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

COUNTRY: Italy

CNR-DSSTTA - National Research Council of Italy,
Dept. Earth System Sciences and Environmental Technologies

Participating partner:
This call is supported by the National Research Council of Italy, CNR.

Available funding:
The contribution of CNR-DSSTTA to the Belmont forum CRA on Towards Sustainability of Soils and Groundwater for Society is made though its employees that gather more than 1,000 scientists in 12 Institutes, in the general field of Earth System and environmental sciences.

CNR-DSSTTA contribution to the CRA concerns several ways of in kind contribution conditional on the participation of Italian public research organisations or universities in the projects:
- through the help brought to project PI of all countries to identify Italian partners (research, stakeholders) and construct the consortia and research proposal;
- through CNR-DSSTTA scientists and engineer/technician salaries involved in the selected projects;
- 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.
- through the support to the CRA animation (e.g. meeting rooms, travel and stay expenses of invited PI from/to Italy for a total of maximum 5 k€).

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 request 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/labatory.

An up to one year no-cost extension may be possible upon request by the partner to his/her funding agency with clear justification. The appropriate funding agencies 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 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://anr.fr/ website.

Submission

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