the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA networks  
have joined efforts to organise and fund an

### International call on “Scenarios of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services”

#### (1) Introduction

The Belmont Forum is a group of the world's major and emerging funders of global environmental change research, with 20 funding organisations in 18 countries (<http://www.belmontforum.org>). It aims to accelerate delivery of the environmental research needed to remove critical barriers to sustainability by aligning and mobilizing international resources. It pursues the goals set in the [Belmont Challenge](#) by adding value to existing national investments and supporting international partnerships in interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary scientific endeavours.

BiodivERsA is a network of 32 public research funding organisations from 21 European countries supporting scientific research in the field of biodiversity ([www.biodiversa.org](http://www.biodiversa.org)). The network is funded as an ERA-NET Co-fund project under the European Union's Horizon 2020 Framework Programme. BiodivERsA Partners aim to develop a durable collaboration in research funding policy and practice, thereby creating added value in high quality biodiversity research across national boundaries. One objective of BiodivERsA is to organise a Pan-European research programme for research on biodiversity, ecosystem services and nature-based solutions (<http://www.biodiversa.org/968>).

27 national/regional funding organisations from 25 countries are contributing to the funding of the present joint call on “Biodiversity Scenarios” (see the updated list on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites).

#### (1) Introduction to the 2017 joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA call for research proposals

**Proposals should all explicitly address a scenario dimension, taking into account the following definition of scenarios:**

“Scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services are the outputs of the combination of scenarios of indirect drivers and direct drivers — such as land use change, invasive alien species, overexploitation, climate change or pollution — and models of impacts of these drivers on biodiversity and ecosystem services.”

The recently completed [IPBES Methodological Assessment of Scenarios and Models of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services](#) provides an in-depth analysis and numerous example of how scenarios and models can and have made important contributions to decision-making. However, the assessment also finds that "several barriers have impeded widespread and productive use of scenarios and models of biodiversity and ecosystem services in policymaking and decision-making". There is a need

to progress the methodological state of the art in arriving at more accurate quantitative values around environmental co-benefits of biodiversity and ecosystem services.

Several research priorities that would help overcome these barriers have been identified, including:

- Ensuring that the types of scenarios, models and decision-support tools employed are aligned to the needs of each particular policy or decision context;
- Improving, and more widely applying, participatory scenario methods in order to enhance the relevance and acceptance of scenarios for biodiversity and ecosystem services;
- Addressing gaps in methods for modelling impacts of drivers and policy interventions on biodiversity and ecosystem services including:
  - Linking scenarios and models across spatial and temporal scales, and
  - Advancing the development of integrated system-level approaches to linking scenarios and models of indirect drivers, direct drivers, nature, nature's benefits to people and good quality of life to better account for important relationships and feedback between those components...;
- Developing practical and effective approaches to evaluating and communicating levels of uncertainty associated with scenarios and models;
- Improving the accessibility of data sources and working in close collaboration with research and observation communities to fill gaps in data collection and provision<sup>3</sup>;
- Enhancing human and technical capacity for scenario development and modeling including through the promotion of open access to scenarios and modeling tools, as well as to the data required for their development and testing.

This call for proposals follows up on calls launched by BiodivERsA in 2011-2012 and the Belmont Forum in 2014. The first phase of the Belmont Forum CRA "Scenarios of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services" funded 4 projects that focused on international networking of scientists. BiodivERsA made a pioneer call in 2011-2012 that included scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services with 9 funded projects. This call is more ambitious than the 2011-2012 and 2014 calls mentioned above. This new call unites funders from the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA, with the support of the European Commission.

The aim of this call is to promote innovative research for more informed decision-making by developing scenarios of biodiversity change and its associated ecosystem services, resulting from the complex interaction of socio-economic and global environmental trends. It focuses on foresight views up to the next 50 years for management of biodiversity, ecosystem services and their contributions to human well-being. This call is contributing to international research programs, assessment bodies, and multi-lateral environmental agreements.

While projects will have to be academically excellent, they should also explicitly engage stakeholders (e.g. managers and users in the field, businesses, policy actors, local administrations, and citizens), in order to maximise the societal benefits of this research. This may include co-design of projects with stakeholders, analysing stakeholders' needs and preferences and other relevant societal (e.g. governance) aspects through social/economic science approaches as well as developing practical management tools, guidelines, knowledge bases, etc. to be directly used by or in relation with stakeholders. For this, it is highly recommended that the BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook is used as source of guidance (cf. <http://www.biodiversa.org/702>).

Capacity building and participatory approaches are encouraged, in particular for scenario building in which multiple stakeholders explore different trajectories of development and adaptation for usefulness, accuracy and appropriation. This should increase the valorisation of research results, including the mobilization of scenarios and models to improve policy interventions and management practices for biodiversity and ecosystem services. In particular, using stakeholder input is critical to define contrasting scenarios, desirable or on the contrary feared endpoints, plausible socio-economic development pathways (e.g., IPCC SRES, MA scenarios, Global Biodiversity Outlook, and IPBES assessments and relevant policy tools), tests of specific policy or management actions, and "back-casting approaches" (i.e., working backwards from defined future endpoints).

## **(2) Priorities of the call**

The two major (non-exclusive) priorities of the Call are the following:

- ***Development and application of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions*** - Previous biodiversity scenarios have typically been highly scale specific. On the one hand, scenarios at global scales are difficult to translate into actions at regional/local scales, where many biodiversity relevant decisions are made. On the other hand, scenarios at local/regional scales often do not include global scale constraints and feedbacks (e.g., international trade, teleconnections, etc.) making them difficult to translate into international policy. Linking spatial scaling scales is one of the key barriers to greater integration of biodiversity scenarios into decision-making at global and national scales.
- ***Consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios*** – Previous biodiversity scenarios have typically focused on a very limited number of dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services (e.g. global extinctions, loss of species compared to natural systems). However, decision-making processes often require information on a much broader range of dimensions – both because different decision-making processes may focus on different dimensions, and because some processes are purposely designed to address multiple dimensions (e.g. through multi-criteria trade-off analysis).

Projects should also pay particular attention to at least some of the following issues:

- *Coupling of socio-economic and biodiversity dynamics.* Fully integrated models of biodiversity and socio-economics (e.g., bio-economic models) can provide novel insights into the dynamics and long-term sustainability of socio-ecological systems.
- *Improvement of models of impacts on biodiversity.* Innovative work on genetic adaptation, rapid evolution, co-evolution, eco-evolutionary dynamics, comparative phylogeography, conserving endemic species, species interactions and hybrid zones is encouraged because these are key shortcomings in the current generation of models.
- *Coupling models across gradients of human transformation in terrestrial, freshwater and marine systems.* Biodiversity scenarios often focus on one type of system (e.g., terrestrial vs. marine) or on one part of the gradient of human transformation (e.g., "natural" vs. agricultural vs. urban systems). Interdisciplinary research on the interactions between systems is essential for making scenarios more representative of systems that decision-makers deal with.
- *Developing early warning of (socio-)ecological breakpoints and regime shifts.*
- *Estimation and communication of uncertainty.* Estimation of uncertainty can be based on a variety of methods including model validation using empirical observations, model validation using experimental simulations, and model-model comparison. This may include the analysis of past trends. Uncertainty also needs to be communicated in innovative and transparent ways to decision makers. Model validation will require close collaboration with observation systems.

Proposals may consider a wide range of approaches to socio-economic scenarios including extrapolations from current trends, probabilistic approaches, prospective approaches, etc.

When relevant, the research questions should address gender balance.

## **(3) Expected international added value**

Although the scientific research community working on biodiversity scenarios is rapidly developing, scientists operating in this landscape are still dispersed and not sufficiently structured. Furthermore, joining forces and skills across disciplines and across borders, and developing scenarios that have a

broader relevance are critical for this research domain. Recent efforts to coordinate this community and develop its international dimension have been made, e.g. through the Belmont Forum Call for supporting research networks. Whereas this is an important step forward, further encouragement and funding are needed to reinforce substantially the scientific community working on biodiversity scenarios and its capacity to develop collaborations between countries.

This Call thus targets transdisciplinary projects of 3 years, involving at least 3 partners from at least 3 different countries participating in the call to develop science-based projections of the dynamics of biodiversity and ecosystem services and reinforce the research capacity to develop such projections. Given the nature of the research to be supported through this call, proposals will include as needed collaboration and integration across several disciplines from natural sciences and/or social sciences and humanities.

Overlap with on-going international, European and national projects on this theme should be avoided. Complementing on-going research is however possible but should be clearly explained

The added value of international collaboration and the level of collaboration between teams from different countries should be clearly demonstrated, including for upscaling knowledge at the (sub-)regional level or for comparative approaches of different local contexts. Contributions to global research programs, assessment bodies, and multi-lateral environmental agreements, including but not limited to IPBES and SDGs, are encouraged.

#### **(4) Procedures, eligibility and selection criteria**

##### ***Submission, deadlines and time schedule***

###### Submission

A two-step process will apply, with a mandatory submission of pre-registrations at step 1 and submission of full proposals at step two. Pre-registrations and full proposals (in English) must be submitted electronically with the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS). Instructions for electronic submission will be available at [www.biodiversa.org](http://www.biodiversa.org) and [www.belmontforum.org](http://www.belmontforum.org) in October 2017.

- The online platform will stay open 5 minutes after the official deadline. Any proposals not correctly submitted at this moment will be declared ineligible.
- All completed proposals will be submitted automatically when the platform closes, to avoid a situation where an applicant does not have time to click on the submit button. In this situation, the proposal will be evaluated as it stands.

Applicants have to submit pre-registrations: information (in English) on the project consortia, a 5-page description of the project and the required budget for each partner must be submitted on the EPSS. **Submission of pre-registrations is mandatory**; it is not possible to enter the procedure at a later stage.

The information will be used to complete an eligibility check and help find appropriate reviewers for the evaluation of qualifying full proposals in the second step.

Only eligible pre-registrations will be invited to submit full proposals.

For technical questions regarding submission, please contact the Call Secretariat:

Sophie Germann: [sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr](mailto:sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr)

or EPSS technical helpdesk – Taavi Tiirik: [biodivscen@etag.ee](mailto:biodivscen@etag.ee)

For budgetary questions and other national/regional issues, please contact the relevant Funding organisation Contact Point - who are listed on the BiodivERSA and Belmont Forum websites. Funding

organisations' rules are advertised on the BiodivERsA and Belmont Forum websites and are mandatory. For any help on these, please contact the relevant Funding organisation Contact Point.

### Deadlines and time schedule

The call will go through the following processes and applicants must pay attention to the deadlines outlined below in the time schedule\*:

26 July 2017:	Pre-announcement of the call
2 October 2017:	Official launch of the call
<b>1 December 2017, 17:00 CET</b> (local time in Brussels):	<b>Deadline for submitting pre-registration</b>
2 January 2018:	Eligibility check completed > Eligible pre-registrations are invited to submit their full proposals
<b>9 March 2018, 17:00 CET</b> (local time in Brussels):	<b>Deadline for submitting full proposals</b>
3 April 2018:	Second eligibility check completed
Early June 2018:	Evaluation Panel meeting > Ranked list of proposals established by the Panel
Early July 2018:	Recommendation for funding projects by the GPC (group of funding agencies participating to this call)
October 2018:	Earliest possible start of funded projects
March 2019:	Latest possible start of funded projects

### **Eligibility of projects and research groups**

The call is open to proposals and research consortia that meet the following criteria:

1. The international, scientific research projects are performed by eligible research organisations. National/regional eligibility criteria (see funding organisations' rules) apply to research organisations and for participation by private sector (profit and non-profit) organisations
2. The main applicant is employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call
3. The project proposal involves teams from at least three different countries participating in the joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA call and will be supported by at least three different funders.
4. The project duration is 3 years.
5. Proposals must be written in English.
6. The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.

Compliance with funding organisation eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items) is mandatory; it is thus strongly recommended that applicants approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules (contact list and main Funding organisations' rules are available in the call documents published on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites).

Each partner will remain responsible for the decision of eligibility. In case of doubts, specific cases shall be reported by the Partner Organisation to the TPO and GPC as soon as possible and before the evaluation stage. In any case, eligibility issues should be duly discussed and agreed by the GPC after the submission of pre-registration and after the submission of full proposals.

### **Evaluation and selection**

Potential applicants are advised to take careful note of the aims and scope of the call as described above and in the “Announcement of Opportunity” section. Applicants are strongly advised to assess the relevance of their proposed research against the thematic priorities set forth in the scientific text of the call. Any project that does not fit within the thematic priorities described in the call will not be recommended for funding, regardless of its quality.

Emphasis will be placed on the link between scientific excellence and relevance to policy and practice. Proposals will be evaluated against criteria of excellence, quality/efficiency of the implementation and impact<sup>1</sup>.

The following evaluation procedure will apply:

**First step:**

Only an eligibility check of pre- registrations will be performed. Eligible pre-registrations will be invited to submit full proposals.

**Second step:**

An eligibility check of full proposals is performed.

The full proposals are assessed by an independent Panel of Experts (PoE) and international external reviewers.

The (PoE) is composed of scientific and policy/management experts. The scientific experts assess the scientific excellence and quality/efficiency of the implementation of the proposals; the policy/management experts assess the impact of the proposals.

In addition, the scientific excellence and quality/efficiency of the implementation of the proposals will be assessed by at least 2 external reviewers (scientific experts) per proposal; the impact of the proposals will be assessed by at least 1 external reviewer (policy/management experts) per proposal.

The **Panel of experts** will consist of international experts in the natural and social sciences as well as professionals from the field of biodiversity policy and biodiversity conservation and management. It is comprised such so that it can cover the full range of topics within the scope of the call.

Members take part in the PoE as independent experts and do not represent any organisation nor can they send any replacements. This means that their work on this Panel does not represent any organization or nation.

The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the PoE are appointed by the Group of Programme Coordinators (GPC) representing the participating organisations. The Chair of the PoE is a scientific expert and the Vice-Chair of the PoE is a policy/management expert. The choice of the Chair and Vice-chair will take gender balance into account.

The Panel of experts members are selected upon a first suggested list of experts provided by each member of the GPC. The Chair and Vice-Chair of the PoE – nominated by GPC - will select a limited number of experts (depending on the number of submitted proposals), with attention to the relevance of their expertise for this particular call and balance in the field of expertise according to the themes addressed by the submitted proposals. The final composition of the PoE has to be approved by the GPC. A particular effort in setting up the PoE will be done to ensure the gender balance among its members. As far as possible, PoE members will be from countries that do not participate in the call to allow further flexibility in case of conflicting interests. If this is not possible, PoE members will not, as far as possible, evaluate proposals involving teams from their country.

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<sup>1</sup> For the different criteria, see Annex 7

The PoE ranks the proposals based on the set of criteria defined (i.e. scientific excellence, quality/efficiency of the implementation and impact).

Within the Panel of experts (detailed in Annex 6), the scientific experts moderate the assessments provided by the scientific review procedure (external review reports) and assesses the proposals according to their scientific excellence (assessment criterion 1) and the quality/efficiency of their implementation (assessment criterion 2); the policy/management experts moderate the assessments provided by the societal impact review procedure (external review reports) and assesses the proposals according to their impact (assessment criterion 3).

The members of the Panel of experts (both scientific experts and policy/management experts) discuss on the proposals in order to establish the final ranking of proposals for the call.

For the selected proposals, the PoE will be asked to consider the suitability of the budgets and possibilities for budget cuts, as well as to give advice, where possible, on the importance of the entire undertaking of each tasks and/or workpackage in the collaborative projects.

More details on the evaluation procedure and the role of the Panel of experts can be found in Annex 6.

Please note that **no appeal can be brought to challenge the evaluation results** or decisions of the CSC.

## (5) Funding

For this call a total amount of 20.3 to 23.7 M€ has been provisionally reserved by the participating funding organisations.

The European Commission will also provide funding for the funded projects depending on the final total funding amount for research proposals by the participating funding organisations eligible for EC-funding.

**The indicative total budget for this call is thus of 26.3 to 29.7 M€.**

Indicative budgets for each funding organisation are given below. Each participant in a funded project will be preferentially funded by his or her national/regional funding organisation(s) participating in the call. The additional funding provided by the EC for the funded project will be distributed through the H2020-eligible national/regional funding organisations.

The consortium of participating funding organisations will strive to ensure that the maximum number of top-ranked proposals are funded. The funding procedure is further described in Annex 4. Upon the final decision by the funding organisations, a list of funded projects will be published on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites.

### PROVISIONAL LIST OF COMMITMENTS

Country	Funding organisation	Indicative budget (low) (EURO)	Indicative budget (high) (EURO)
Argentina	Mincyt <sup>#</sup>	To be communicated soon	To be communicated soon
Austria	FWF <sup>#</sup>	800 000	800 000
Belgium	BELSPO	TbC	TbC
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS <sup>#</sup>	200 000	200 000
Brazil (Sao Paulo)	FAPESP <sup>#</sup>	750 000	1 500 000
Bulgaria	BNSF <sup>#</sup>	450 000	450 000
Canada	NSERC-	600 000	700 000

	CRSNG <sup>#</sup>		
Canada (Quebec)	FRQ <sup>#</sup>	600 000	600 000
Estonia	ETAG <sup>#</sup>	100 000	100 000
Finland	AKA	850 000	850 000
France	ANR <sup>#</sup>	2 000 000	2 000 000
Germany	DFG	1 500 000	2 500 000
Germany	DLR-PT	2 000 000	3 000 000
Ireland	EPA <sup>#</sup>	500 000	500 000
Ivory Coast	PASRES <sup>#</sup>	75 000	75 000
Lithuania	RCL <sup>#</sup>	100 000	100 000
The Netherlands	NWO <sup>#</sup>	800 000	800 000
Norway	RCN <sup>#</sup>	1 000 000	1 500 000
Poland	NCN	500 000	500 000
Romania	UEFISCDI <sup>#</sup>	500 000	500 000
Slovakia	SAS <sup>#</sup>	240 000	240 000
Spain	MINECO <sup>#</sup>	1 000 000	1 000 000
Sweden	FORMAS <sup>#</sup>	1 800 000	1 800 000
Switzerland	SNSF	1 400 000	1 400 000
Turkey	Tübitak <sup>#</sup>	400 000	400 000
USA	NSF <sup>#</sup>	1 800 000	1 800 000

(TbC): To be Confirmed

\* The funding organisations marked by “#” have defined maximum allowed budget per project and/or per Partner. Please consult the funding organisations’ rules and contact your FCP for more information.

## (7) Programme structure and management

### Programme activities

The funded projects are considered to form part of an international research programme for which joint activities will be organised, including a kick-off meeting at the beginning of the funding period, an interim project conference to promote the uptake of projects results and networking amongst projects and a final meeting to present and disseminate the project results at the end of the funding period.

**Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. The costs for attendance to joint activities should be included in the budgets of the full proposals** and must be announced in the Call.

### Project management and reporting

Funded projects will be required to submit a mid-term report and a final report on both research progress and financial aspects. Some funding organisations may request additional specific reports.

## (8) Eligible budget items

Eligible costs and the maximum allowed requested budget per project are governed by funding organisations’ specific rules. Specific questions should be addressed to the Funding organisation Contact Points (list available on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites)

In case of a too high financial pressure on a participating country due to the high number of teams from this country in the submitted applications, the applicants may be asked to adjust downward their budget.

## (9) Further information

The TPO, ensured by ANR with the support of FAPESP, is responsible for organising the procedure and for all communication with applicants.

However, for national/regional funding organisation eligibility criteria, the funding organisations' rules documents must be consulted and Funding organisation Contact Points (FCP) should be approached (both lists are available in the call documents published on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites), in particular with regard to eligibility of research groups, eligible costs and other country-specific aspects of the call. The compliance with Funding organisations' rules is mandatory, and relevant FCPs should be contacted to obtain further information if needed.

According to their respective rules, the funding organisations may require the project partners selected for funding to establish a project consortium agreement. The requirement will thus apply to all the project partners, even if their respective funding organisation does not require a project consortium agreement.

We draw the attention of the applicants to the fact that if they plan to use genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources in their project, they will have to ascertain towards the competent authorities and focal point that these used genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources have been accessed in accordance with applicable access and benefit-sharing legislation or regulatory requirements, and that benefits are fairly and equitably shared upon mutually agreed terms, in accordance with any applicable legislation or regulatory requirements.<sup>2</sup> Please refer to the competent authorities for more information.

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<sup>2</sup> Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) to the Convention on Biological Diversity and REGULATION (EU) No 511/2014 OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on compliance measures for users from the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization in the Union and related implementing acts.

## Assessment criteria

The Panel of experts will apply the criteria below to assess the quality of proposals.

### I. **Criteria for step 2**

Proposals will be evaluated by the Panel of experts and external reviewers according to the following criteria:

#### 1. **Scientific excellence (1-5; threshold: 3.5)**

Fit to thematic priorities: Panel of experts members will assess the relevance of the proposed research against the thematic priorities set forth in the scientific text of the call. Any project that does not fit within the thematic priorities described will not be recommended for funding, regardless of its scientific quality.

Scientific excellence aspects, including international added value, will be assessed by means of the following criteria:

- a) Scientific quality of the proposed research goals and objectives: how well does the activity advance knowledge and understanding within its own field and across different fields? Does the proposal contribute to scientific excellence and significant progress toward the state of the art?
- b) Novelty / Originality and innovation of the research goals and objectives: to what extent does the proposed activity suggest and explore creative, original concepts?
- c) Clarity of the hypothesis, theories and/or research questions
- d) Level of inter/multi/trans-disciplinarity
- e) International added value to be expected from the collaboration (cf. below for more information)

Relation to other projects

Considering that a given project fits within the thematic priorities of the call, its scientific quality is considered before all other criteria and is a prerequisite for funding.

#### 2. **Quality and efficiency of the implementation (1-5; threshold: 3)**

- a) Quality and efficiency of the management structure and procedures, its organisation and coordination,: how well conceived and organised is the proposed activity? Is there an operational plan with well-defined milestones in place?
- b) Competence and expertise of the consortium (including complementarity, balance): how well qualified are the applicants in terms of science knowledge, expertise and experience to

conduct the project? What is the quality of previous work in terms of past or potential contributions to, and impact on the proposed and other areas of research? Is the Leading Principal Investigator team (including any identified Co-Principal Investigators) able to lead the project, e.g. having strong management and leadership skills, or having complementarity of expertise and synergy of the members of the team?

- c) Level of integration and collaboration
- d) Appropriateness of resources and funding requested, with justification (budget, staff, equipment): are the requested investments well justified and relevant?
- e) Project feasibility and risk management
- f) Data management plan overview and data sharing

### **3. Impact (1-5; threshold: 3)**

The Impact of the proposed research to stakeholders, including policy makers, and engagement with stakeholders will be assessed by means of the 3 following criteria:

#### **1. Approach to stakeholder engagement:**

The criteria used to evaluate stakeholder engagement - which applicants and members of the Panel of experts are invited to consider – are the following:

- a. Reasons for undertaking stakeholder engagement
- b. Identification of appropriate stakeholders and why they are relevant to the project (what role they could play), and the desired outcomes of engaging with specific stakeholders
- c. Evidence of support from appropriate stakeholders towards the research, and commitment to engage
- d. Methods/activities proposed for engagement and collaborative learning, planning and resources
- e. Evidence that the necessary skills to engage are available in the project team or will be obtained (e.g. through relevant training, or the use of external sources)
- f. Knowledge transfer methods and plans

BiodivERsA produced a stakeholder engagement handbook for researchers to help them to engage with stakeholders all along their research projects.

This handbook is accessible online (<http://biodiversa.org/stakeholderengagement>) and we recommend you to use it when designing your project and preparing your proposal.

#### **2. Policy relevance and importance of the research for solving pressing issues**

The criteria used to evaluate policy relevance - which applicants and members of the Panel of experts are invited to consider – are the following:

- a. Clear statement of the policy application. Any proposal must contain details which cite the relevance of the research to policy instruments and current legislation. It should also highlight the importance of this work for solving pressing societal issues related to the details of the joint call.
- b. Clearly identified policy makers who are end users of the research results and ways to engage them. The proposal will be expected to identify specific end-user organisations, and, if possible, to name individuals within these organisations.
- c. Arrangements for knowledge transfer.

The **criteria of policy relevance** are explained and detailed in the paper from Gardner, Stott and Vindimian (2013)<sup>1</sup>, available on the BiodivERsA website (<http://www.biodiversa.org/254>).

### 3. International added value

**International added value** is the value resulting from the international research project, which is additional to the value that would have resulted from research projects funded at national level. The added value may vary, depending on the type of project, and there can be various answers to this question.

However, there should be clear evidence of added value either directly within the countries involved in the research, or indirect value accrued as a result of, e.g. learning from models applied to countries outside of the countries involved.

International added value may include: relevance to international policy statements including IPBES, legislative framework or management plans; clear added value to national research projects across the world by linking expertise and efforts across national teams and across studied areas and research models; bringing about comparisons at the local level between researchers and stakeholders who are not used to work together; standardization of methods, general increase of common knowledge in biodiversity relative to the themes of the call, etc.

No additional criteria will be used for evaluation and selection.

## II. Scoring system

The overall aim of the ranking system is to allow a transparent ranking that still allow for some flexibility, and to fund as many high level projects as possible.

The two first criteria (scientific excellence and quality and efficiency of the implementation) will be assessed by the scientific experts of the PoE and scientific external reviewers, while the impact criteria will be assessed by the policy/management experts of the PoE and external reviewers.

For each criterion, a score out of a scale of five will be assigned to each proposal.

### Threshold:

There is no shared interest for proposals with a score lower than 3.5 for scientific excellence; and lower than 3 for quality/efficiency of the implementation and impact. These proposals will not be ranked, and not be considered for funding.

### **Weighting system:**

The following weighting system will apply for the different criteria:

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Weight</b>
Scientific excellence	7
Quality/efficiency of the implementation	3
Impact	6

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<sup>1</sup> Gardner S., Stott A. & Vindimian E. 2013. How to assess policy relevance in research projects. BiodivERsA report, available at <http://www.biodiversa.org/254/download>.

The final score given to a proposal will correspond to an aggregation of the scores given to the three criteria, taking into account their respective weights. The overall mark will be transformed into a score out of 15 points (using half scores).

The PoE ranks as many projects as possible. However, around the threshold, the PoE can use ex-aequo for proposals with a same final score that it considers of equal quality.

Example:

*If a proposal receives a score of 4.5 for scientific excellence, 4 for quality and efficiency of the implementation and 5 for impact, the aggregation of the scores taking into account their respective weight will give a score of 73.5. This score will be transformed into a score out of 15 points, i.e. 13.8, which would be rounded to 14.*

## **Funding Organisations eligibility rules (Version 3 - updated on 13 October 2017)**

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to this Call.

Please note that the document may be adjusted. We invite you to make sure you have the latest version. If a new version is uploaded on the website, a warning message will be indicated on both [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites.

Please make sure to consult these rules and to contact your Funding Organisations Contact Point for more information.

We draw your attention on the fact that compliance to Funding Organisations eligibility criteria and rules is mandatory. Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be declined without further review.

In addition to the Funding Organisations eligibility rules, we kindly remind you the **general eligibility rules of the Call**:

1. The international, scientific research projects are performed by eligible research organisations. National/regional eligibility criteria (see funding organisations' rules) apply to research organisations and for participation by private sector (profit and non-profit) organisations
2. The main applicant is employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call
3. The project proposal involves teams from at least three different countries participating in the joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA call and will be supported by at least three different funders.
4. The project duration is 3 years.
5. Proposals must be written in English.
6. The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.

### **Other important recommendations and information:**

- Consortia **are highly encouraged to involve at least two teams from two different EU Member States or H2020 Associated Countries to be eligible for European Commission funding** (here: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France,

Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey).

- Some Funding organisations may have defined **specific funding rules allowing the funding of teams from low-income and lower-middle income countries**<sup>1</sup>. This information is detailed in the Funding organisations' rules. If you would like to use this opportunity, **please make sure to contact your Funding Organisation Contact Point**.
- If you plan to include in your proposals **International Organisations**, please contact your Funding Organisations Contact Point to make sure the latter are eligible.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://data.worldbank.org/?locations=XM-XN>

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## Country: ARGENTINA

### Funding Organisation: MINCYT



Ministerio de Ciencia,  
Tecnología e Innovación Productiva  
Presidencia de la Nación

#### Who is addressed by this information?

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Production (MINCYT) funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

#### CONTACT

Funding Organisation	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation Production (MINCYT)
Contribution to the Call	300.000 Euros <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.mincyt.gob.ar/cooperacion-multilateral">http://www.mincyt.gob.ar/cooperacion-multilateral</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	MINCYT/DNCII. Mariano Jordan (Director) Alejandra Davidziuk <a href="mailto:madavidziuk@mincyt.gob.ar">madavidziuk@mincyt.gob.ar</a> +0054 11 4899 5000 ext 4170 Agustina Velo <a href="mailto:avelo@mincyt.gob.ar">avelo@mincyt.gob.ar</a> +0054 11 4899 5000 ext 4150 Flavia Salvatierra <a href="mailto:fsalvatierra@mincyt.gob.ar">fsalvatierra@mincyt.gob.ar</a> +0054 11 4899 5000 ext 4114

#### ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Universities; Non-profit research organizations.  Although private enterprises are not be funded through this call, the Argentine industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds or funds from other national funding agencies or regional funding agencies.
Eligible themes / environment	No Restrictions.
Additional specific rules	N.A.

#### BUDGET

Maximum requested budget per Partner	MINCYT will support up to 2 (two) projects, € 150.000 Euros each. Submission of the proposal at the national level is not required. However, the selected proposals must present institutional support letter. We highly recommend contact MINCYT & NCP's for the preparation of the proposal.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Personnel cost and subcontract cost will not be covered
Eligible other costs	Direct Costs - Mobility (travel + accommodation) - Short-term exchange visits - Meeting, workshops and events organization - Publication, dissemination - Consumables - Equipment Indirect Costs - Only administration
Should VAT be included in budget figures for your country?	Yes.
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Indirect costs (overheads); Building buyings, rentals or adequations; Clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle), are not eligible for funding in the MINCYT/DNCII call.
Subcontracting rules	No.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for Mincyt?	Yes.

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Maximum project duration:** 36 months

### Purpose of funding

Funding is only provided for joint research projects, which are carried out by partners from the scientific, technological and productive innovation sector.

- The project idea has to be innovative and application-oriented

The projects granted by MINCYT/DNCII must be aligned with the main objectives described in the National Plan of Science, Technology and Productive Innovation 'Argentina Innovadora 2020'<sup>2</sup>.

### **Further instructions**

#### The awards

Running will be distributed as follows.

Approved Projects will be funded as follows by MINCYT according to its national procedures:

<b>1st year</b>	<b>2nd year</b>	<b>3rd year</b>
30% overall budget	35% overall budget	35% overall budget

Please contact the Dirección Nacional de Cooperación e Integración Institucional - Ministerio de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación Productiva (MINCYT) for further Information.

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<sup>2</sup> Argentina Innovadora 2020: Plan Nacional de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación: <http://www.mincyt.gob.ar/planes-nacionales/argentina-innovadora-2020-plan-nacional-de-ciencia-tecnologia-e-innovacion-8063>

**Country:** Austria



**Funding Organisation:**

*FWF Austrian Science Fund*

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for **FWF** funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**Maximum number of ongoing projects:**

Stand-Alone Projects (P), International Programmes (I), Clinical Research (KLIF) and Arts-Based Research (PEEK) programmes:

Starting on April 1, 2016, each researcher may serve as the principal investigator in a maximum of two projects in the P, I, KLIF and PEEK programmes.

**Limits on submission of applications:**

The rule regarding the maximum number of ongoing projects in the Stand-Alone Projects, International Programmes, Clinical Research and the Arts-Based Research Programmes has also brought about limits on the submission of new funding applications. From April 1, 2016 onward, this means that applicants who:

a) do not have any ongoing/approved projects in the programmes listed above and do not currently have any applications under review in those programmes can submit up to two new applications for funding in those programmes (e.g. one stand-alone project and one bilateral project).

b) have one ongoing/approved project in the programmes listed above and do not have any applications under review in those programmes can submit one new application for funding within those programmes.

c) have two ongoing/approved projects in the programmes listed above can submit a new application for funding in one of those programmes no earlier than 12 months before the end of one of the ongoing projects, as long as no applications are currently under review in those programmes. In cases where one researcher is serving as principal investigator in more than two ongoing projects in the programmes listed above, no applications can be submitted within those programmes.

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	FWF Austrian Science Fund
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	<a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at">www.fwf.ac.at</a>
Contribution to the Call	€ 800.000 (+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/about-the-fwf/international-activities/multilateral-activities/biodiversa/">http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/about-the-fwf/international-activities/multilateral-activities/biodiversa/</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Iris FORTMANN Program Manager +43/1-505 67 40-8211 iris.fortmann@fwf.ac.at

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Institutions/Persons (incl. industry and funding rates)	Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organisation: e.g. University University hospital Non-university research institute  <i>Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines:</i> <a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf">http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf</a>  available on: <a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/application/international-programmes/joint-projects-era-nets/">http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/application/international-programmes/joint-projects-era-nets/</a>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Please note that starting on April 1, 2016, the number of ongoing/approved/submitted projects in which one researcher can serve as principal investigator will be limited to two in the Stand-Alone Projects Programme, International Programmes (including ERA-Net projects!), Clinical Research and Arts-Based Research Programmes. Principal investigators who already have two ongoing/approved/submitted projects will not be permitted to submit another application within those programmes until 12 months before the end of one of their ongoing projects. You are strongly advised to contact the national representative in case you may be affected by this regulation.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	N.A. Please contact FWF for further information.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	<p>The application should include all persons, in addition to the staff already available, who will be required for work exclusively on the proposed project.</p> <p>The available legal categories of employment are contracts of employment for full-time or part-time employees (DV) and reimbursement for work on an hourly basis (GB). In addition, a part-time contract of employment (50% contract of employment for student assistants) may be requested for researchers who have not yet completed a master's or diploma (<i>Diplom</i>) degree programme in the relevant subject area.</p> <p>The current FWF salary scale (<a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/personnel-costs/">http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/personnel-costs/</a>) indicates the salaries that may be requested.</p> <p>The FWF grants an annual salary adjustment to compensate for inflation; this is applied automatically to all contracts of employment in stand-alone projects that are valid when the adjustment takes effect.</p>
Should VAT be included in budget figures for FWF?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>For scientists funded by the FWF, the funding is limited to "project-specific costs, i.e. personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution's infrastructure, according to the general FWF Funding Guidelines published at <a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf">http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf</a>.</p> <p>The FWF does not finance infrastructure or basic equipment at research institutions. Overheads may not be requested. Subcontracts must be well justified, i.e. must represent the only or the most economical way to have the work performed, please contact the FWF directly for clarification of individual cases</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p><u>To EU countries:</u> Yes</p> <p><u>To Non-EU countries:</u> Yes</p> <p><u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):</u> Yes</p> <p>Independent contracts for work and services (costs for work of clearly defined scope and content commissioned to individuals, provided that it is scientifically justifiable and economical). Please contact NCP</p>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	<a href="http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/international-programmes/developing-countries-projects/">http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/fwf-programmes/international-programmes/developing-countries-projects/</a>

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** max. 36 months

### **National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

The following forms and project specific data must be sent both on paper and electronically (upon notification by the FWF secretariat):

- 1) FWF forms (completed, signed and stamped as appropriate) including Application Form, Programme Specific Data, Attachment Co-Author, Itemization of requested funding, and, if applicable, National Research Partner.
- 2) Additional form international cooperation: should be completed for each additional partner in the consortium.
- 3) If items of equipment are requested (costs above €400 incl. VAT, unless the research institution is entitled to deduct VAT), Itemization form Equipment must be completed for each item requested
- 4) One-page summary in English and in German (largely for PR work)
- 5) One-page scientific summary in English

All forms are found under:

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/application/international-programmes/joint-projects-era-nets/>

### **Further comments**

N.A.

**Country:** Belgium

**Funding Organisation:**

**Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for F.R.S.-FNRS funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

## CONTACT

Funding Organisation	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS), <a href="http://www.frs-fnrs.be">www.frs-fnrs.be</a>
Contribution to the Call	200,000 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets">http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mr. Joël Groeneveld, Policy Officer, F.R.S.-FNRS, +32 2 504 9270, <a href="mailto:joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be">joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be</a>

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	<u>Eligibility of the proposal</u>  Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the joint call <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the “Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles” (FWB)</li><li>• The FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector.</li></ul> <u>Eligibility of applying scientists</u>
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	<p>The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Wallonia-Brussels Federation (FWB). The applicant should also:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be a permanent researcher of F.R.S. - FNRS (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches or Directeur de recherches) or;</li> <li>• Hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a university from the FWB or;</li> <li>• Be a permanent research staff member of a federal scientific institution, the Royal Military School (Ecole Royale Militaire), or a research center in which case he can act as a co-promotor only (see <a href="#">appendix 1 of the PDR rules</a>).</li> </ul> <p>The applicant should not have reached retirement at the starting date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project, he should precisely describe in the proposal how the handover will be managed.</p>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	N/A

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	<p>Maximum requested budget per project if partner in a consortium: 150,000 €</p> <p>Maximum requested budget per project if coordinator of a consortium: 200,000 €</p>
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	<p><u>Personnel costs</u> can be eligible up to 50,000 € per year on average for the duration of the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The usual duration of ERA-NET research programmes is three years. However, when the project involves a PhD student, the principal investigator can apply for an additional one year funding in order to complete the four years PhD programme. This request should be submitted to FNRS six months before the end of the project, together with the written agreement from the "Comité d'accompagnement". This final year should not be included in the budget submitted to this call. This extension will be granted separately from the transnational project and cannot modify its end date.</li> <li>• The eligible categories of personnel are detailed below:</li> </ul>

Categories	Occupation	
	Half time	Full time
PhD Student	n/a	x
Non postdoctoral researcher	x	x
Postdoctoral researcher	x	x
Technician	x	x
Temporary postdoctoral researcher (CTP)	n/a	x

Equipment can be eligible up to 20% of the total budget requested to F.R.S.-FNRS

Running costs: travel expenses; organisation of small scientific events in Belgium; consumables and the following support costs:

- Consumables
- Publication Designing (conception d'ouvrage)
- Dictionary Production (réalisation de dictionnaire)
- Purchase of Books
- Encoding
- Software Access Rights
- Congress Registration Fees
- Purchase of Computer
- Scanning
- Travel costs
- Visa costs
- Open Access publication of an article up until 500 euros (see [F.R.S.-FNRS Open Access policy](#))

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for F.R.S.-FNRS?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<u>"Overhead" is not an eligible cost.</u> If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Subcontracting rules	<u>Subcontracting</u> is allowed up to 20% of the total budget requested to the F.R.S.-FNRS according to the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A precise description of the required services</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A detailed rationale describing why these services are indispensable for the tasks of the F.R.S.-FNRS team</li> <li>• Presentation of invoices/expenses receipts for all delivered services</li> </ul>
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**FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES**

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No, but subcontracting is permitted (see above)
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	

**OTHER**

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** 3 years

**Further comments:**

**General rules and regulations of F.R.S.-FNRS apply:** [www.frs-fnrs.be](http://www.frs-fnrs.be)

**Country:** Brazil (State of São Paulo)



**Funding Organisation:**

*FAPESP Research Foundation*

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for **FAPESP** funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

All interested researchers are strongly recommended to consult FAPESP for **PRELIMINARY** eligibility check before August 10th. Failing in doing so may jeopardize the research group consortia before merit review. Please follow FAPESP's specific link to the Call text (below)

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	FAPESP ( <a href="http://www.fapesp.br/en">www.fapesp.br/en</a> )
Contribution to the Call	1,500,000 euros
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.fapesp.br/en/11289">http://www.fapesp.br/en/11289</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Alexandre Roccatto Science Manager FAPESP – São Paulo Research Foundation <a href="mailto:chamada-bf-biodiversity@fapesp.br">chamada-bf-biodiversity@fapesp.br</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Higher Education or Research Institutes eligible for the Regular Research Award (APR) at FAPESP.  Specific to this Call, Proponents from the State of São Paulo must be established researchers with a proven track record of participating in international interdisciplinary projects in the topic areas of the proposed project.
Eligible themes/environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Only one partner researcher from a project consortium may apply as a FAPESP grant holder

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Maximum Budget earmarked by FAPESP is 1,5 million euros  Each proposal has a budget limit equivalent to R\$ 60,000 per project per year plus up to two Post-Doctoral fellowships (only if PI is eligible to be supervisor)  Total amount for a 3-year project could reach aprox. 200.000 euros.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Follows the FAPESP grant modality rules ( <a href="http://www.fapesp.br/apr">www.fapesp.br/apr</a> ); except otherwise indicated in this Call.
Should VAT be included in budget figures for FAPESP?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	There are exceptions that must be followed according to FAPESP's specific call text.

Subcontracting rules	Follows the FAPESP grant modality rules ( <a href="http://www.fapesp.br/apr">www.fapesp.br/apr</a> ); except otherwise indicated in this Call.
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#### **FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES**

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

#### **OTHER**

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** follows the overall Call context (i.e. 3-years project)

#### **Further comments**

All rules of the Regular Research Award (APR) grant modality are applicable, except otherwise instructed in FAPESP's specific conditions for this Belmont Forum/BIODIVERSA opportunity.

PLEASE BEWARE OF THE PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY CHECK MENTIONED ABOVE.

NO NATIONAL OFFICIAL PAPERWORK OR INFORMATION is to be sent to FAPESP in any formats at either pre-registration or full proposals phases. FAPESP will contact PIs individually for further instructions after full proposals are submitted.

**Country: Bulgaria**

**Funding Organisation:**

**Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF)**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for BNSF funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Applicants under this procedure shall be directly responsible for the implementation of the activities under the project proposal and shall not act as intermediaries, but they shall carry out activities under the project proposal on their behalf and at their expense.

Applicants to this procedure must be entities:

- Carrying out fundamental research studies; and
- Whose activities are entirely of a non-profit nature; or
- Whose activities are of both for-profit and not-for-profit nature, but these activities are clearly distinguished and their organization allows tracking of revenue and expenditures connected with their implementation, including by keeping analytical accounting. In the event that an applicant is involved in both for-profit and not-for-profit activities, the funding, expenditures and revenues shall be taken into account separately for each type of activity and on the basis of consistently applied principles of accounting of expenditures being justifiable.

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Bulgarian National Science Fund
Contribution to the Call	Up to 450,000 euro <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="https://www.fni.bg/">https://www.fni.bg/</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Violeta Milkova

	<a href="mailto:v.milkova@mon.bg">v.milkova@mon.bg</a> Blvd. Al. Stamboliiski 239; Entr.B; Sofia 1309
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## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Institutions/Persons (incl. industry and funding rates)	1) Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act;  2) Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act. <a href="http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf">http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf</a>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	<a href="https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf">https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.fni.bg/?q=node/603">www.fni.bg/?q=node/603</a>

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Up to 150 000 per project
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: <a href="https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf">https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf</a>
Should VAT be included in budget figures for BNSF?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: <a href="https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf">https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/ERA_NET_2016_2.pdf</a>
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries: no</u> <u>To Non-EU countries: no</u> <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): no</u>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
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If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.
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## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** The project duration should be of 3 years (

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the pre-registrations. The form, entitled „Administrative description of the project“, should be filled in both in Bulgarian and in English and signed. Application forms can be obtained at:

<https://www.fni.bg/?q=node/603>

The forms have to be sent by poste or delivered in person to BNSF Registry Office before the deadline submission of pre-registrations at the following address:

BNSF Registry Office  
Blvd. Al. Stamboliiski 239; Entr.B  
Sofia 1309

### Further comments

- More information on national requirements and application forms can be obtained at:  
<https://www.fni.bg/?q=node/603>

Country: **Canada**  
**Funding Organisation:**



## *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)*

This document contains information on specific requirements for those applying for NSERC funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below. For questions regarding the NSERC requirements, please communicate with the NSERC contact.

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Canadian applicants from the province of Quebec can also apply for support from the Fonds de recherche du Québec—Nature et technologie (FRQNT). (see specific FRQNT agency rules)

### **CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) <a href="http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca">http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca</a>
Contribution to the Call	Up to \$300,000 CDN per year for 3 years
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/Belmont-Belmont_eng.asp">http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/Grants-Subs/Belmont-Belmont_eng.asp</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Sylvie Roy , Program Officer, NSERC 613-947-5636 Sylvie.Roy@nserc-crsng.gc.ca

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	To be eligible for funding from NSERC, the team must include one or more researchers in the natural sciences and engineering who are eligible to hold NSERC funds. Refer <a href="#">to NSERC's Eligibility Criteria for Faculty</a> for more details.
Eligible themes	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Eligible researchers applying for NSERC funds <b>must submit a signed <a href="#">Terms and Conditions of Applying form</a></b> directly to NSERC on or before the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call deadline.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	For NSERC-eligible researchers, projects will be funded based on the funding request(s) submitted by the applicant(s), via <b>the itemized budgets and one-page justifications</b> . Eligible applicants can request up to a maximum of \$75,000 per year for 3 years in funding from NSERC.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Applicants requesting support from NSERC should consult the <a href="#">Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide</a> to find out about eligible personnel costs.
Should goods and services tax (GST) be included in budget figures for your country?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Applicants requesting support from NSERC should consult the <a href="#">Tri-Agency Financial Administration Guide</a> to find out about eligible costs.
Subcontracting rules	To EU countries: no To Non-EU countries: no Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): no

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
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## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** The project duration should be 3 years.

### NSERC documents to complete and sign:

To apply for NSERC funding components of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERSa Call, an NSERC-eligible project leader must submit a budget request consisting of the **NSERC itemized budgets and one-page justifications** with their application. Please contact NSERC to request a copy of the budget template.

Additionally, Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERSa Call [Terms and Conditions for Applying form\(s\)](#) (one per NSERC-eligible participant), must be completed, signed and submitted directly on or before the submission deadline to:

Sylvie Roy, NSERC  
Sylvie.Roy@nserc-crsng.gc.ca  
350 Albert Street, 16th Floor

Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 1H5

## Further comments

### Subject Matter Eligibility

Given the nature of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, it is expected that proposals will include collaboration and integration across several disciplines. Proposals requesting funds from NSERC can include aspects of social sciences and humanities, provided that the main focus remains within the natural sciences and engineering.

Please see [NSERC's Subject Matter Eligibility guidelines](#) for more information.

**Please note:** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the proposed project complies with NSERC's Subject Matter Eligibility guidelines. NSERC reserves the right to declare the non-NSE portion of the project ineligible, which may compromise the project as a whole.

### Funding Rules

One eligible project leader will need to be associated with each budget request. If more than one applicant from the same country is participating in the same proposal, they must work together and designate one single project leader. He or she will be accountable to NSERC for the management of funds and the research portion of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project. This individual must be identified to the agency in the supplementary Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call [Terms and Conditions for Applying form](#). Applicants from the province of Quebec can also consider applying for support from the Fonds de recherche du Québec—Nature et technologie (FRQNT) (consult the FRQNT rules).

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **participants from Canada**, NSERC will fund the proposal according to its policies and guidelines, via the identified eligible project leader. NSERC's policies related to grant administration can be found in the [Tri-agency Financial Administration Guide](#).

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **budget requests to both NSERC and FRQNT**, the agencies will fund the proposal according to their respective policies and guidelines, via the identified eligible project leader(s). Each agency will fund the successful application according to the budget request submitted to their agency. NSERC will not fund budget items requested of FRQNT, and vice-versa.

### Special budget consideration

Under this joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, the funded projects form part of an international research program for which activities will be organized, namely a kick-off meeting, an interim project conference and a final meeting. Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting, the interim project conference and final meeting should be included in the budgets of the full proposals.**

### **NSERC Privacy Notice**

All applications must be submitted to Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA and are subject to the privacy policies of Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA . Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA will share application information with other funding agencies involved in this call, including NSERC. The personal information contained in the full grant proposal will be disclosed to, and may be viewed by, any or all of the participating granting agencies, including individuals participating in the review process. NSERC is responsible for complying with the *Access to Information Act* and the *Privacy Act*, and this legislation applies to all information within NSERC's custody and control. The personal information that you provide to NSERC for the purpose of applying to this funding competition is collected by NSERC under the authority of the *Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council Act*. Only the information needed to deliver, administer and promote the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA competition and awards is collected by NSERC via Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA. Failure to provide the personal information required in the application may result in the application being declared ineligible.

NSERC is committed to the protection of the personal information under its control, and does not take responsibility for the privacy practices of any other Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA partner organizations, including Canadian partner organizations. Personal information obtained from the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA will be used by NSERC only as required for the consistent purpose of reviewing applications. Information may also be disclosed internally for the purposes of program evaluation or reporting. NSERC will not disclose personal information to third parties for purposes beyond those listed above. In addition to protecting your personal information, the *Privacy Act* gives you the right to request access to and correction of your personal information.

For more information about these rights, or about NSERC privacy practices, please contact the appropriate access to information and privacy co-ordinator (NSERC: 613-943-6214 or ATIP-AIPRP@nserc-crsng.gc.ca). You also have the right to file a complaint with the Privacy Commissioner of Canada if you think your personal information has been handled improperly.

### **Intellectual Property**

Projects funded by NSERC must have a strategy for knowledge and technology transfer to all stakeholders and the general public, as appropriate, that conforms [to NSERC's Policy on Intellectual Property](#). The details of this strategy do not need to be outlined in the application documents, but may be requested by NSERC at the time of award.

### **Exemption**

For the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, NSERC's appeals policy will not be applicable, due to the international nature of the initiative.

**Country:** *Canada*

**Funding Organisation:**

*Fonds de recherche du Québec –  
Nature et technologies*



This document contains information on specific requirements for partners applying for FRQNT funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive the latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Applicants from the province of Quebec can apply for support from both the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC) and the FRQNT. Please see the specific NSERC agency rules.

Please note that, in accordance with the procedure established by the Belmont Forum – BiodivERsA, the language of the call and applications is in English. However, any direct correspondence with the FRQNT can be in French. The present eligibility rules are available in French.

**CONTACT**

Funding organisation	Fonds de recherche du Québec – Nature et technologies <a href="http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca">http://www.frqnt.gouv.qc.ca</a>
Contribution to the Call	Total budget: 900,000 CDN\$ (total for the three years). A maximum of 75 000 CDN\$ per year, per project (for three years).
Link to the page of the call	<i>Upcoming</i>
Funding organisation contact point	Véronique Baril, Program Manager, FRQNT (418) 643-8560, ext. 3455, <a href="mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca">veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons (incl. industry and funding rates)	To be eligible for funding from FRQNT, the team must include researchers in the natural sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering fields who are eligible to hold FRQNT funds. The team may also include researchers in the social sciences (see below Subject matter eligibility). Please refer to the FRQ <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> for more details.
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Quebec applicants for FRQNT funds must submit a signed Terms and Conditions form (available in French) prior to the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERSA Call deadline.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	For Quebec teams, projects will be funded based on the funding request(s) submitted by the team, via the itemized budgets and one-page justifications. The Quebec applicants can request up to a maximum of \$75,000 in funding per year from FRQNT..
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Applicants requesting support from the FRQNT should consult the FRQ <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> to find out about eligible personal costs.
Should goods and services tax (GST) be included in budget figures for FRQNT?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Quebec applicants should consult the <a href="#">Common General Rules</a> to find out about eligible costs.
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries:</u> no <u>To Non-EU countries:</u> no <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):</u> no

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** The project duration should be 3 years.

## **National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including the address where to send them):**

- Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call Terms and Conditions for Applying form(s) to complete and send signed prior to the call deadline to: [veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:veronique.baril@frq.gouv.qc.ca)
- Funding request(s) submitted via the itemized budgets and one-page justifications with the application.

## **Further comments**

### **Subject Matter Eligibility**

Given the nature of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA, it is expected that proposals will include collaboration and integration across several disciplines. Proposals requesting funds from FRQNT can include aspects of social sciences and humanities, provided that the main focus remains within the natural sciences, mathematical sciences and engineering fields.

Please see FRQNT's [mission and research fields](#) for more information.

**Please note:** It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the proposed project complies with the FRQNT's mission and research fields. The FRQNT reserves the right to declare the FRQNT portion of the project ineligible, which may compromise the project as a whole.

### **Submission**

To apply to the FRQNT funding components of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, an eligible Quebec project leader (under the FRQ [Common General Rules](#)) must submit a budget application to FRQNT. A budget must be submitted in accordance with the requirements of the FRQNT.

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **participants from Quebec or participants from both Quebec and Canada**, NSERC and FRQNT will fund the selected proposal according to their respective policies and regulations, via the identified eligible project director of the budget request. The applicants must in that case apply to both the FRQNT and the NSERC to be able to receive funding from both agencies. Each agency will fund the successful application according to the budget request submitted to their agency. FRQNT will not fund budget items requested to NSERC, and vice-versa.

### **Funding Rules**

One eligible lead researcher will need to be associated with each budget request. If more than one team from the same country is participating in the same proposal, they must work together and designate one single Principal Investigator. He or she will be considered the "project director" for these funds from the corresponding agency. He or she will, thus, be accountable to the funder for the management of funds and the research portion of the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project. This individual must be identified to the agencies in the supplementary Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call Terms and Conditions for Applying form(s), and must sign the related documents requested by the relevant Canadian funders. For successful applicants, funding agencies will fund the proposal according to their respective policies and regulations, via the identified eligible project director for each budget request. Regulations from the FRQNT can be found in the [Common General Rules](#). Applicants from the province of Quebec can also apply for support from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC). Please see the specific NSERC agency rules.

For a successful Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA project proposal involving **participants from Quebec**, FRQNT will fund the proposal according to its policies and guidelines, via the identified eligible project leader of the budget request. FRQNT's policies related to grant administration can be found in the FRQ's [Common General Rules](#).

### **Special budget consideration**

Under this Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call, the funded projects are considered to form part of an international research program for which activities will be organized, namely a kick-off meeting, an interim project conference and a final meeting. Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting, the interim project conference and final meeting should be included in the budgets of the full proposals and must be announced in the Call.**

### **FRQNT Privacy Notice**

All applications must be submitted to the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA and are subject to the privacy policies of the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA. Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA will share application information with other funding agencies involved in this call, including FRQNT. The personal information contained in the full grant proposal will be disclosed to, and may be viewed by, any or all of the participating granting agencies. The FRQNT is responsible for complying with the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* (CQLR, c. A-2.1), and this legislation applies to all information within FRQNT custody and control. Only the information needed to deliver, administer and promote the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA competition and awards is collected by the FRQNT indirectly via Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA. Failure to provide the personal information required in the application may result in the application being declared ineligible.

The FRQNT is committed to the protection of the personal information under its control and does not take responsibility for the privacy practices of any other Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA partner organizations, including Canadian partner organizations. The FRQNT will share personal information with the participating agencies only as required for administrative purposes with respect to the Joint Belmont Forum-BiodivERsA Call. Information may also be disclosed for the purposes of program evaluation or reporting. The FRQNT will not disclose personal information to third parties for purposes beyond those listed above. In addition to protecting personal information, the *Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information* gives every person the right to request access to and correction of their personal information.

For more information about these rights, or about FRQNT privacy practices, please contact the person in charge of access to documents or of protection of personal information ([mylene.deschenes@frq.gouv.qc.ca](mailto:mylene.deschenes@frq.gouv.qc.ca)).

### **Intellectual Property**

Projects funded by the FRQNT must conform to the FRQ [Common General Rules](#).

**Country: Estonia**



**Funding Organisation:**

**ETAg**

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for Eesti Teadusagentuuri (ETAg) funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Eesti Teadusagentuur (ETAg), <a href="http://www.etag.ee">www.etag.ee</a>
Contribution to the Call	100,000 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.biodiversa.org/1224">http://www.biodiversa.org/1224</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Aare Ignat, Project Manager ph.: +372 7317364, e-mail: <a href="mailto:aare.ignat@etag.ee">aare.ignat@etag.ee</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Research proposals may be submitted by the representatives of Estonian institutions, based in Estonia and conform to the Research and Development Act. Estonian Research Council funds basic and applied research. Applied research is funded only as far as it is not refer to product development with commercial value and for marketing purposes. <u>Principal Investigator (PI)</u> is the applicant of the grant, to whom the grant has been allocated and who shall be responsible for the use of the grant. The Council shall enter into a grant agreement with the PI. <u>The main participant of the project</u> is a person who participates in the substantial performance of the project.
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	<p>The Principal Investigator has entered into an employment relationship with the Estonian legal person, which is the basis of the realisation of the grant project and through which the grant shall be allocated to the PI.</p> <p>The PI must be a holder of the doctoral degree of Estonia or an equivalent academic degree (both awarded by the deadline of submission of the grant application, at the latest).</p> <p><u>The Principal Investigator from the Research institutions:</u></p> <p>Must have an updated profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS).</p> <p>Must have published within the last five years prior to the proposal's submission deadline at least three publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS, or at least five publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; international patents are equalised with publications of clause 1.1.; the monographs are equalised to each author with three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of its authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on the parental leave or in the compulsory military service within these last five years, the deadline of the publication requirement shall be extended by the time stayed on the parental leave or compulsory military service</p> <p><u>The main participant of the Research institutions:</u> shall either possess at least the master's degree or the respective qualification and must have published at least one publication within the last three years prior to the proposal's submission deadline, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; or be a doctoral candidate.</p> <p><u>For the Principal Investigator and the main participant of enterprises no requirements for publications.</u></p>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	N.A.

## BUDGET

<p>Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project</p>	<p>Maximum requested budget per Project 100,000 € (i.e. if 2 or more Estonian partners participate in one proposal, the total requested fund cannot exceed 100k€) A budget of proposal shall consist of the research expenses and the overhead costs of the institution, through which the grant project is to be carried out. The research expenses consist of personnel costs (incl. scholarships), travel costs, other direct costs and subcontracting costs. The expenses on research are clearly required to carry out the project and respectively identifiable.</p>
<p>Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)</p>	<p>Remuneration may be only paid out of the grant to the Principal Investigator, main participants in the project and auxiliary staff according to the time they participate in the grant project and their total salary cost for Institution. Double funding of activities already have contributions is not acceptable. Scholarship equal to the state grant may be paid out of the grant to doctoral candidates not paid any salary by Institution. The scholarship for a doctoral candidate may not exceed 422 euros a month. The scholarship of the doctoral candidate along with the State education allowance may not exceed 622 euros a month. Should a doctoral candidate participate in several projects financed by the Council, the total amount of the scholarship received from different projects may not exceed the aforementioned amount. It means that maximum of the scholarships per doctoral candidate is annually 5064 euros.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in budget figures for ETAG?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Other eligible costs/expenses</p>	<p><u>Travel costs</u> cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (except in case of internal travel). <u>Other direct costs:</u> Consumables related to the project</p>

	<p>Costs for publishing and dissemination of project results (fair distribution of costs between partner should be followed);</p> <p>Costs for organising the meetings/seminars/conferences (only in Estonia)</p> <p>Fees for participating in scientific forums and conferences;</p> <p>All other costs which are clearly required for the implementation of the project and respectively identifiable.</p> <p><u>Overhead costs</u> of the institution must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible direct costs and should be cover general expenses of the institution.</p>
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc.) shall be covered from the overhead fee.</p> <p>Participants' personal expenses or expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p>Subcontracting costs cover generally only additional or complementary tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) to the third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted.</p> <p>Subcontracting costs may not exceed 10% of the total costs.</p>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** 36 months

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them) - No**

**Further comments**

N.A.

**Country: Finland**

**Funding Organisation:**

**Academy of Finland (AKA)**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for AKA funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Academy of Finland (AKA) <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/">http://www.aka.fi/en/</a>
Contribution to the Call	850 000 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/our-funding-opportunities/akatemia-lahihaut/biodiversa-scenarios-of-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services/">http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/our-funding-opportunities/akatemia-lahihaut/biodiversa-scenarios-of-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services/</a> <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/research-and-science-policy/international-cooperation/europe/era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/current-era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/biodiversa/">http://www.aka.fi/en/research-and-science-policy/international-cooperation/europe/era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/current-era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/biodiversa/</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Harri Hautala Science Adviser Academy of Finland Research Council for Biosciences and Environment Phone: +358 295 33 5019 <a href="mailto:harri.hautala@aka.fi">harri.hautala@aka.fi</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons	Institutions: University, University hospital, Research institute, Industry (including SMEs). As a rule, the
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<i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	<p>Academy does not grant funding to support economic activity.</p> <p>Persons: The applicant must be a researcher at the professor or docent level or with a doctoral degree.</p> <p>Please check AKA's Regulation at <a href="http://www.aka.fi/globalassets/10rahoitus/rahoituksen-kayton-ehdot/yleiset_ehdot_2017_2018_20062017.pdf">http://www.aka.fi/globalassets/10rahoitus/rahoituksen-kayton-ehdot/yleiset_ehdot_2017_2018_20062017.pdf</a> (in Finnish)  <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/general-guidelines/">http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-apply/application-guidelines/general-guidelines/</a></p>
Eligible themes/environment	All
Additional specific rules	In addition to the national regulations, within a transnational call specific rules of the consortium may be applicable; please read carefully the Call Text and all the related instructions.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	AKA aims to fund 3-5 Finnish Coordinators/Partners.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	<p>The call is implemented under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70 % of the total costs of a project. Academy funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (e.g. direct salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. costs for premises). Both types of costs are covered with the same percentage. The call follows the funding rules of the Academy project funding.</p> <p>Please check AKA's Regulation at <a href="http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/general-conditions-and-guidelines-for-funding/">http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/how-to-use-the-funding/general-conditions-and-guidelines-for-funding/</a></p> <p>If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.</p>
Should VAT be included in budget figures for AKA?	VAT can be included in the cost estimate when the site of research is a university, a

	municipality, central government agency, government research institute or public body (i.e. the VAT remains as a final cost for the organisation).
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	VAT is not included in the cost estimate when the site of research is an organisation engaged in business activities, such as a university hospital, hospital district or business company (i.e. the VAT is deductible).
Subcontracting rules	Short-term subcontracting is allowed in European and in non-European countries.

### FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes.
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	Subcontracting. A maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested per proposal for low income and lower-middle income countries team(s).

### OTHER

#### Project duration: 3 years

Draft the “Biodiversity Scenarios” online application so that only funding requested from the Academy (max 70 % of total costs) is included. After all full proposals have been evaluated; AKA will invite the successful Finnish candidates to submit their proposal to the AKA’s online service in which you need to include also the funding share of the site of research (at least 30% of total costs).

#### Further comments

<http://www.aka.fi/en/research-and-science-policy/international-cooperation/>

<http://www.aka.fi/en/funding/our-funding-opportunities/akatemia-lahihaut/biodiversa-scenarios-of-biodiversity-and-ecosystem-services/>

<http://www.aka.fi/en/research-and-science-policy/international-cooperation/europe/era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/current-era-nets-and-other-eu-cooperation-networks/biodiversa/>

**Country:** France

**Funding Organisation:**

ANR



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for ANR funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** Provided below is a summary of the ANR guidelines for this call. You can consult all details in the annexes available on ANR link on the page of the call (see link below, including the document called “**Modalités de participation pour les participants français**” and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding which can be downloaded here (“**Règlement Financier Applicable**”): <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/</a>
Contribution to the Call	2,000,000 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/financer-votre-projet/appels-ouverts/appel-detail0/appel-a-projets-internationaux-conjoint-biodiversa-et-belmont-forum-scenarios-de-la-biodiversite-et-services-ecosystemiques-2018/">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/financer-votre-projet/appels-ouverts/appel-detail0/appel-a-projets-internationaux-conjoint-biodiversa-et-belmont-forum-scenarios-de-la-biodiversite-et-services-ecosystemiques-2018/</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Sophie GERMANN, Scientific project manager, +33 1 80 48 83 56, <a href="mailto:sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr">sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr</a> Maurice HERAL, Programme officer, +33 1 80 48 80 33, <a href="mailto:maurice.heral@agencerecherche.fr">maurice.heral@agencerecherche.fr</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons (incl. industry and funding rates)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The consortium must include at least one French partner in the research organization category (such as university, EPST – Scientific or Technical Public Institution, EPIC – Industrial or Commercial Public Institution). Participation of companies is not mandatory but would be appreciated.</li> <li>- ANR funding is limited to project partners residing in France, the associated international laboratories (LIA) of French research organizations and higher education and research institutions, and French institutions established abroad.</li> </ul>
Eligible themes/environment	All
Additional specific rules	Please read very carefully the document called “Modalités de participation pour les participants français” ( <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/financer-votre-projet/appels-ouverts/">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/financer-votre-projet/appels-ouverts/</a> ). Click on the link of BiodivERSA/Belmont Forum Call.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Up to 250 000€ per project- up to 300 000€ per project in the case of a French coordination</li> <li>- Min. of 15 000€ per partner</li> </ul>
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Cost for permanent personnel are not eligible for public research organizations. Please read paragraph 4.1 of the conditions of allocation of ANR funding, which can be consulted on the ANR website ( <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a> )
Should VAT be included in budget figures for ANR?	No, unless there is a residual VAT that may be included
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	All regulations (read paragraph 4.2 for the costs eligibility) concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding can be consulted on the ANR website ( <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a> )
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries: Yes</u> <u>To Non-EU countries: Yes</u> <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes and No</u>

	<p>Beneficiaries may have the possibility to subcontract with third parties outside the project for specific work excluding fundamental research, industrial research, experimental development and technical feasibility study prior to industrial research and experimental development. The cost of these benefits is given on an individual from operating expenses and must be less than or equal to 50% of total costs used in the base of the Help the Beneficiary, unless waived by the General management team of the ANR reasoned request.</p> <p>Please read paragraph 4.2 of the conditions of allocation of ANR funding, which can be consulted on the ANR website (<a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a>)</p>
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#### FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	Teams from low-income and lower-middle income countries can be funded via a subcontracting system of the French research Partner. Please contact ANR.

#### OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** Proposed scientific projects may not exceed 36 months (NB: Duration must be the same for all partners of a project).

**Country:** Germany

**Funding Organisations:**

*Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)  
& Bundesministerium für Bildung und  
Forschung (BMBF)/Deutsches Zentrum für  
Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. – Projektträger  
(DLR-PT)*



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for *DFG* or *BMBF/DLR-PT* funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**1) Procedure**

Pre-Proposals:

Pre-proposals submitted by applicants applying for funds from a German research organisation (DFG or BMBF/DLR-PT) will be examined as to their eligibility according to the guidelines of both DFG and BMBF/DLR-PT. If a proposal is eligible at one of these research funding organisations, the general eligibility is established.

Full Proposals:

As a service for the German community, all submitted full proposals including funds applied for at a German research funding organization will be processed according to a uniform procedure. In addition to the mandatory submission of all proposals to the BiodivScen Call Secretariat, all proposals applying for *DFG* or *BMBF/DLR-PT* funds must be submitted to DFG via the [DFG elan portal](#). Please note that this also applies to applicants who only are eligible pursuant to the BMBF/DLR-PT guidelines. The proposal documents must be submitted via the DFG elan portal by the same deadline as the full proposals to the BiodivScen Call Secretariat. Subsequently, responsibilities for applications will be assigned among German funding agencies.

## 2) Technical advice

### Submission of full proposals via DFG's Electronic Proposal Processing System (elan)

For each member of the consortium applying for funding from a German research funding organisation (DFG or BMBF/DLR-PT) the following process must be followed. In the following, these members of the consortium are referred to as "German applicants", which only means that they are applying for "German money", but not that these applicants' nationality must be German.

**Please note that before submission of the full proposal, each German applicant must be registered in the elan system. (Registration of all German applicants should be finished two weeks in advance of the deadline for submitting full proposals at the latest.)**

The proposal form (elektronisches Antragsformular) must be submitted via the DFG's Electronic Proposal Processing System (elan).

Please select as follows:

- Proposal Submission / New Project (Antragstellung / Neues Projekt)
- Individual Grants Programme (Einzelförderung)
- Proposal for a Research Grant (Antrag auf eine Sachbeihilfe)
- -> Start online form (-> Online-Formular starten)

For detailed information on the online form please refer to:

[BiodivScen](#)

For information on and access to elan go to:

[http://www.dfg.de/en/research\\_funding/principles\\_dfg\\_funding/elan/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/principles_dfg_funding/elan/index.html)

After submitting the proposal, you will be sent a compliance form by e-mail. This form must be printed out and returned to the DFG with the original signatures of all German applicants.

## 3) Important information on eligibility for researchers from non-university

### **Institutions:**

#### DFG

In this joint call of the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA applicants holding a permanent position at a non-universal research institution have the **duty to cooperate** with partners from German universities ("Es gilt die **Kooperationspflicht**"; for more information see table below).

#### BMBF/DLR-PT

All applicants from non-university research organisations (Helmholtz, Max-Planck, Leibniz Centres) must follow specific application rules (cf. section ELIGIBILITY). For these applicants it is *strongly recommended to contact the Funding Organisation Contact Point (FCP) at DLR-PT.*

#### 4) Detailed information for both German funding organisations

##### CONTACT

Funding Organisation	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) <a href="http://www.dfg.de/index.jsp">http://www.dfg.de/index.jsp</a>	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)/ Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. Projektträger (DLR-PT) <a href="http://www.bmbf.de">www.bmbf.de</a> <a href="http://www.dlr.de/pt">www.dlr.de/pt</a> <a href="http://www.pt-dlr-klimaundumwelt.de">www.pt-dlr-klimaundumwelt.de</a>
Total Contribution to the Call	€ 1,500,000 – € 2,500,000	€ 2,000,000 – € 3,000,000
	<i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>	
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.biodivscen.de">BiodivScen</a>	<a href="http://www.pt-dlr-klimaundumwelt.de/de/777.php">http://www.pt-dlr-klimaundumwelt.de/de/777.php</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Gaby Rerig Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) +49 228 885-2406 <a href="mailto:gaby.rerig@dfg.de">gaby.rerig@dfg</a>	Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. DLR Projektträger, Bereich Umwelt und Nachhaltigkeit  Dr. Rainer Sodtke +49 228 3821-1561 <a href="mailto:Rainer.Sodtke@dlr.de">Rainer.Sodtke@dlr.de</a>  Dr. Oliver Dilly +49 228 3821-1470 <a href="mailto:Oliver.Dilly@dlr.de">Oliver.Dilly@dlr.de</a>

##### ELIGIBILITY

	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)/ Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. Projektträger (DLR-PT)
Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Applicants should read and follow DFG forms and guidelines for Research Grants ( <a href="#">DFG form 50.01</a> ). Please note: Proposals may also be submitted by researchers working at a non-university research institution, however applicants	Participants must be research organisations and/or enterprises. Individual persons are not eligible for funding. Applicants should read and follow the instructions of the «Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf

	holding a permanent position at a non-universal research institution (institutions listed in <a href="#">DFG form 55_01</a> ) have the duty to cooperate with partners from German universities.	Ausgabenbasis» or «Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis», depending on the legal status of the applicant's institution. All forms and guidelines are available at: <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf">https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf</a>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	In addition to submitting the full proposal to the BiodivScen Call Secretariat, uploading the proposal documents via the <a href="#">DFG elan portal</a> by the same deadline is mandatory. For more information: see <b>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</b> above.	All applicants from non-university research organizations (Helmholtz, Max-Planck, Leibniz Centres) have to follow specific application rules (only in German). For these it is <i>strongly recommended to contact the FCP at DLR-PT</i> : Antragsberechtigt sind Hochschulen, Forschungseinrichtungen und vergleichbare Institutionen. Forschungseinrichtungen, die gemeinsam von Bund und Ländern grundfinanziert werden, kann nur unter bestimmten Voraussetzungen ergänzend zu ihrer Grundfinanzierung eine Projektförderung für ihren zusätzlichen Aufwand bewilligt werden. Insbesondere wird von diesen grundfinanzierten außer-universitären Forschungseinrichtungen erwartet, dass sie die inhaltliche Verknüpfung der Projektförderthemen mit den institutionell geförderten Forschungsaktivitäten darstellen und beide miteinander verzahnen.

## BUDGET

	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)/ Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. Projektträger (DLR-PT)
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Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Minimum: 350 € per partner Maximum: no restrictions	N.A.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Details are provided in the DFG guidelines for Research Grants <a href="#">DFG form 50.01</a> . Personnel costs for permanent staff are not eligible.	Only temporary positions, cf. <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf">https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf</a>
Should VAT be included in budget figures for your organisations?	Yes	VAT for deliveries and other services of third parties may be refunded only if the applicant is not entitled to deduct pre-tax (nicht zum Vorsteuerabzug nach § 15 UStG berechtigt), cf. <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf">https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf</a>
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Please check the DFG guidelines for Research Grants for detailed information ( <a href="#">DFG form 50.01</a> ).	Cf. <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf">https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf</a>
Subcontracting rules	Possible according to the general rules for research grants (for details see <a href="#">DFG form 52.01</a> )	<u>To EU countries:</u> Yes. In this case, however, it is strongly recommended to contact the FCP at DLR-PT. <u>To Non-EU countries:</u> Yes. Teams from third countries or international organisations may be funded for minor tasks within the projects, when they are subcontracted by a German team. Cooperation with developing countries is acceptable. BMBF will not fund subcontracted teams from industrial countries or emerging economies, like China, Brazil etc. <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):</u> Yes. Please contact the FCP at DLR-PT.

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)/ Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. Projektträger (DLR-PT)
Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes The DFG funds research projects conducted by researchers from Germany in collaboration with researchers from developing countries. Under certain conditions, project partners in developing countries may be funded directly with a DFG research grant. The partner in Germany requests all funding for the project to be carried out with the cooperation partner. The DFG provides the funds to the grant recipient in Germany using its usual procedure. The recipient in Germany transfers the money to their partners in developing countries, and is solely responsible to the DFG for project implementation according to plan and for proper use of the funds.	Yes. Teams from third countries or international organisations may be funded for minor tasks within the projects, if they are subcontracted by a German team. Cooperation with developing countries is acceptable. However, BMBF will not fund subcontracted teams from industrial countries or emerging economies, like China, Brazil etc.
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	Rules and procedures are explained in <a href="#">DFG form 54.013</a>	Cf. <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf">https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&amp;formularschrank=bmbf</a>

## OTHER

### Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Project duration up to 36 months.

### National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)

!! All proposals applying for *DFG* or *BMBF/DLR-PT* funds must be submitted to DFG via the [DFG elan portal](#) !!

Apart from this:

**DFG:**

For detailed information on the DFG online form and procedure please refer to:

[BiodivScen](#)

**BMBF/DLR-PT:**

**Until the funding decision, no additional forms have to be filled.** Application forms (e.g. Easy-AZA/AZAP or Easy-AZK) have to be filled and signed **only for projects designated for funding and only on request by DLR-PT**. Applicants should read and follow the instructions of the «Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgabenbasis» or «Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis», depending on the legal status of the applicant's institution. All forms to be filled are available at:

[https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy\\_index.php?auswahl=easy\\_formulare&formularschrank=bmbf](https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&formularschrank=bmbf)

Forms should be send both on paper and electronically, but only on request by DLR-PT to:

Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e. V.

DLR Projektträger | Umwelt und Nachhaltigkeit

Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1

53227 Bonn

z. Hd. Herrn Dr. Rainer Sodtke

Email: rainer.sodtke@dlr.de

**Country:** Ireland

**Funding Organisation:**

**Environmental Protection Agency**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for [EPA] funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Environmental Protection Agency, EPA, <a href="http://www.epa.ie">www.epa.ie</a>
Contribution to the Call	€500,000 <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/internationallinkages/biodiversa/">http://www.epa.ie/researchandeducation/research/internationallinkages/biodiversa/</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr Alice Wemaere, EPA, Research Manager, Tel: + 353 1 268 0146 Email: <a href="mailto:a.wemaere@epa.ie">a.wemaere@epa.ie</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	All
Eligible themes / environment	All Note: The Marine Institute will be contributing to the funding of successful marine-related proposals
Additional specific rules	n/a

**BUDGET**

<p>Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum: €150,000 per partner</li> <li>• Maximum: €300,000 for coordinator</li> <li>• No more than €300,000 to be requested by ALL IE participants within the one proposal</li> </ul>
<p>Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)</p>	<p>Please refer to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Guide for Applicants</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Guide for Grantees</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a></li> </ul>
<p>Should VAT be included in budget figures for EPA?</p>	<p>All funding provided is inclusive of VAT, if it is applicable.</p> <p>Where a participant organisation is registered for Value Added Tax (VAT) and able to reclaim any VAT they incur on their costs then all expenditure items included in their application for funding and subsequent claims for reimbursement should be shown at the VAT exclusive amount. Where an organisation is not entitled to reclaim the VAT that they incur in relation to their costs then the amounts included in their application for funding and subsequent claims for reimbursement should be the VAT inclusive amount. Applicants will be required to specify their VAT status in their Application Form for funding.</p>
<p>Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?</p>	<p>Please refer to <a href="#">EPA Guide to applicants</a>.</p>
<p>Subcontracting rules</p>	<p><u>To EU countries:</u> See below  <u>To Non-EU countries:</u> See below  <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc.):</u> None</p> <p>Where the services of a sub-contractor or consultant are required, as part of an application for funding, these should not constitute more than 20% of the total budgeted expenditure of each individual participant and the project overall. Sub-contract and consultancy arrangements are also subject to a maximum daily rate for external assistance of €600 + VAT. Sub-contract arrangements between participants are not permitted.</p>

	There is no restriction on where subcontractor is based so long as Public Procurement rules have been followed i.e. Any sub-contract or consultancy arrangement must be offered to the most economically advantageous tender in compliance with applicable National and European Public Procurement Guidelines
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## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	National Regulations Please refer to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Guide for Applicants</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Guide for Grantees</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Terms and Conditions</a></li> </ul>

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** 3 years

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

There is no requirement for Irish applicants to send the EPA any paperwork related to their submission. Applicants are advised to carefully read the National Regulations.

**Further comments**

N.A.

**Country : Ivory Coast**

**Funding Organisation:**

**PASRES**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for PASRES funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Strategic Support Programme for Scientific Research in Ivory Coast (PASRES) ; <a href="http://www.csrs.ch/pasres">www.csrs.ch/pasres</a> ; Phone : (225) 23 47 28 28 ; Email : <a href="mailto:pasres@csrs.ci">pasres@csrs.ci</a>
Contribution to the Call	Funding of project (Minimum contribution : 23 000 Euros /Maximum contribution : 75 000 Euros )
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.csrs.ch/pasres">www.csrs.ch/pasres</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr Yaya SANGARE, Executive Secretary of Strategic Support Programme for Scientific Research in Ivory Coast (PASRES) / Phone : (225) 40 37 71 16 / Email : <a href="mailto:yayasangci@yahoo.fr">yayasangci@yahoo.fr</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Senior and Postdoctoral researchers : Professors and Doctors from Universities and Research Centers ;</li><li>- PHD Students ;</li><li>- Master 2 Students and Engineers ;</li><li>- Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs)</li></ul>
Eligible themes environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Please contact PASRES for more information

**BUDGET**

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Maximum requested budget : Minimum budget 23 000 Euros per Project / Maximum budget : 75 000 Euros
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	No
Should VAT be included in budget figures for PASRES?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Heavy Equipment
Subcontracting rules	No

### **FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES**

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	No

### **OTHER**

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** Minimum: 6 months / Maximum: 3 years

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

Applicants have to send to PASRES in a single document an application form, the concept note or summary sheet of their project and the administrative papers required. For more information on this procedure, please contact PASRES.

Application Form to complete and send signed before project submission to:

Strategic Support Programme for Scientific Research in Ivory Coast (PASRES),  
Executive Secretariat, Swiss Centre for Scientific Research, Km 17,  
Adiopodoumé, P.O. Box : 01 BP 1303 Abidjan 01 / Email : pasres@csrs.ci

### **Further comments**

N.A.

**Country:** Lithuania

**Funding Organisation:**

*Research Council of Lithuania (t)*



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Council of  
Lithuania

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for RCL funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Research Council of Lithuania
Contribution to the Call	100,000.00 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.lmt.lt/lt/kvietimu-kalendorius/plain.html">http://www.lmt.lt/lt/kvietimu-kalendorius/plain.html</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Viktoras Mongirdas Chief Officer of International Programmes Unit of Research Council of Lithuania Phone +370 5 210 5335 E-mail: <a href="mailto:viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt">viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Eligible implementing institution – a Lithuanian research and education institution included into the Register of Education and Research institutions facilitating the implementation of projects by project implementers, managing, in the procedure stipulated by laws, the State budget funds allocated to the project, and representing project partners (if any).
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	Eligible project partner – a public or private legal entity that in cooperation with the implementing institution facilitates the project implementers in implementing the project.
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	-

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Maximum requested budget per Project is 100k€
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Expenses incurred for employing permanent and temporary staff are eligible.  The workload of the PL or principal members of Lithuanian team must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the Project in months.
Should VAT be included in budget figures for RCL?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	Eligible costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries, including social security costs</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Consumables</li> <li>• Equipment (only state institutions)</li> <li>• Other costs</li> <li>• Subcontracting</li> </ul> Overheads (up to) 30% of Salaries and Subcontracting costs
Subcontracting rules	Subcontracting costs must be incurred in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Lithuania.  Expenses incurred according to service and/or copyright agreements where such agreements were concluded for performing minor tasks in the Project are eligible.

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
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If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.
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## **OTHER**

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** up to 36 months

The researcher applying as a project leader (PL) must hold at least a Ph.D. degree.

A person, acting as a PL or a principal group member can participate only in one proposal per Call.

Where the Supervisor of academic ethics and procedures determines that a person has violated the academic ethics, or the RCL decides that a person who has been implementing (has implemented) a project funded (which has been funded) by the RCL has violated the scientific ethics principles approved by the RCL, the proposals in which the person is designated as the project leader or the principal group member shall not be considered according to all areas of activities supported by the RCL for five years from the date of the relevant decision.

Where the Committee (of RCL) decides to terminate the implementation of the project or recognise the project has failed, the proposals for the projects according to all areas of activities supported by the RCL in which the scientists who had been managing a terminated or a failed project is again indicated as the leader for the intended project, shall not be considered for three years from the adoption date of the Resolution.

**No National Official paperwork at application stage is required.**

### **Further comments**

National funding will be provided according to the GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA approved by the Order No VIII-26 of the Council on 27 October, 2014.

**Country: Norway**

**Funding Organisation:**

**The Research Council of Norway (RCN)**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for RCN funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	The Research Council of Norway (RCN), <a href="http://www.forskingsradet.no/en/Home_page/1177315753906">http://www.forskingsradet.no/en/Home_page/1177315753906</a>
Contribution to the Call	€1,000,000-1,500,000
Link to the page of the call	<a href="https://www.forskingsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&amp;pagename=miljoforsk%2FHovedsidemaI&amp;cid=1254008430026">https://www.forskingsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&amp;pagename=miljoforsk%2FHovedsidemaI&amp;cid=1254008430026</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mari Susanne Solerød, Special adviser, phone: +47 95213880, <a href="mailto:mso@rcn.no">mso@rcn.no</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Norwegian research institutions (See definition and specification under "Applications will be accepted from": <a href="http://www.forskingsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768">http://www.forskingsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768</a>
Eligible themes /environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Indirect costs should be included in salary costs, not as separate budget lines.

**BUDGET**

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Within a single project proposal, the Norwegian contribution requested cannot exceed €400 000.
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Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Relevant project expenses such as payroll expenses, one or more grants/fellowships, procurement of R&D services. See also: <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768">http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Researcher_project/1195592882768</a> .
Should VAT be included in budget figures for RCN?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	No, see: <a href="http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Project_budgets/1254007196371">http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Project_budgets/1254007196371</a>
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries</u> : Yes <u>To Non-EU countries</u> : Yes <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u> : Subcontracting via researcher at Norwegian university or research institution. Has to be included in original proposal. No particular restrictions.

#### FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	No particular rules or restrictions.

#### OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** Follow the call's general rules.

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

No signatures from Norwegian participants required on the application form.

**Relevant documents (norms and regulations):** General RCN conditions for funding: [http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Application\\_information/1138882212933](http://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Application_information/1138882212933)

**Country: Poland**



**Funding Organisation:**

**National Science Centre (NCN)**

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for NCN funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	National Science Centre (NCN), <a href="http://www.ncn.gov.pl">www.ncn.gov.pl</a> , Królewska Street 57, 30-081 Krakow, Poland
Contribution to the Call	500,000.00€ <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35 of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="https://ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-biodiversa">https://ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-biodiversa</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr Marcin Liana, NCN Head of Research Projects Administration Department <a href="mailto:marcin.liana@ncn.gov.pl">marcin.liana@ncn.gov.pl</a> tel: +48 12 3419161  Joanna Komperda, NCN Senior International Cooperation Officer <a href="mailto:joanna.komperda@ncn.gov.pl">joanna.komperda@ncn.gov.pl</a> tel: +48 12 3419138

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons	Eligible institutions: research organisations, university research centres established within
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<i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	<p>a single university structure, scientific libraries, enterprises with the status of research and development centres, organisational institutions having legal personality status established in the Republic of Poland, enterprises other than those mentioned above that are located in Poland.</p> <p>For more information please check: <a href="#">UNISONO</a></p> <p>Principal Investigator:</p> <p>Any researchers with a doctoral degree, employed at a Polish host institution may act as Principal Investigator or Project Leader.</p>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	Only proposals involving basic research may be submitted in response to the call for proposals.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	N.A.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Yes
Should VAT be included in budget figures for NCN?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel (including post-doc positions and scholarships for PhD students);</li> <li>• Equipment: applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to 500,000 PLN;</li> <li>• Other costs: materials, devices and software, outsourcing and subcontracting, travel and subsistence costs, visits and consultations, costs of publications (including Open access publications), collective investigators;</li> <li>• Overheads: overheads may not exceed a maximum of 40% of eligible costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project.</li> </ul> <p>We strongly encourage all applicants to read information on eligible costs included in the Annex</p>

	<p>to NCN Council's Resolution on funding granted within calls for proposals for international research projects (UNISONO, p. 5-12).</p> <p>Please note that administrative personnel costs as well as costs of organising conferences, workshops, seminars, meetings are ineligible. For more information please check: <a href="#">UNISONO</a>.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p><u>To EU countries</u>: Yes</p> <p><u>To Non-EU countries</u>: Yes</p> <p><u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u>: Yes</p>

### FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Eligible for funding in accordance with the subcontracting rules
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	-

### OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** Projects including Polish teams may last 36 months.

### National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)

On the full proposals stage Polish applicants must register their applications in the OSF submission system (UNISONO). Budget of the Polish part of the project must be given in PLN (1 EUR = 4,3162 PLN).

### Further comments

We strongly encourage all applicants to read information on eligible costs included in the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on funding granted within calls for proposals for international research project ([UNISONO](#), p. 5-12).

### Please note:

- Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads.

- If one international project includes partners from at least two different Polish Host Institutions, these institutions must apply as a consortium. Each Host Institution comprising the consortium has a separate budget, but the limit on the remuneration applies to the consortium as a whole ([UNISONO](#), p. 8-9).
- Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the following document: [UNISONO](#) (Annex to NCN Council's Resolution no. 31/2017).

**Country: ROMANIA**



**Funding Organisation:**

*Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding*

**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for UEFISCDI funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI); <a href="http://www.uefiscdi.gov.ro">www.uefiscdi.gov.ro</a>
Contribution to the Call	500,000.00 Euros <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="https://uefiscdi.ro/biodivscen">https://uefiscdi.ro/biodivscen</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Adrian Asanica, Expert UEFISCDI Tel: +40744.45.00.11 E-mail: <a href="mailto:adrian.asanica@uefiscdi.ro">adrian.asanica@uefiscdi.ro</a> Luciana Bratu, Head of International Relations and Implementation Projects, UEFISCDI E-mail: <a href="mailto:luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro">luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large
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	companies, financing is under the permit <a href="#">NASR Decision no 9281/8.13.2015</a> approving the scheme of State aid for Program 3: European and international cooperation.
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	<p>The Principal Investigator of Romanian team must hold a Ph.D. degree. This condition does not apply if the Romanian host institution is an enterprise according with the specific European and national laws.</p> <p>One research team leader will participate only one time in a proposal within the trans-national call as responsible or coordinator.</p> <p>No simultaneous funding is possible for more than one application under the same call.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator of Romanian team is full time employed within the host institution with permanent position, with fixed term contract covering at least the duration of the project or has an agreement with the host institution for his/her employment at least for the duration of the contract; It is forbidden to submit a proposal which seeks to fund activities already funded by other public sources;</p> <p>The host institution does not have a seizure on its accounts; it has not been declared bankrupt or wound up; it has not made false declarations concerning its economic and legal statute; it has not broken other contract previously signed with a public contracting authority; The host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary resources/infrastructures, to support the project implementation in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian team, in respect of all legal provisions in force, if the project is selected for funding.</p>

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	<p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250.000 Euro if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project</p> <p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200.000 Euro if Romania is partner in the transnational project</p>
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Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Both
Should VAT be included in budget figures for UEFISCDI?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>The following categories of expenses are eligible:</p> <p>A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);</p> <p>B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);</p> <p>C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;</p> <p>D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);</p> <p>E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams members);</p> <p>F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs).</p> <p>Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting.</p> <p>Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p>To EU countries: no</p> <p>To Non-EU countries: no</p> <p><u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):</u></p> <p>Yes, expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work</p>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** proposed participations may last up to 36 months

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

– N.A.

**Further comments**

The [guideline](#) according to the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2015-2020, for ERA-NET Cofund projects has to be consulted and respected by applicants.

**Country: Slovakia**

**Funding Organisation:**

**Slovak Academy Of Sciences (SAS)**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for **Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)** funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences
Contribution to the Call	240.000 € <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.sav.sk/?lang=sk&amp;doc=services-news&amp;source_no=25">http://www.sav.sk/?lang=sk&amp;doc=services-news&amp;source_no=25</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Zuzana Panisová International Cooperation Department Štefánikova 49, 81438 Bratislava, Slovakia Tel. +421 2 5751 0245 E-mail: <a href="mailto:panisova@up.upsav.sk">panisova@up.upsav.sk</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Only research Institutes of Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding (up to 100%). Applicants from other Slovak R&D centers (universities and/or other organisations from Slovakia) have to cover the project costs from their own sources (Letter of Commitment).
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	-

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Available budget: 240 000 € + ca 35% of EC Top-up
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Max. 15% of all direct costs or Max. 30% of all direct costs if Slovak team is coordinator of project consortium
Should VAT be included in budget figures for SAS?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	bank loan interests, periodical publications, elementary office equipment, investments in the property, refreshments, donations, marketing costs are not eligible
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries</u> : no, Slovak legislation is applicable <u>To Non-EU countries</u> : no, Slovak legislation is applicable <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u> : no

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** Maximum 3 years

**No National Official paperwork to complete and sign for the pre-registration and full application stage.**

### Further comments

Slovak researchers that are **partners in a project selected for funding** will be requested to submit an additional application to the SAS (MVTs form). A separate request to do so will be sent to the Slovak researchers after the recommendation for funding of the respective Joint Call Secretariat. Slovak researchers should submit this application as soon as possible after having received the notification. The Presidium of SAS will make the final decision for funding of selected projects.

## ELIGIBLE COSTS FOR SLOVAK RESEARCHERS

## 1. Eligible direct costs

### 1.1 Personal costs

- must accurately reflect the work on the project
- may be used only to cover the costs (including health and social insurance) related to work agreements performed outside of employment
- maximum of 15 % of all direct costs ( ERA.Nets) or maximum of 30% of all direct costs, if slovak team is a coordinator of consortium

### 1.2 Material costs and expenditures

- Consumables*: minor equipment and instruments, small-scale office and laboratory material (no basic equipment of the workplace; essential computer equipment is exception)
- costs and expenditures for services directly related to the project*: contracts, consultations, publication of project results, conference fees
- travel costs and living expenses*: limits for travel costs and daily subsistence allowance vary depending on destination country  
(pursuant to Slovak Act. 283/2002 Col. Of Laws on travel reimbursement)
- capital expenditures: to a maximum of 40% of all direct costs

## 2. Indirect Costs

- administration, energy and infrastructure
- maximum of 20% of all direct costs

[http://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source\\_no=25&news\\_no=5570](http://www.sav.sk/index.php?lang=sk&doc=services-news&source_no=25&news_no=5570)

**Country: SPAIN**

**Funding Organisation:  
AEI - STATE RESEARCH AGENCY**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for AEI funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Agency for Research
Contribution to the Call	Max: 1,000,000€ <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="#">AEI-International</a> (follow BiodivScen)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Patrica Vera Esteban Manrique David González Tel.: +34916037752 / +34916038622 / +34916037754  E-mail: <a href="mailto:era-medioambiente@aei.gob.es">era-medioambiente@aei.gob.es</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	The eligible entities for the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding are: Non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call or equivalent ( <i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional o equivalente</i> ).  Although private enterprises are not be funded through the APCIN call, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds or
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	<p>funds from other national funding agencies (CDTI) or regional funding agencies.</p> <p>Final rules on eligibility will be defined in the APCIN call (or equivalent), to be published <a href="#">here</a></p>
Eligible themes / environment	No restrictions.
Additional specific rules	<p><b><u>Mandatory:</u></b>  <u>Spanish Principal Investigators</u> must be eligible according to the APCIN call or equivalent and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the <i>Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011</i>, the <i>Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016</i>, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.</p> <p><b><u>Not allowed:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Important: Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in two consecutive APCIN calls (or equivalent).</li> <li>- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this Call 2018.</li> <li>- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in the APCIN 2018 call or equivalent. This must be taken into account when participating in different JPIs, ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.</li> <li>- Principal Investigators have to remain unchanged between the proposal and the National APCIN call or equivalent.</li> </ul> <p>The State Research Agency - AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>

## BUDGET

Maximum requested budget per Partner	<p><u>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.</u></p> <p>The maximum amount of funding is 150,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).</p> <p><u>Only one Spanish legal entity may participate per proposal</u>, except in the case the Spanish legal</p>
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	entity is the international project coordinator, where another Spanish legal entity may participate.  The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Only for temporal personnel
Eligible other costs	Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
Should VAT be included in budget figures for AEI?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<u>Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.</u>
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries: No</u> <u>To Non-EU countries: No</u> <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, according to the APCIN call rules.</u>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Maximum project duration:** 36 months

**Funding programme:** Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2017. [Link to Plan Estatal](#)

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions 2018 or equivalent (Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2017 o equivalente). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [APCIN 2017](#)

The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this APCIN call (or equivalent) and by the funding limits specified below.

The Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia

**Purpose of funding**

The projects granted by the State Research Agency of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness must be aligned with the main objectives described in the [Programa Estatal](#).

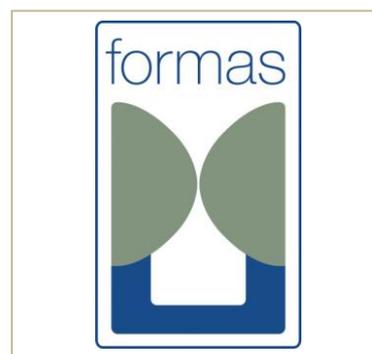
**Further instructions**

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the State Research Agency of the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding: “Project (reference nº XXX) funded by the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness through APCIN” (or equivalent).

**Country: Sweden**

**Funding Organisation:**

**Formas**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for *Formas* funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS), <a href="http://www.formas.se">www.formas.se</a>
Contribution to the Call	1 800 000 Euro <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.formas.se">www.formas.se</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Sandro Caruso, Senior Research Officer Tel: +46 8 775 4064 Email: <a href="mailto:sandro.caruso@formas.se">sandro.caruso(at)formas.se</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Grants can be administered by a Swedish university or university college, or other Swedish public institute that fulfills the grant administrating organisation eligibility requirements of Formas.
Eligible themes/environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	The project leader and co-applicants must have a doctoral degree, but industrial partners are welcome to participate in the application.

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Maximum budget per partner: 300 000 Euro If the Swedish partner is also project coordinator, then the maximum budget for that partner is 500 000 Euro
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Grants for projects may be used for the financing of salary for temporary and permanent researchers, doctoral students and technical staff.
Should VAT be included in budget figures for Formas?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	No
Subcontracting rules	<u>To EU countries</u> : Yes <u>To Non-EU countries</u> : Yes <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u> : Yes Please make sure to contact Formas for more information.

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Yes
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	By subcontracting Please make sure to contact Formas for more information.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** The project duration is 36 months maximum and 12 months minimum.

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

None

**Further comments**

N.A

**Country: Switzerland**

**Funding Organisation:**

**Swiss National Science Foundation**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for SNSF funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF www.snf.ch
Contribution to the Call	CHF 1,800,000 <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/programmes/era-net/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.snf.ch/en/funding/programmes/era-net/Pages/default.aspx</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr. Stéphanie Wyss, Head of Unit Biology and Experimental Medicine, Division Biology and Medicine, SNSF, +41 31 308 22 68, stephanie.wyss@snf.ch

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Refer to SNSF Funding Regulations <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf</a> and General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf</a>  Please note: The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial. Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is
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	<p>conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.</p> <p>For eligibility check please contact the national contact person identified above.</p>
Eligible themes / environment	No restriction
Additional specific rules	<p>Refer to SNSF Funding Regulations  <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf</a></p> <p>Please note: Besides the eligibility check, the SNSF proceeds to a material check. On one hand, this refers to the applicant's experience and research activity during several years as well as the demonstration of their scientific independence (Art. 3 and 10, Funding regulations). Moreover, the material check ensures that the submitted proposal can be evaluated in detail, more particularly that it shows no obvious insufficiency in any of the scientific evaluation criteria (Art. 24 of the aforementioned regulations). In case of several overlapping projects, all projects must significantly distinguish themselves from each other (Art. 17 of the same regulations).</p> <p>For eligibility check please contact the national contact person identified above.</p>

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	None
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	<p>Refer to SNSF Funding Regulations  <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf</a>  and  General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations  <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf</a></p>
Should VAT be included in budget figures for SNSF?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>Refer to SNSF Funding Regulations  <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_reglement_e.pdf</a>  and</p>

	<p>General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations  <a href="http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf">http://www.snf.ch/SiteCollectionDocuments/allg_ausfuehrungsreglement_e.pdf</a></p> <p>Please note: Overhead contributions cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p><u>To EU countries</u>: Please contact SNSF  <u>To Non-EU countries</u>: Please contact SNSF  <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u>: Please contact SNSF</p>

#### **FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES**

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	Please contact SNSF
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	

#### **OTHER**

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** 12 to 36 months

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them):** none

Submission of the formal proposal at national level will be carried out once the international evaluation is finalized. The Swiss project partner(s) will then be invited by the SNSF to submit the proposal(s).

**Further comments:**

N.A.

**Country: The Netherlands**

**Funding Organisation:**

**NWO**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for NWO funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

Provided below is a summary of the NWO guidelines for this call, full (and binding) detail is provided in the document “BiodivScen - Requirements for Dutch applicants” which is available for download on [www.nwo.nl/biodivscen](http://www.nwo.nl/biodivscen).

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)
Contribution to the Call	800,000 euro <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="http://www.nwo.nl/biodivscen">www.nwo.nl/biodivscen</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Martijn Los Policy Officer NWO Domain Science +31 703440508 <a href="mailto:m.los@nwo.nl">m.los@nwo.nl</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	Funding can be applied for by associate, assistant and full professors or researchers with a comparable position who hold an appointment at a Dutch university or a
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	research institute recognised by NWO (cf. Open Programme NWO Earth and Life Sciences).
Eligible themes/environment	No restrictions
Additional specific rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Applicants must hold a doctorate and/or be professor.</li> <li>- Applicants must have a paid appointment for at least the duration of the application process and the research for which the grant is requested.</li> <li>- Employees who have a 'zero-hours' contract (0-aanstelling) or a contract as an unpaid guest researcher cannot apply.</li> <li>- Applicants may not apply for a position for themselves.</li> <li>- An individual Dutch applicant may only request funding for one project (part of a consortium) in this call.</li> <li>- The maximum number of Dutch participants (applicable for funding) per consortium is one.</li> </ul>

## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	200.000 euro
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Temporary positions (post-doc) only
Should VAT be included in budget figures for NWO?	Yes
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>Applicants can apply for a grant to cover research costs such as the appointment of personnel (post-doc) and material and networking costs (consumables, fieldwork, consortium meetings etc.). Each cost category should be explained separately in the application.</p> <p>Personnel costs</p>

	<p>For the salary costs at Universities and research institutes recognized by NWO the VSNU contract '<a href="#">Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek</a>' applies. For the Dutch Individual Project a grant can be requested for a postdoc researcher (maximum 2,5 years full time, current amount per 1 July 2017: 183.621 euro). This amount includes a bench fee of 5,000 euro for individual costs for the purposes of the research of the post-doc (e.g. publication costs, congress visits, etc.).</p> <p>Material and networking costs For material costs (consumables, fieldwork, travel costs) and networking costs (consortium meetings, travel costs, communication) a maximum of 40,000 euro for the entire funding period can be applied for. Material and networking costs may not exceed 20% of the total budget requested.</p> <p>Non-eligible costs The NWO funding in this call does not cover costs for sub-contracting or overheads. Applicants cannot apply for a grant to cover the costs of tenured staff, student assistants, analysts or technicians, general laboratory equipment and the costs for maintenance, insurance, congress visits and publications.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p><u>To EU countries</u>: No  <u>To Non-EU countries</u>: No  <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u>: No</p>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

### Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed projects may last up to a maximum of 36 months.

### National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them):

N/A

**Further comments:**

Please check the “BiodivScen – Requirements for Dutch applicants” on [www.nwo.nl/biodivscen](http://www.nwo.nl/biodivscen) for further details.

**Country: TURKEY**

**Funding Organisation:**

**THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL  
RESEARCH COUNCIL OF TURKEY (TÜBİTAK)**



**Who is addressed by this information?**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for TÜBİTAK funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)
Contribution to the Call	Maximum: 400.000-€ <i>(+ Indicative top-up from the European Commission of ca. 35% of national contribution)</i>
Link to the page of the call	<a href="https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/duyuru/era-net-cofund-biyocesitlilik-senaryolari-cagrisi-aciliyor">https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/duyuru/era-net-cofund-biyocesitlilik-senaryolari-cagrisi-aciliyor</a> <a href="https://ufuk2020.org.tr/tr/haberler/era-net-cofund-biyocesitlilik-senaryolari-cagrisi-acilacak">https://ufuk2020.org.tr/tr/haberler/era-net-cofund-biyocesitlilik-senaryolari-cagrisi-acilacak</a>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Burak Barut Scientific Programmes Expert Tel: +903122981191 E-mail: burak.barut@tubitak.gov.tr

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	University personnel with PhD degree, public institutions and private corporations employees with min. undergraduate degree are eligible for funding.  Proposals from any kind of associations and/or foundations are not eligible.
Eligible themes	No restrictions

Additional specific rules	<p>-Project managers, researchers and advisors should be registered in the TÜBİTAK Researcher Information System (ARBİS) database and their information should be up-to-date.</p> <p>- The national application form should be signed by the project manager, researcher(s), advisor(s) and the institution authorities (usually rector or vice rector).</p> <p>- Legal permission papers from related ministries and ethical committee approvals should be submitted in the eligibility check period.</p> <p>- For more information, please visit national funds web site:</p> <p><a href="http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/academy/national-support-programmes/content-1001-scientific-and-technological-research-projects-funding-program">http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/academy/national-support-programmes/content-1001-scientific-and-technological-research-projects-funding-program</a></p>
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## BUDGET

Minimum and/or maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	Maximum budget per project is 660.000-₺ which is around 160.000-€.
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	Only temporary
Should VAT be included in budget figures for TÜBİTAK?	YES
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	<p>Equipment, consumables, subcontracting/services, travel costs, personnel costs (temporary), overhead (institutional share and principle investigator/researcher(s)/advisor(s) shares which is given by TÜBİTAK for every funded project) can be included.</p> <p>Proposals which aim to build infrastructure are not eligible.</p>
Subcontracting rules	<p><u>To EU countries</u>: NO</p> <p><u>To Non-EU countries</u>: NO</p> <p><u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc)</u>: YES</p>

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	NO
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

#### **OTHER**

**Maximum project duration:** 36 months

#### **National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

Turkish partners have to apply national programme (programme code: 1001) simultaneously with the international application. The purpose of the 1001 programme is to support research in Turkey for generating new information, interpreting scientific findings, or solving technological problems on a scientific basis.

Application output which includes

- Kabul Taahhüt Beyanları (Proje Ekibi),
- Kabul Taahhüt Beyanları (Öneren/Proje Yürütücüsü Kurum/Kuruluş),
- Kabul Taahhüt Beyanları (Katılımcı Kurum/Kuruluş),
- Proje Önerisi Üzerindeki Hak Sahipliği Beyanı) has to be signed and sent to TUBITAK in the eligibility check period.

Original copies and/or true copies of the original documents of ethical committee approvals, legal permission papers and support letters should be sent to TUBITAK in the eligibility check period.

Address: Tunus Cad., No: 80, Kavaklıdere/Çankaya, ANKARA, 06100

#### **Further comments**

##### **Useful Links:**

<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>

<https://h2020.org.tr/tr>

Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge TUBITAK with the **correct project number**.

Using TUBITAK logo on any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects is strictly prohibited.



**Country:** *United States of America*

**Funding Organisation:**

*National Science Foundation*



**Who is addressed by this information**

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for NSF funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below.

**To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.**

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION: US Investigators may only be part of one consortium.**

**CONTACT**

Funding Organisation	National Science Foundation (NSF)
Contribution to the Call	Approximately 1.8 M USD
Link to the page of the call	Tbc
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Maria Uhle E-mail: <a href="mailto:muhle@nsf.gov">muhle@nsf.gov</a> Tel: 01 703 292 2250 Susanna Ehlers E-mail: <a href="mailto:sehlers@nsf.gov">sehlers@nsf.gov</a> Tel: 01 703 292 7583 Website: <a href="http://www.nsf.gov">www.nsf.gov</a>

**ELIGIBILITY**

Eligible Institutions/Persons <i>(incl. industry and funding rates)</i>	All institutions eligible to receive US federal funds through the National Science Foundation. U.S. investigators may only be part of one consortium. Accordingly, U.S.
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	investigators may be listed as either Lead PI, Co-PI (Partner PI) or Senior Personnel on only one pre-registration or proposal. In accordance with NSF policy, proposals cannot list more than 4 Co-PIs (Partner-PIs) from U.S. institutions. Additional U.S. collaborators must be listed as Senior Personnel.
Eligible themes and environment	All
Additional specific rules	The Lead PI's office of sponsored research or equivalent must send an email to the National Contacts at the addresses listed above acknowledging the submission by the US PI.

## BUDGET

Maximum requested budget per Partner and/or per Project	180,000 USD (including indirect costs) for all US partners <u>per proposal</u>
Eligible Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)	To cover overhead, PIs are to use their institution's negotiated indirect cost rate.
Should VAT be included in budget figures for NSF?	No
Should any other costs/expenses be excluded?	All costs including indirect are included in the maximum amount listed above.
Subcontracting rules	NSF does permit the use of subawarding (subcontracting). Collaborative proposals may be submitted as a single proposal, in which a single award is being requested (with subawards administered by the lead organization).

## FUNDING FOR LOW-INCOME AND LOWER-INCOME COUNTRIES

Are low-income and lower-middle income countries eligible for funding?	No
If yes, specific rules and procedures to follow	N.A.

## OTHER

**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:** 36 months

**National Official paperwork to complete and sign (including addresses where to send them)**

- For U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, all pre-registrations and proposals will be submitted to the Program Office by the consortium's Lead PI in accordance with the Agency's or Country's procedures.
- In accordance with NSF policy, pre-registrations and proposals that have U.S. Lead PI's must be submitted to the on-line Biodiversity call portal system. NO pre-registrations and proposals submitted directly to FASTLANE will be accepted. In addition,
- Once the review process is complete, the U.S. Lead PI will be contacted by the NSF point of contact with further instructions on how to upload the proposal information into FASTLANE. In addition, U.S. investigators that are part of a consortium and are NOT the Lead PI, will be contacted by NSF point of contact to upload proposal information into FASTLANE.

## Further comments

**In the event that an award is made to an institution, all NSF reporting requirements must be satisfied.**



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**Note: The language below is intended to be an annex to the call text to guide applicants regarding data management and data sharing.**

## Data policy

Why Data Management Plans (DMPs) are required.

The Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA support international transdisciplinary research with the goal of providing knowledge for understanding, mitigating and adapting to global environmental change. To meet this challenge, the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA emphasize open sharing of research data to stimulate new approaches to the collection, analysis, validation and management of data, thus increasing the transparency of the research process and robustness of the results. However, they fully recognize that there are legitimate reasons to constrain access, for example, when an individual's privacy would be at risk from sharing data containing (or derived from) personally identifiable information.

For this call, the participating agencies consider that the development and implementation of project-specific Data Management Plans is an essential to enable the sharing of research data.

Research data includes:

- digital information created directly from research activities such as experiments, analysis, surveys, measurements, instrumentation and observations; and
- data resulting from automated or manual data reduction and analysis including the inputs and outputs of simulations and models.

Project specific Data Management Plans should adhere to relevant standards and community best practice, which may vary by subject and disciplinary area. Research data should normally be open by default, unless there are legitimate reasons to constrain access, and the data must be made available with minimum time delay, including being discoverable through catalogues and search engines. Data with acknowledged long-term value should be preserved, protected from loss and remain accessible and usable for future research in sustainable and trustworthy repositories.

To enable research data to be discoverable and effectively re-used by others, including those outside the discipline of origin, sufficient metadata should be recorded and made openly available to enable other researchers to understand the research and re-use potential of the data. Published results should always include information on how to access the supporting data and other research materials. Researchers should ensure that metadata created to support research datasets retained for the long-term is sufficient to allow other researchers a reasonable understanding of those datasets, thereby minimising unintentional misuse, misinterpretation or confusion.

In the development of data infrastructures, it is important that there is solid use and evolution of existing resources, platforms, standards, and recognized practices. Projects that propose to develop

data infrastructures are asked to work closely with, and support relevant international networks, infrastructures, and standards organisations. They should make use of existing data repositories, such as those certified by the World Data System (WDS) and those brokered by the Group on Earth Observations (GEO). Projects should also coordinate with, and make use of, products and practices developed by recognized research and operational data policy and sharing organisations such as the Committee on Data for Science and Technology (CODATA) and the Research Data Alliance (RDA). For a more comprehensive list of repositories that may be appropriate for your data, see also [re3data.org](http://re3data.org).

Applicants are strongly recommended to follow these guidelines when developing their data management plan, at the pre-registration and full proposal phases. Teams must agree to cooperate with BiodivERsA and the Belmont Forum, who will provide a support to the funded projects to further develop their Data Management Plans and ensure that they comply with these guidelines.

### Data Management Planning Process

It is important to consider data management issues from the inception of a research project submitted to this call, in order to plan and budget appropriately for data sharing, management and curation. This section explains the expectations for Data Management Plans (DMPs) at the stages of Pre-registrations, Full Proposal, and Awarded Projects.

#### **Pre-Registration - Preliminary Data Management Information**

In the data management section, please address the following questions:

- Who on your team will be responsible for developing, implementing, overseeing and updating the data management plan?
- What data sets of long-term value do you expect that the project will produce? “Long-term” means those data sets that, over time, will or may be of value to others within your research community and/or the wider research and innovation community. Data of long-term value should meet the FAIR principles; i.e. they should be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.
- How have you accounted for the costs required to manage the data and other materials to ensure long-term availability?

#### **Full Proposal - Proposed Data Management Plan Approach**

Responses should be in a pdf uploaded as an Annex in the application portal. Please address the following questions (those that are repeated from the earlier stage should be elaborated on as appropriate):

- What data sets of **long-term value** do you expect that the project will produce? “Long-term” means those data sets that, over time, will or may be of value to others within your research community and/or the wider research and innovation community. Data of long-term value should meet the FAIR principles; i.e. they should be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.
- How do you intend to **manage these data** during the life of the project to ensure their long-term value is protected? For example, where will the data be held during the project, who will have access, and will a specialised data manager be part of the project team?
- How will the data be **managed after the project ends** to ensure their long-term availability? For example, will the data be published with a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and/or be placed in a recognised long-term repository or data centre, and when will this take place?
- What **supporting documentation and other information** do you plan to make publicly available to support the longer-term re-use of the data?
- Do you expect there will be any **restrictions** on how the data can be accessed or reused? Belmont Forum policy is that the data should be as open as possible, though with restricted or closed access where appropriate and necessary; for example, if there are sensitive data involving human subjects.
- Will there be **other types of material** (e.g., samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials) of long-term value produced? If so, what are your plans for ensuring these are also available over the long-term?

- How have you accounted for the **costs** required to manage the data and other materials to ensure long-term availability?

### **Awarded Projects - Full Data Management Plan**

A full Data Management Plan (DMP) is a living, actively updated document that describes the data management life cycle for the data to be collected, processed and/or generated. As part of making research data findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable (FAIR), the DMP for a funded project should include information on:

- the types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be collected, processed and/or generated in the course of the project;
- the standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with any proposed solutions or remedies);
- the handling of research data during and after the end of the project
- policies for broad access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements;
- policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives;
- plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them via an institutionally-supported repository.; and
- contact information for the person(s) responsible for updating the DMP as needed to comply with these guidelines.

Applicants are advised to include the full costs of implementing the data management plan in the proposed project budget.



## Guidelines for applicants

Please refer to the 'call for proposals' document available on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites for general eligibility rules for joint collaborative projects and for information on the evaluation procedure.

### **ASPECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM:**

0. Project title, acronym, keywords and overall requested budget  
Project title and acronym are definitive. Keywords can be modified at the second step.

#### I. Administrative details

General information on the coordinator and Partners involved, as well as the requested budget per Partner. The coordinator and Partner list should be considered definitive at this stage. This should allow for a clearer view of the proposed project scope at submission of pre-registration step and thus enhances the efficiency of the evaluation procedure.

Please note that eligibility criteria follow funding organisations' rules. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their corresponding Funding organisation Contact Point and confirm their eligibility with their funding organisations before submitting a pre-registration.

#### II. Abstract

Short abstract on your project, including information on the theme to which you apply, as well as information on the addressed subtheme(s), studied environment(s), socio-economic sector(s), disciplines involved and geographical coverage foreseen.

The information on theme(s), studied ecosystem(s), discipline(s) involved and geographical coverage will help to build the Panel of experts.

#### III. Short project description

The description of the project should include:

- 1. A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions and explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation with the present state-of-the-art.*
- 2. Scientific objectives*
- 3. Research plan*
- 4. Work plan and division of work packages between the Partners*
- 5. Interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity and complementarity of the consortium: describe clearly the contribution and role of each partner to your project.*
- 6. Relevance for the policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing issues related to biodiversity*
- 7. Description of stakeholder engagement and identification of end-users for project results*

8. *Proposed exploitation of results, and knowledge transfer to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers*
9. *Communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers*
10. *Fit to the call and thematic priorities*
11. *International added value of research proposed and transnational collaboration*

Please take into account the assessment criteria (Annex 7)

- IV. Data Management Overview
- V. CVs
- VI. Exclusion of potential reviewers
- VII. Requested budget

The indicated requested budget per Partner is definitive, unless adjustment is requested by the national/regional funding organisation. Please also indicate the indicative repartition of costs between the different categories of costs. The information given in the pre-registrations is binding. After the 1<sup>st</sup> eligibility check (and 1<sup>st</sup> peer-review, if applicable) no changes regarding the proposals contents will be allowed by the GPC between the pre-registrations and full proposals. Regarding the administrative details, a limited number of changes in Partners can be allowed by the GPC (maximum 2). Regarding the budget, a maximum change of 10% can be allowed, except if the changes are requested by the FCP, in which case the cap does not apply. A detailed justification of the changes will have to be communicated to the TPO and GPC by the project coordinator as soon as possible.

#### **ASPECTS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE FULL APPLICATION FORM:**

0. Project title and keywords

I. Administrative details

I.A. General Information on the

- Coordinator
- Partners involved

Note that the eligibility criteria follow funding organisations' rules. Please consult eligibility documents and contact your Funding Organisation Contact Point (both lists are available in the call documents and on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites) for more information and to check your eligibility.

I.B. Time to be dedicated to the project per member

I.C. Declaration of parallel submissions of this proposal (whole or parts) to other funding programmes

II. Project Summary

Including information on theme(s), studied environment(s), socio-economic sector(s), disciplines involved and geographical coverage of the project, as well as the list of work packages and estimated working time per work package, list of deliverables and milestones, duration of the project.

Information on disciplines involved in the project will facilitate the check on multidisciplinary in the project, and information on study areas/countries will facilitate the check on geographical range of the project.

III. Scientific publications: Top 5 scientific publications of the applicants relevant to the application

IV. Description of the project

IV.A. Detailed description of the research area and research plan

IV.B. Communication plan

IV.C Project Management

IV.D. CVs

The description of the project should include:

1. *A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions, and explanation of the novelty of the research planned*
2. *Scientific objectives with detailed account of their relationship to the themes of the call and to on-going relevant projects. Organise the objectives into a list so that each objective is accurately defined and quantified. Work plan and division of work packages (WP) between the Partners and statements of responsible WP and task leaders, with approach to ensure good coordination of the project Justification of resources requested*
3. *Relevance for the identified policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing concerns and/or issues related to biodiversity*
4. *Proposed exploitation of project results*
5. *End users and stakeholder engagements*
6. *Knowledge transfer, communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers*
7. *International added value of the proposed research*

Please take into account the assessment criteria (Annex 7)

V. Data management approach

VI. Detailed time schedule and working programme

VII. Links to national and international research projects and programmes (if applicable)

VIII. Budget

Please take funding organisations' rules into account.

IX. Exclusion of potential reviewers

X. Suggestion of potential reviewers

XI. Signature

### **CHECKLIST FOR THE COORDINATOR:**

***In order to make sure that your application is eligible to this call, please collect the information required to tick all the sections below before starting to complete the application form.***

**- General conditions:**

- The project proposal addresses the **AIM/S** of the call
- The project proposal meets at least one of the **THEMES** of this call

**- The composition of the consortium:**

- The project proposal involves teams from at least three countries participating in the call and will be supported by at least three different funders participating in the joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA call.
- The main applicant is employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call

**- Eligibility of consortium Partners:**

- I have checked that each partner involved in the project proposal is eligible to receive funding by its national/regional funding organisation. Non-eligible partners are therefore aware of that fact and a signed official letter of support declaring that their organisation will support their activities must be provided at the second step.

**Please note:**

- **Proposals that do not meet the national/regional eligibility criteria and requirements will be declined without further review.**

- **All fields must be completed using Arial 11, single-spaced, margins of 1.27 cm. Incomplete proposals, proposals using a different format or exceeding length limitations of any sections will be rejected without further review.**
- **Letters of support are not requested**



## Pre-registration form

*The format of the registration form will be modified to fit the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS) of the call.*

*The registration will have to be submitted online – this template is an indicative model of the forms to fill in and submit online through the EPSS.*

### PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Call for international research projects on “Biodiversity scenarios”

<b>Project title</b>
<b>Short name/Acronym</b>

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<b>Keywords:</b>
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<b>Indicate the overall requested consortium budget (in €):</b>
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#### General guidance for all applicants:

- the proposal must be written in English
- the different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space.
- any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal **will not be forwarded** to External Reviewers or Panel of Experts members

#### I. Administrative details

##### **What is a Partner?**

Note that depending on the country, a “Partner” can be:

- a researcher,
- an institution,
- a laboratory, a department of an institution.

**Please make sure to respect the eligibility rules of the call.**

**Please also consult national/regional funding organisations' rules advertised on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites, which are compulsory. For further help, please contact your Funding organisation Contact Point (contact list available on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites).**

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**For funding, there are 3 categories of Partners:**

1. Partners from countries eligible for direct funding (designated Partners 1, 2... N)
2. Partners from countries ineligible for direct funding, but subcontracted by a Partner 1, 2...N (designated *Partners 1a, 2a... Na*) (e.g. *Partner 1a* is subcontracted by Partner 1)
3. *Fully self-financed* Partners from any country who bring their own secured budget. (designated *Partner A, B*)

<b>Coordinator – Partner 1</b>					
Researcher in charge:			Researcher ID:		
Family name		First name			
Title		Gender			
Phone		E-mail			
Web site					
ORCID id.					
Research institute / Company					
Status: Private or public?					
Division / Department					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town		Country			
Employment status information (including duration of contract and funding body, if on a fixed-term contract).					
Other team members involved in the project					

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Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.	
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.	
...	
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.	
Requested total budget of Partner 1 (in €)	

Partner 1a (Subcontracted)					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
<i>ORCID id.</i>					
<i>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
<i>Division / Department</i>					
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<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>			
<i>Other team members involved in the project</i>					
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

*Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other Partners 1b, 1c*

Partner 2					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
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<i>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
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<i>Employment status information (including duration of contract and funding body, if on a fixed-term contract).</i>					
<i>Other team members involved in the project</i>					
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Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

...	
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.	
Requested total budget of Partner 2 (in €)	

Partner 2a (Subcontracted)					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
Web site					
ORCID id.					
Research institute / Company					
Status: Private or public?					
Division / Department					
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Other team members involved in the project					
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Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

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Partner 3					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
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...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
Requested total budget of Partner 3 (in €)					

<b>Partner 4</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
<i>ORCID id.</i>					
<i>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
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<i>Employment status information (including duration of contract and funding body, if on a fixed-term contract).</i>					
<i>Other team members involved in the project</i>					
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
<i>Requested total budget of Partner 4 (in €)</i>					

<b>Partner N</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
<i>ORCID id.</i>					
<i>Research institute / Company</i>					
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<i>Town</i>			<i>Country</i>		
<i>Employment status information (including duration of contract and funding body, if on a fixed-term contract).</i>					
<i>Other team members involved in the project</i>					
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
Team member 2: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
<i>Requested total budget of Partner N (in €)</i>					

Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other applicants

Self-financed Partner A					
Researcher in charge:			Researcher ID:		
Family name		First name			
Title		Gender			
Phone		E-mail			
Web site					
ORCID id.					
Research institute / Company					
Status: Private or public?					
Division / Department					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town		Country			
Other team members involved in the project					
Team member 1: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N: Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					

Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other Partners B, C...

## II. Abstract

(max 2100 characters including spaces)

### Theme(s), environment(s) and/or socio-economic sector(s) targeted if relevant, scientific discipline(s) involved and study area(s)/country(ies) covered in the project

Please indicate the theme addressed by your project, and the type of environment(s) that are studied in your project (please tick the yes/no box – if more than one theme and/or one type of ecosystem is addressed in your project, please use the percentage box), and list the socio-economic sectors, the scientific disciplines involved and the study areas/countries covered by the project.

Themes in the joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERSA call	YES	%	NO
Theme 1: Development and application of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions			
Theme 2: Consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios			

Environment(s) studied if relevant	YES	%	NO
1. Terrestrial			
2. Inland water			
3. Coastal			
4. Marine			
5. Other: .....[to be specified]			

<b>Socio-economic sector(s) studied if relevant</b>

<b>Scientific disciplines involved</b>
Add standardised list

<b>Study areas/countries covered by the project</b> (please do not indicate here the nationality of the members of the consortium but the areas and countries studied in your proposals (research scope, studied sites, etc.)

### **III. Short project description**

*(max. 5 pages – including title and citations –, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

#### **The project description should include the following elements:**

A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions and explanation of the novelty of the research planned, in relation to the present state-of-the-art. Include reference to the significance of preliminary studies, describing how the proposed project is embedded within the research currently funded in the consortium institutes and how it adds value to this broader program.

- Scientific objectives
- Research plan: brief description of the methodologies and work planned. Highlight the particular advantages of the methodology chosen; quantify the expected result(s).
- Workplan and division of workpackages (WP) between the Partners and statements of responsible WP and task leaders. Break down the research program into individual tasks, showing the interrelationship between the tasks.
- Interdisciplinarity, transdisciplinarity and complementarity of the consortium: describe clearly the contribution and role of each partner to your project.
- Relevance for the policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing issues related to biodiversity
- Description of stakeholder engagement and identification of end-users for project results
- Proposed exploitation of results and knowledge transfer to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers
- Communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers
- Fit to the call and thematic priorities

International added value aspects of the research proposed and of the transnational collaboration: demonstrate how the project will increase synergy between teams across partner countries and how international collaboration adds a particular value.

### **IV. Data Management Overview**

*(max. ½ page, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

In this section, please address the following questions:

- Who on your team will be responsible for developing, implementing, overseeing and updating the data management plan?
- What data sets of long-term value do you expect that the project will produce? “Long-term” means those data sets that, over time, will or may be of value to others within your research community and/or the wider research and innovation community. Data of long-term value should meet the FAIR principles; i.e. they should be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.



and country)								
Self-financed Partner A	/	0 (the partner will be funded through XX***)	0		0	0	0	
Partner 1 (name and country)								

\* If requested by funding organisations. This is only a first indication, which is not binding for funding organisations and can be modified at a later stage.

\*\* If fundable by funding organisations

\*\*\*\* Indicate the budget for subcontracted partners

\*\*\*\* For self-financed Partners, please indicate how their participation to the project will be funded.



## Proposal application form

*The format of the application form will be modified to fit the electronic proposal submission system (EPSS) of the call.*

*The proposal will have to be submitted online – this template is an indicative model of the forms to fill in and submit online through the EPSS.*

### PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

Call for international research projects on “Biodiversity scenarios”

<b>Project title</b>
<b>Short name/Acronym</b>

1.

<b>Keywords:</b>
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<b>Duration of the project:</b>	<b>DD/MM/YYYY - DD/MM/YYYY</b>
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Please note that the maximum duration is 3 years.

#### General guidance for all applicants:

- the proposal must be written in English
- the different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum space.
- any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal **will not be forwarded** to External Reviewers or Panel members

#### I.A. Administrative details

##### **What is a Partner?**

Note that depending on the country, a “Partner” can be:

- a researcher,
- an institution,
- a laboratory, a department of an institution.

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\* The addition of subcontracted research teams must comply with funding organisations' rules advertised on BiodivERsA website. Applicants should engage discussion with the relevant FCP for further information. The addition of subcontracted or self-financed research teams should present a clear added-value to the project, which should be described in the proposal.

Other team members involved in the project
Team member 1 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.
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...
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.

<b>Partner 1a (Subcontracted)</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
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Team members involved in the project (when the Partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)					
Team member 1 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					
Team member 2 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					

Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other Partners 1b, 1c

<b>Partner 2</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
<i>ORCID id.</i>					
<i>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
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<i>Employment status information (including duration of contract and funding body, if on a fixed-</i>					

<i>term contract</i> ).	
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Partner 2a (Subcontracted)				
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>	
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>		
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>		
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>		
<i>Web site</i>				
<i>ORCID id.</i>				
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<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>		
Other team members involved in the project				
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Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other Partners 2b, 2c...

Partner 3				
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>	
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>		
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>		
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>		
<i>Web site</i>				
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<i>Research institute / Company</i>				
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>				
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<i>Employment status information (including duration of</i>				

<i>contract and funding body, if on a fixed-term contract).</i>	
Other team members involved in the project	
Team member 1 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email	
Team member 2 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email	
...	
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email	

<b>Partner 4</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
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Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

<b>Partner N</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge:</i>			<i>Researcher ID:</i>		
<i>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
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...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

*Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other applicants*

<b>Self-financed Partner A</b>					
Researcher in charge:			Researcher ID:		
Family name			First name		
Title			Gender		
Phone			E-mail		
Web site					
ORCID id.					
Research institute / Company					
Status: Private or public?					
Division / Department					
Street name and number					
PO Box		Postal code		Cedex	
Town			Country		
Team members involved in the project (when the Partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)					
Team member 1 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
Team member 2 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email, ORCID id.					

*Please insert as many copies of the above table as necessary for other Partners B, C...*

### **I.B: Time to be dedicated to the project per member**

*In the following table, please specify the names and countries of each Partner.*

Partners	Teams	Time to be dedicated to the project in % of total working time
Partner organisation 1 Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	

<i>Partner organisation 1a</i> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
Partner organisation 2 Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<i>Partner organisation 2a</i> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
Partner organisation 3 Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
...		
Partner organisation N Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<i>Self financed Partner organisation A</i> Name country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	

**I.C: Declaration of parallel submissions of this proposal (whole or parts) to other funding programmes**

*Provide details of any proposal related to this one, which you or another project Partner have submitted to other funding opportunities, including title, funding source, extent of overlap and expected decision date.*

**Duplication of funding is not allowed for the same (whole or part) research project.**

**II. Summary of the project**

*(max. 1 page, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

**Theme(s), environment(s) and/or socio-economic sector(s) targeted if relevant, scientific discipline(s) involved and study area(s)/country(ies) covered in the project**

Please indicate the theme addressed by your project, and the type of environment(s) that are studied in your project (please tick the yes/no box – if more than one theme and/or one type of ecosystem is addressed in your project, please use the percentage box), and list the socio-economic sectors, the scientific disciplines involved and the study areas/countries covered by the project.

<b>Themes in the joint Belmont Forum / BiodivERsA call</b>	YES	%	NO
Theme 1: Development and application of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions			
Theme 2: Consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios			

<b>Environment(s) studied if relevant</b>	YES	%	NO
1. Terrestrial			
2. Inland water			
3. Coastal			

4. Marine			
5. Other: .....[to be specified]			

<b>Socio-economic sector(s) studied if relevant</b>

<b>Scientific disciplines involved</b>
Standardised list

<b>Study areas/countries covered by the project</b> (please do not indicate here the nationality of the members of the consortium but the areas and countries studied in your proposals (research scope, studied sites, etc.)

<b>Work packages (WP)</b> - Title only, detailed descriptions should be included in the project description section		
No. of WP	Responsible Partner	Title
1		
2		
3		
N		

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

<b>Estimated working time (in months) per work package</b>						
No. of WP	Partner 1	Partner 1a	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner N	Self-financed Partner A
1						
2						
3						
N						

*(Expand this table [rows, columns] as required)*

This estimation should include the estimated total working time of all the team members involved in the project (financed, subcontracted and self-funded partners, permanent & non-permanent staff, etc.)

<b>Deliverables</b>		
No.	Title	Delivery date <sup>1)</sup>
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
N		

*(Use as many lines as needed)*

1) Indicate month number from the start of the project, e.g. month 12, month 24...

<b>Milestones</b>		
No.	Title	Date <sup>1)</sup>
1		
2		

3		
4		
5		
N		

(Use as many lines as needed)

1) Indicate month number from the start of the project, e.g. month 12, month 24...

### **III. Scientific publications**

#### **Top 5 recent scientific publications of the applicants relevant to the application**

*In the following table, please specify the names and countries of each Partner.*

Partner 1 Name Country	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
<i>Partner 1.a (subcontracted) Name Country</i>	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Partner 2 Name Country	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Partner 3 Name Country	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
Partner N Name Country	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.
<i>Self-financed Partner A Name Country</i>	1. 2. 3. 4. 5.

**Other relevant publications** (max 1 page, Arial font, 11 pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)

By the applying research group:

Other references relevant to the application:

### **IV. Description of the project**

**Instruction: Part IV.A or VIII should include:**

- A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions, and explanation of the novelty of the research planned
- Scientific objectives with detailed account of their relationship to the theme of the call and to ongoing relevant projects. Organise the objectives into a list so that each objective is accurately defined and quantified.
- Work plan and division of work packages (WP) between the Partners and statements of responsible WP and task leaders, with approach to ensure good coordination of the project
- Justification of resources requested
- Relevance for the identified policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing concerns and/or issues related to biodiversity
- Description of stakeholder engagement and identification of end users for project results: detail how users will be engaged in the project: who may benefit from or make use of the research, how they might benefit from and/or make use of the research, and methods for engaging with users and exchanging / disseminating data/knowledge/skills in the most effective and appropriate manner. We recommend applicants to use the BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook (<http://www.biodiversa.org/702>)
- Proposed exploitation of project results
- Knowledge transfer, communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers
- International added value of the proposed research (including overseas) and of the transnational collaboration: demonstrate how the project will increase synergy between teams across partner countries and how international collaboration adds a particular value.

*Please note that nothing can be written here*

**IV.A. Detailed description of the research area and research plan**

*(max. 10 pages, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, including references if necessary, margins of 1.27 cm)*

Give a detailed description and the approach and methodology chosen to achieve the objectives. Highlight the particular advantages of the methodology chosen; quantify the expected project result(s).

Break down the research program into individual tasks, showing the interrelationship between the tasks. Explain why there is synergy between different tasks of the project and how this is going to be exploited.

Added-value – In instances where the proposed work builds on previous activities, describe how this collaborative proposal will complement or build on previous activities as well as the incremental value of the proposed work.

**IV.B. Communication plan**

*(max. 1 page, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced)*

Describe how the consortium will deal with the dissemination, publication, and, protection of results generated in the project. *Specify who will receive information on the project (scientists, non-scientific stakeholders, general public...).* Describe what, why, when and how they will receive it. *Specify planned publications (scientific and other) and their expected impact. Please provide timelines for open access to data collected during the project and specify how access will be provided.*

**IV.C Description of project management**

*(max. 2 pages, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

Describe how the overall coordination, monitoring and control of the project will be implemented. Outline the management processes foreseen in the project (decision boards, coordination meetings, etc.) and clearly indicate the distribution of tasks among the consortium members. It is recommended that milestones be presented in a detailed diagram (e.g. PERT or Gantt charts) providing the time schedule of the tasks and marking their interrelationships; add when decisions on further approaches

will have to be made; indicate a critical path marking those events which directly influence the overall time schedule in case of delays. Explain how information flow and communication will be managed and enhanced within the project (e.g. collaboration and task meetings, exchange of scientists, dissemination of results and engagement with stakeholders).

Risk management: Indicate where there are risks of not achieving the objectives and describe potential solutions, if appropriate.

#### **IV.D. CVs**

*(max. 4 pages per CV, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

CVs including publications list for PI and WP leaders, 10 publications maximum each

*When relevant, please include the CVs of self-financed and sub-contracted partners.*

*When relevant, please specify in the CVs the partners' capacity to involve stakeholders.*

#### **V. Proposed Data Management Approach**

*(max. 1 page, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

In this section, please address the following questions:

- What data sets of **long-term value** do you expect that the project will produce? "Long-term" means those data sets that, over time, will or may be of value to others within your research community and/or the wider research and innovation community. Data of long-term value should meet the FAIR principles; i.e. they should be findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.
- How do you intend to **manage these data** during the life of the project to ensure their long-term value is protected? For example, where will the data be held during the project, who will have access, and will a specialized data manager be part of the project team?
- How will the data be **managed after the project ends** to ensure their long-term availability? For example, will the data be published with a Digital Object Identifier (DOI) and/or be placed in a recognized long-term repository or data center, and when will this take place?
- What **supporting documentation and other information** do you plan to make publicly available to support the longer-term re-use of the data?
- Do you expect there will be any **restrictions** on how the data can be accessed or reused? A recommendation<sup>2</sup> is that the data should be as open as possible, though with restricted or closed access where appropriate and necessary; for example, if there are sensitive data involving human subjects.
- Will there be **other types of material** (e.g., samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials) of long-term value produced? If so, what are your plans for ensuring these are also available over the long-term?
- How have you accounted for the **costs** required to manage the data and other materials to ensure long-term availability?

#### **VI. Time schedule and working programme (use a Gantt chart or equivalent)**

*(max. 1 page)*

#### **VII. Links to national and international research projects and programmes**

*(max. 1/2 page, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced, margins of 1.27 cm)*

Indicate here links to national and international research projects / programmes / networks that are relevant for your project. This should include a description of existing involvement of Partners in ongoing projects / programmes / networks, as well as cooperation you plan to develop during your project with national or international research projects / programmes / networks

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<sup>2</sup> For more information, please refer to the Belmont Forum data principles:

<https://www.belmontforum.org/news/belmont-forum-adopts-open-data-principles-for-environmental-change-research/>

## VIII. Budget

### VIII.A. Budget instructions

Please note that each Partner will be funded by his own national/regional funding organisation.

Please make sure to comply with the funding organisations' rules (e.g. subcontracts, overheads, inclusion of VAT...). **The compliance with national/regional eligibility rules is mandatory. National/regional funding organisations' rules are advertised on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites, together with the list of the Funding organisation Contact Points (FCPs), which should be contacted for further help on national/regional eligibility.**

The funded projects are considered to form part of an international research programme for which activities will be organised, namely a kick-off meeting, an interim project conference and a final meeting. The coordinators of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting, the interim project conference and final meeting must be included in the budgets of the full proposals.** Given the intercontinental collaborations expected under this Call, it is recommended that proposals reserve a total of approximately 5,000 euro for the attendance to these three meetings.

#### Partners from countries ineligible for direct funding under this call:

- Can be associated in the projects, as **NON-FUNDED PARTNERS**, if they can bring a secured budget from a different source of funding (*specify below in the first budget table*); (= *Self-financed Partners A, B...*)
- **May be subcontracted by other Partners in some cases.** Please, refer to the funding organisations' rules. Some funding organisations have specific restrictions about subcontracts (details on Belmont Forum and *BiodivERsA websites* ([www.belmontforum.org](http://www.belmontforum.org) and [www.biodiversa.org](http://www.biodiversa.org)) and your proposal will be ineligible if you do not follow national rules. (= *Partners 1a, 1b, 2a...*)
- **CANNOT REQUEST FUNDING.** In Table 1, please do not request a funding budget for countries ineligible for direct funding (*Partners 1a, 1b, 2a and Self-financed Partners A, B*): indicate 0€ in column B and indicate 0% in column "Funding rate" (B/A). **The whole proposal will be ineligible if a Partner from a country not participating in the call requests some funding.**

### VIII.B. Budget tables

Please provide clear evidence of how the funds requested will be used to fulfil the activities of each partner and a clear justification that the requested funds are sufficient to achieve the work proposed.

**Table 1** : please specify the names and countries of each Partner.

<i>Costs per Partner and requested funding budget</i>					
Partner	A - Total costs/expenses <sup>1</sup> (including subcontracts (in EURO, incl. of VAT depending on	B - Requested funding budget (including subcontracts (in EURO, incl. of VAT depending on rules)*	C – Requested funding budget (including subcontracts (in national currency-when other than	Funding rate (B/A) %	Other funding (Co-funding and its source, self-funding...)

	rules)*		EURO)		
Partner 1 Name / Country				%	
<b>Partner 1a</b> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
<b>Partner 1b</b> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
Partner 2 Name / Country				%	
<b>Partner 2a</b> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
Partner 3 Name / Country				%	
Partner 4 Name / Country				%	
Partner 5 Name / Country				%	
Partner N Name / Country				%	
<b>Self-financed Partner A</b>	Insert costs	0 €		0%	Insert the same costs
<b>Self-financed Partner B</b>	Insert costs	0 €		0%	Insert the same costs
<b>Total</b>	** Total of Partners 1, 2, N and A, B (white / yellow boxes)	** Total of Partners 1, 2, N and A, B (white / yellow boxes)			** Total of all Partners (1, 1a, 2, 2a ...N, A, B...)

1) Total costs/expenses comprise all the costs related to the project independently of national funding rules. Requested funding budget comprises costs or expenses for personnel (including permanent salaries depending on national/regional funding organisations' rules), travelling, consumables, overheads (if applicable), subcontracts etc. that you will request to your Funding Organisation. For requested funding budget, the cost calculation has to be based for each Partner on its funding organisations' rules; for questions, please contact your Funding organisation Contact Point.

\* Please make sure that VAT is eligible according to national/regional legal framework and funding organisations' rules. If not, please do not include VAT.

\*\*Total of Partners 1, 2, N + A, B (total of white and yellow boxes): DO NOT include the Partners 1a, 2a, 2b...

**Table 2a**

Breakdown of total costs per Partner per calendar year <sup>3</sup> (in Euro, incl. VAT depending on national rules)							
			Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Total cost	Funding Request
Partner 1 Name Country	Salaries	Permanent					
		Temporary					
		Fellowships					
		Total <sup>(3)</sup>					
	Travel						
	Participation to joint					5,000	5,000

<sup>3</sup> The total duration of projects cannot exceed 36 months, and starting dates shall be comprised between October 2018 and March 2019.

	activities of the Call						
	Consumables						
	Equipment						
	Other costs						
	Overheads						
	Subcontract <sup>2)</sup>						
	Total						
<i>Partner 1.a</i> <i>(subcontracted)</i> Name Country	Salaries	Permanent					0 €
		Temporary					
		Fellowships					
		Total <sup>(3)</sup>					
	Travel						0 €
	Consumables						0 €
	Equipment						0 €
	Other costs						0 €
	Overheads						0 €
	Total						0 €
	Partner 2 Name Country	Salaries	Permanent				
Temporary							
Fellowships							
Total <sup>(3)</sup>							
Travel							
Consumables							
Equipment							
Other costs							
Overheads							
Subcontract <sup>2)</sup>							
Total							
<i>Partner 2.a</i> <i>(subcontracted)</i> Name Country	Salaries	Permanent					0 €
		Temporary					
		Fellowships					
		Total <sup>(3)</sup>					
	Travel						0 €
	Consumables						0 €
	Equipment						0 €
	Other costs						0 €
	Overheads						0 €
	Total						0 €
	Partner 3 Name Country	Salaries	Permanent				
Temporary							
Fellowships							
Total <sup>(3)</sup>							
Travel							
Consumables							
Equipment							
Other costs							
Overheads							
Subcontract <sup>2)</sup>							

	Total						
Partner N Name Country	Salaries	Permanent					
		Temporary					
		Fellowships					
		Total <sup>(3)</sup>					
	Travel						
	Consumables						
	Equipment						
	Other costs						
	Overheads						
	Subcontract <sup>(2)</sup>						
Total							
Self financed Partner A Name Country	Salaries	Permanent					0 €
		Temporary					
		Fellowships					
		Total <sup>(3)</sup>					
	Travel						0 €
	Consumables						0 €
	Equipment						0 €
	Other costs						0 €
	Overheads						0 €
	Total						0 €
...							
Total Partners 1, 2, N + A, B (white/yellow boxes)							

<sup>2)</sup> Please, provide further information concerning "subcontract": name of contract holder, any contract convention established between contract holder and the funding Partner...

<sup>3)</sup> Applicants have to consult the FCP chart available in the call documents on the BiodivERsA and Belmont Forum websites and should contact their relevant FCP to verify the level of detail required, in particular for the inclusion of VAT and permanent salaries.

**Table 2b : TOTAL AMOUNT FOR THE PROJECT**

(Do not consider the amounts of *Partners 1a, 2a...* already included in "subcontract budget" of Partners 1, 2...N)

	Total of salaries	Travel	Consumables	Equipment	Other costs	Overheads	Subcontract
Total amount for the project							
Total Funding Request							

**Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget (table 1 and 2):**

## **IX. Exclusion of potential reviewers**

List the names (and provide his/her country and affiliation) of potential reviewers who, you think, should not be asked to evaluate the project for reasons of direct competition and partiality. Also provide the names of significant collaborators that should not be used as reviewers due to conflicts of interest.

## **X. Suggestion of potential reviewers**

*Please indicate up to 3 names of experts who could review your proposal, including their field expertise. The rules on conflict of interest set forth in Annex 9 apply to these suggestions.*

*For point X and XI: Please note that these are only suggestions for consideration by the Panel of experts (PoE) and Group of Program Co-ordinators (GPC). The final attribution of reviewers to proposals is the responsibility of the PoE and GPC.*

## **XI. Ethics**

By ticking this box, applicants agree to comply with ethical guidelines and standards usually applied by the Funding organisations involved in the Call, including those of the European Commission under Horizon2020. The respective rules have to be complied with during and/or after the lifetime of the grant.

## **XII. Signatures**

1. Each Partner **MUST** carefully read the documents and contact his national/regional Funding organisation Contact Point (FCP) regarding any original official paperwork required by his national/regional funding organisation.

This must be submitted in accordance with funding organisations' rules and in any case as soon as possible. **You will NOT be funded without the fulfilment of requirements of each relevant national/regional funding organisation.**

Further information is available on Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites (<http://www.belmontforum.org> and <http://www.biodiversa.org>)

2. **“Self-financed” Partners must provide evidence that their organisations will support their activities.** They should send a signed official letter of support from their Head of Department or Financial administrator (as appropriate) to the TPO. This letter must be received electronically (.pdf) by the proposal deadline and in hard copy no later than 7 days after.

Further information is available on the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA websites (<http://www.belmontforum.org> and <http://www.biodiversa.org>)

## Page “FAQ” (Frequently Asked Questions)

### 1. How do I apply for the call?

1) First, applicants have to **submit pre-registrations** (in English): they have to provide information about the project consortia, a 5-pages description of the project, a data management overview and the required budget for each partner through the Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS) **before the 01<sup>st</sup> of December 2017 – 17:00 CET** (Local time in Brussels).

**Submission of pre-registrations is MANDATORY**; it is not possible to enter the procedure at a later stage.

2) Then, as a second step, eligible applicants will be invited to **submit their full proposal** (in English) through the EPSS **before the 09<sup>th</sup> of March 2018 – 17:00 CET** (Local time in Brussels).

Please note that it is an **ONLINE SUBMISSION**. The online form is the only format that will be accepted. NO project can be sent by email.

However, please note that some funding organisations will require the submission of further documents and/or supporting information before the submission deadline. Each Partner is requested to consult the funding organisation rules and to contact their funding organisation contact point (FCP). See the list [here](#).

You can have access to the FCP list and download the pre-registration and proposal application forms for information on both [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites. Please note that their format might be slightly modified to fit the online EPSS.

### 2. In which language(s) can the pre-registrations and full-proposals be written?

Proposals must be written in English only.

### 3. What is the timetable for the call?

**01 December 2017 – 17:00 CET:** Deadline for the submission of pre-registrations (MANDATORY).

**09 March 2018 – 17:00 CET:** Deadline for the submission of the full-proposals.

**In July 2018:** Recommendation for funding projects by the Group of funding organisations participating in this call (GPC).

The deadlines for submission of pre-registrations and full-proposals are fixed.

### 4. Is the information entered in the pre-proposal form binding?

The information given in the pre-registrations is binding.

The eligibility of pre-registrations will be checked by the Group of funding organisations (GPC). No changes regarding the proposals contents will thus be allowed between the pre-registrations and full proposals.

A limited number of changes in Partners can be allowed by the GPC (maximum 2). Regarding the budget, a maximum change of 10% can be allowed, except if the changes are requested by the funding organisation contact point (FCP), in which case the cap does not apply. **A detailed justification of the changes will have to be**

communicated to the theme program office (TPO, Call Secretariat) by the project coordinator as soon as possible.

#### **5. Which document should be submitted for pre-registration and full proposal?**

Please note that **only one .PDF file can be uploaded** (i.e. in both cases it should contain the project description including CVs, and data management section; for full-proposals it should also include the time schedule and working programme). **If you upload more than one file, the first file uploaded will be erased and will not be evaluated.** Other file's types than .PDF are not accepted.

**Letters of support are not requested** (except for self-financed partner who have to provide evidence that their organisations will support their activities - see question 8.)

#### **6. Who can apply?**

The call is **open for any eligible research organisations**. National/regional eligibility criteria (see funding organisations' rules on [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites) apply to research organisations and for participation by the private sector (profit and non-profit).

The main applicant (project coordinator) must be employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating in the call.

We draw your attention on the fact that **compliance with funding organisation eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items) is mandatory**; it is thus strongly recommended that applicants approach their respective Funding organisation Contact Point to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules (contact list and main Funding organisations' rules are available in the call documents published on the [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites).

**Only eligible pre-registrations will be invited to submit full-proposals and only eligible full-proposals will be evaluated** by an independent Panel of experts (PoE) and international external reviewers.

#### **7. Can a researcher participate in several proposals submitted?**

There are no rules at the level of the Call regarding the number of proposals in which a partner can be included.

However, we draw you attention on the fact that some Funding Organisations have specific rules for this aspect. Please make sure that each national team will follow its relevant national rules. Specific questions should be addressed to the Funding organisation Contact Points (list available on the [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites).

#### **8. What is the minimum size of the Consortium?**

The project proposal have to involve teams from **at least three different countries participating in the joint call** and have to be supported by at least three different funders.

In addition **consortia are highly encouraged to involve at least two teams from two different EU Member States or H2020 Associated Countries to be eligible for EC funding** (here: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and Turkey).

#### **9. What should be the size of a project (in terms of partners and resources)? Is there a maximum budget per project?**

Apart from the obligation to form consortia of teams from a sufficient number of countries participating to the call (see question 8.), there are no pre-requisite regarding the size of the projects. However, keep in mind that such transnational programme aims at supporting medium size research projects (here typically 5-6 countries) though this remains flexible.

There are no rules regarding a minimum or maximum budget per proposal. Projects will be evaluated on their general coherence, and on the adequacy of the funding request compared to the scientific objectives. However, funding requirements for a given project should be reasonable as compared to total amount of funding planned for a given funding organisation.

Moreover, please note that some Funding Organisations have defined minimum and/or maximum amount per partners or per project in their Funding Organisations' rules. Please make sure to follow these rules. Specific questions should be addressed to the Funding organisation Contact Points (list available on the [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites).

In case of a too high financial pressure on a participating country due to the high number of teams from this country in the submitted applications, the applicants may be asked to adjust downward their budget.

#### **10. Which countries/regions can participate to the Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA joint call?**

The Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA joint call is open to Partners from the countries/regions with a national/regional funding organisation participating to the call, namely **Argentina, Austria, Belgium#, Brazil (State of Sao Paulo only), Bulgaria, Canada, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Ivory Coast, Lithuania, The Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United States of America.**

*# confirmed for the Wallonia-Brussels Federation; decision for the federal level still pending*

Each funding organisation participating to the call will fund its national/regional research groups.

### **11. How can countries from low income and lower middle-income countries participate in a proposal?**

Some Funding organisations may define **specific funding rules allowing the funding of teams from low-income and lower-middle income countries** (see [World Bank lists](#)).

This information is detailed in the Funding organisations' rules. If you would like to use this opportunity, please make sure to contact your Funding Organisation Contact Point.

**Please be aware that the main applicant (coordinator) must be employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries participating to the call.**

### **12. How long should the project last?**

The project duration is 3 years maximum, with no extension possible.

### **13. I have question about the research themes and call themes**

For reasons of fairness and equity, the Theme programme office (TPO, Call Secretariat) and the funding organisation contact points of the call cannot answer questions related to the research themes of the proposals, i.e. whether these are in adequacy with the call text).

Potential applicants are advised to take careful note of the aims and scope of the call as described in the "Announcement of Opportunity" document. Applicants are strongly advised to assess the relevance of their proposed research against the thematic priorities set forth in the scientific text of the call.

Please note that all proposals should

- Explicitly address a scenario dimension, taking into account the following definition of scenarios: "Scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services are the outputs of the combination of scenarios of indirect drivers and direct drivers — such as land use change, invasive alien species, overexploitation, climate change or pollution — and models of impacts of these drivers on biodiversity and ecosystem services."
- Address at least one of the two (non-exclusive) priorities of the call, i.e. (1) Development and application of scenarios of biodiversity and ecosystem services across spatial scales of relevance to multiple types of decisions; (2) Consideration of multiple dimensions of biodiversity and ecosystem services in biodiversity scenarios.

### **14. What is meant by Stakeholder engagement?**

While projects will have to be academically excellent, they should also explicitly engage stakeholders (e.g. managers and users in the field, businesses, policy actors, local administrations, citizens...), in order to maximise the societal benefits of this research. This may include co-design of projects with stakeholders, analysing stakeholders' needs and preferences and other relevant societal (e.g. governance) aspects through social/economic science approaches as well as developing practical management tools, guidelines, knowledge bases, etc. to be directly used by or in relation with stakeholders. For this, **it is highly recommended to use the**

**BiodivERsA Stakeholder Engagement Handbook as source of guidance** (cf. <http://www.biodiversa.org/702>).

In the proposal, applicants should detail how stakeholders will be engaged in the project: who may benefit from or make use of the research, how they might benefit from and/or make use of the research, and methods for engaging with stakeholders and exchanging / disseminating data/knowledge/skills in the most effective and appropriate manner.

Capacity building and participatory approaches are also encouraged, in particular for scenario building in which multiple stakeholders explore different trajectories of development and adaptation for usefulness, accuracy and appropriation. This should increase the valorisation of research results, including the mobilization of scenarios and models to improve policy interventions and management practices for biodiversity and ecosystem services. In particular, using stakeholder input is critical to define contrasting scenarios, desirable or on the contrary feared endpoints, plausible socio-economic development pathways (e.g., IPCC SRES, MA scenarios, Global Biodiversity Outlook, and IPBES assessments and relevant policy tools), tests of specific policy or management actions, and "back-casting approaches" (i.e., working backwards from defined future endpoints).

#### **15. What is the signification of International Added Value?**

International added value is the value resulting from the international research project, which is additional to the value that would have resulted from research projects funded at national level. The added value may vary, depending on the type of project, and there can be various answers to this question.

International added value may include: relevance to international policy statements including IPBES, legislative framework or management plans; clear added value to national research projects across the world by linking expertise and efforts across national teams and across studied areas and research models; bringing about comparisons at the local level between researchers and stakeholders who are not used to work together; standardization of methods; learning from models applied to countries outside of the countries involved; general increase of common knowledge in biodiversity relative to the themes of the call, etc.

#### **16. What is meant by Data policy?**

Applicants are required to produce and implement an **open access data management plan** to enable the sharing of research data. Preliminary data management plans are part of the pre-registrations and full proposals and are included in the evaluation as part of the criteria on quality/efficiency of the implementation. Additional details are available in the data policy annex downloadable [here](#).

A recommendation is that the data generated by the projects should be as open as possible, though with restricted or closed access where appropriate and necessary. For more information, please **refer to the Belmont Forum data principles**: <https://www.belmontforum.org/news/belmont-forum-adopts-open-data-principles-for-environmental-change-research/>

#### **17. Is it necessary to provide a Consortium Agreement with the full-proposal?**

No Consortium Agreement must be submitted with the full-proposal form. However, please note that after project selection, some funding organisations may require from the project partners selected for funding to establish a project consortium agreement. The requirement will thus apply to all the project partners, even if their respective funding organisation does not require a project consortium agreement.

#### **18. Who can I contact if I have further question?**

**First and foremost, please consult all the documents of the call (i.e. complete announcement of opportunity including research priorities and rules and procedures including assessment criteria; pre-registration and submission forms) on the [Belmont Forum](#) and [BiodivERsA](#) websites.** You will also find there the lists of Funding organisations' rules and Funding organisation Contact Points (FCPs).

- If you are looking for a Research Partner for your Project or for a Project to join, please do not hesitate to use the BiodivERsA/Belmont Forum [Partner Search Tool](#).
- **For specific questions related to the budget, criteria and rules of your funding organisation**, please consult your Funding organisation's rules. Each research team is highly encouraged to contact its FCP before submitting a proposal.
- **For general information on the call**, please contact the Theme Programme Office (TPO): Sophie GERMANN, [sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr](mailto:sophie.germann@agencerecherche.fr)  
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## **Conflict of interest, confidentiality and non-disclosure policy**

This code applies to the external reviewers, the Panel of experts (PoE) and the Group of Program Coordinators (GPC).

### **Conflict of Interest policy**

An important aspect of this policy is the avoidance of any conflicts between personal interests and the interests of the applicants.

Here is a summary of potential conflicts of interest and other circumstances that may raise questions about the impartiality of your expert evaluation. Before submitting any written reviews or before participating in any meeting in which proposals are discussed, please inform the Theme Program Office whether circumstances exist that could be interpreted as a conflict of interest.

**You cannot be a member of the GPC, PoE or serve as external reviewer if you are involved in a proposal submitted to the call.**

You have an **institutional conflict** with an applicant when you...

- Hold a position, such as professor, adjunct, visiting scientist, consultant or similar with a hierarchical or department relation
- Are serving in advisory bodies or similar body of the applicant's institution (current or past activity within the past 5 years)

You have a **financial conflict** with a proposal when you...

- Hold a fiduciary position (Officer, Governing Board, Councillor, Trustee...) in one of the institutions applying for funding
- Gain direct or indirect benefits if the proposal is accepted
- Have personal economist interest in the funding decisions

You have an **individual conflict** with a proposal which involves a...

- Relatives, spouse or family member, someone with which you have personal ties or conflicts
- Current business or professional partner
- Former employer (within one year)
- Someone with which you were involve in on-going or recently concluded professional appointment proceedings

- Present or past PhD advisor/student (unless independent scientific activity of more than 10 years exists)
- Someone with who you had close scientific collaboration within the past three years (e.g. preparation of an application, publication or exploitation of results, co-publication of articles, etc.)
- Co-editor within the past 36 months
- Someone with which you are in direct scientific competition with personal projects or plans

You may also have a conflict with a proposal involving ...

- A person living in your household or their employer
- Your parent's employer (except solely receipt of honoraria)
- "catch all"

"Catch All"

- Any other circumstances where your impartiality could be questioned

Use "**Reasonable Person Test**" – Would a reasonable person with all the relevant facts question your impartiality?

A conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict means that you will not be able to participate in deliberations on the proposal in question. You may not serve as a reviewer if you are included in a proposal submitted to this competition. You will be asked to leave the room during discussions of any proposals for which you have conflicts as identified in the above listing.

### **Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure policy**

The responsibilities of a reviewer may only be undertaken personally and may not be delegated to third parties. The scientific content of the proposal may not be exploited for personal or other scientific purposes.

Documentation provided to External Reviewers, members of the Panel of Experts and members of the GPC may contain personal information and confidential technical information. You must treat all documentation as strictly confidential.

1. Peer review documentation provided to External Reviewers and Panel of Experts members must be used only for the purpose for which it was originally collected, i.e., assessing applications and making funding recommendations. It must not be used for any other purpose or discussed with or disclosed to individuals who are not External Reviewers, members of the PoE or the Group of Program Coordinators.
2. All submitted proposals, the correspondence forwarded to you, the reviews and the identity of the reviewers must be treated confidentially.
3. External Reviewers and PoE members must ensure that proposals in their possession are stored in a secure manner to prevent unauthorized access.
4. Peer review deliberations are confidential. Comments made by individual PoE members during the meetings and during the rating of applications must never be discussed or disclosed. Panel summaries that reflect the consensus comments on applications will be provided by the Program Office to the Leading Principal Investigators. Until the call results are announced officially, they must remain confidential. The names of applicants whose applications were not recommended for support or who were declared ineligible will not be made public and must not be divulged by Panel of Experts members.
5. Enquiries received by PoE members from applicants about the review of their applications must be referred to the Theme Program Office. There must be no direct communication between

applicants and Panel of Experts members on matters arising out of peer review. A reviewer should not identify himself/herself to the applicant or any third party.

6. The identity of the external reviewers and the Panel of Experts must remain confidential, even after the end of the evaluation process.

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The external reviewers, the Panel of experts and the Group of Program Coordinators are requested to sign the following declaration:

## **Belmont Forum and BiodivERsA Call on Biodiversity Scenarios**

### **Conflict of Interest, Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Declaration for Panel of Experts (PoE), External Reviewers, Group of Program Coordinators (GPC)**

#### **1. Your Potential Conflicts of Interests.**

Your participation in this joint call requires that you be aware of potential conflict situations that may arise. Read the examples of potentially biasing affiliations or relationships listed on the next page of this form. As a member of the Panel of Experts, an External Reviewer or member of the Group of Program Coordinators (GPC), you will be asked to evaluate and select applicant grant proposals. You might have a conflict or be perceived to have a conflict with one or more. Should any conflict arise during your term, or when asked to do a review, you must bring the matter to the attention of the Theme Program Office who will determine how the matter should be handled and will tell you what further steps, if any, to take.

#### **2. No Use of “Insider” Information.**

If your designation gives you access to information not generally available to the public, you must not use that information for your personal benefit or make it available for the personal benefit of any other individual or organization.

#### **3. Your Obligation to Maintain the Confidentiality of Proposals and Applicants.**

Proposals are received with the expectation of protection of the confidentiality of their contents. For this reason, you must not copy, quote, or otherwise use or disclose to anyone, including your graduate students or post-doctoral or research associates, any material from any proposal you are asked to review. If you believe a colleague can make a substantial contribution to the review, please obtain permission from the Theme Program Office who asked that you review the proposal *before* disclosing either the content of the proposal or the name of any applicant or principal investigator.

#### **4. Confidentiality of the Review Process and Reviewer Names.**

The names of external experts and Panel of Expert members won't be made public.

You must respect the confidentiality of all principal investigators and of other reviewers, as appropriate. You cannot disclose their identities, the relative assessments or rankings of proposals by a peer review panel, or other details about the peer review of proposals.

## **YOUR CERTIFICATION**

#### **Your Potential Conflicts.**

I have read the list of affiliations and relationships (on the next page of this form) that could prevent my participation in matters involving such individuals or institutions. To the best of my knowledge, I have no affiliation or relationship that would prevent me from performing my duties. I understand that I must contact the Theme Program Office if a conflict exists or arises during my service. I further understand that **I must sign and return this Conflict Statement to the Theme Program Office before I can review proposals.**

#### **Maintaining the Confidentiality of Others.**

I will not divulge or use any confidential information, described above, that I may become aware of during my service. I have read and understand the information on Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure and promise to take all necessary measures to fulfil my obligations in my role as Panel of Experts (PoE) member, as External Reviewer or member of the Group of Program Coordinators (GPC).

#### **Your Identity as a Reviewer will be Kept Confidential.**

I understand my identity as a reviewer of specific proposals will be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible.

#### **Release of the names of the PoE (Apply only to PoE Members).**

Following the announcement of awards from each Call, the names of the Panel of Experts will be released.

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
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Function (PoE, External Reviewer, GPC) \_\_\_\_\_  
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