

Belmont Forum Collaborative Research Action on Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society

COUNTRY: France

AllEnvi – French alliance for environmental research

Participating partner:

This call is supported by the French alliance in research for environment, AllEnvi.

Available funding:

The contribution of AllEnvi to the Belmont forum CRA on *Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society* is made through its members that gather almost 20,000 scientists (national research institutes, universities) in the field of environmental sciences. The AllEnvi work is shared among several Working Groups (WG) among them the WG-soils and WG-continental water.

Allenvi contribution to the CRA concerns several ways of in kind contribution conditional on the participation of French public research organisms or universities in the projects:

- through the help brought to project PI of all countries to identify French partners (research, stakeholders) and construct the consortia and research proposal;
- through scientists and engineer/technician salaries involved in the selected projects. It is complementary to the French *Agence nationale de la Recherche* (ANR) funding contribution;
- through the access to infrastructures at marginal cost of the national roadmap published by the French Ministry in charge of research (<https://www.enseignementsup-recherche.gouv.fr/cid70554/la-feuille-de-route-nationale-des-infrastructures-de-recherche.html>) in the field of the CRA. For instance: the national Critical Zone observatory, eLTER France OZCAR. OZCAR is a distributed research infrastructure gathering highly instrumented sites to carry out long-term measurements of the biological, chemical and physical parameters of underground, fluvial, glacial, soil and wetland waters in France and overseas territories (18 countries in North and West Africa, Southeast Asia, India, Amazon, the Andes, Arctic, Antarctica and the Himalayas). Other infrastructures and research platforms, at national and international levels, can be accessible e.g. eLTER-France Réseau des Zones Ateliers, ANAEE-France NATURA, ANAEE-France ECOTRONS...
- through the support to the CRA animation (e.g. meeting room rental cost, travel and stay expenses of invited PI from/to France for a total of around 5 k€).

Eligibility

Research consortia clearly should indicate in their proposal outcomes how the project can transform management practices of the whole soil and groundwater systems through a fundamental shift of socio-economic actor practices and related-decisions making processes. Candidates should contact as early as possible **Christian Valentin (see below)** that will connect them with national research organization for more support.

The intention of request support from French in-situ infrastructures has to be declared as soon as possible. Note that the access to the sites is subjected to the availability at requested time and the agreement with the leader of the research infrastructure.

An up to one year no-cost extension may be possible upon request by the partner to his/her funding agency with clear justification. Appropriate funding agency will assess such requests and decide to grant or not such an extension and its length (with a maximum of one year).

Funding modalities

Information about AllEnvi can be found at the website: <https://www.allenvi.fr>. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the <https://anr.fr/> website.

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Submission

Projects must be written in English and submitted electronically via the Belmont Forum Grant Operations website:

<http://bfgo.org>

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