

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

### COUNTRY: Italy

#### **CNR - DSSTTA – National Research Council of Italy Department of Earth System Sciences and Environmental Technologies**

CNR-DSSTTA is participating in Belmont Forum 2020 Collaborative Research Action *Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society*.

#### **Available funding:**

Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the total budget earmarked by CNR-DSSTTA for this call will be up to a total of **150.000,00 €** for the whole CRA. Funding for each approved project cannot exceed 80.000,00 €.

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

CNR-DSSTTA contribution to the CRA requires co-funding by the granted Italian groups through an in-kind contribution of 50% of the funded amount.

On top of the financial support, CNR-DSSTTA will also support the CRA:

- through the help brought to project PI of all countries to identify Italian partners (research, stakeholders) and construct the consortia and research proposal;
- through the access to available infrastructures, at the cost reserved to CNR-DSSTTA employees, in the field of the CRA. This includes, for example, Critical Zone observatories, geochemical and isotopic laboratories and ecological laboratories managed by CNR DSSTTA. Other infrastructures and research platforms, at national and international levels, may also be accessible upon request.

CNR-DSSTTA standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply. If applicants have any questions about their eligibility, they are advised to contact [antonello.provenzale@cnr.it](mailto:antonello.provenzale@cnr.it) to enquire about their eligibility for the call before developing the proposal.

### **Eligibility**

Research consortia should clearly indicate in their proposal outcomes how the project can improve the understanding of the complex relationships between Critical Zone, soils and groundwater systems. Proposals should include applications to sustainability of soils and groundwater systems, to decision-making processes and conservation practices. Particular attention will be given to proposals dealing with sustainability in protected areas (national or regional parks, protected sites, etc). Candidates should contact as early as possible **Antonello Provenzale (see below)** that will connect them with national research organizations.

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

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### Funding modalities

Information about CNR-DSSTTA can be found at the website: <http://www.dta.cnr.it>. Details of the call and the application process are provided via the <https://www.belmontforum.org/cras/#soils2020> website. Once approved and selected for funding by CNR-DSSTTA, the Institutions of the PI of the Italian groups participating in approved projects will receive 80% of the funded sum at the beginning of the project, and a final installment of 20% after the scientific and financial reporting at the end of the project.

### Submission

Projects must be written in English and submitted electronically via the Belmont Forum Grant Operations website: <http://bfgo.org>

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