



CALL PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

ERANETMED THIRD JOINT CALL ON

Fostering sustainable water management for the economic growth of the Mediterranean region

This is a pre-announcement of the third joint transnational research call that will be co-funded by the following ERANETMED partners: **ANR** (France), **ASRT** (Egypt), **BMBF** (Germany), **CIHEAM Bari** (Int. Org.), **CNRS-L** (Lebanon), **DGRSDT** (Algeria), **HCST** (Jordan), **MESRSFC** (Morocco), **MESRST** (Tunisia), **MIUR** (Italy), **MINECO** (Spain) **RPF** (Cyprus), **STDF** (Egypt), **TUBITAK** (Turkey). It aims at informing research teams about the imminent publication of the joint transnational research call in May 2017.

WHO CAN APPLY

Research teams from the countries that will co-fund the call are eligible for funding, unless otherwise specified in national rules of funding agencies which will be published on the official launch of the joint call. Research teams from other countries are eligible provided that they fund their own involvement.

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KEY DATES

- ✓ Launching of the call: **15 May 2017**
- ✓ Deadline for submission of proposals: **14 July 2017**

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1. About ERANETMED

The ERA-NET scheme is an instrument of the European Commission's Seventh Framework Programme providing funding to improve the cooperation and coordination of national research activities and thus strengthen the European Research Area (ERA) with other regions of the world.

ERANETMED is a EU FP7 initiative that aims at co-ordinating research activities of the different national research programmes from EU Members States, Associated Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries. In particular, the **ERANETMED** objective is to strengthen the collaboration and common capacity of research programme owners from above countries to address some of the major challenges that the Mediterranean is facing and strengthen Euro-Mediterranean research co-operation.

2. Scientific scope of the call

The Mediterranean, particularly the South region, is largely characterised by water scarcity, limited water availability, severe climatic conditions and dramatic increasing of demography. Arid and semi-arid conditions are the typical geophysical feature of most rural and remote areas, these conditions being a constraint for socio-economic growth, food security, stability and ecosystems sustainability. The sustainable management of water is pivotal to tackle above conditions and constraints and indispensable for the sustainability of the Mediterranean region, considering that the national economy of most of the non-EU Mediterranean countries is based on irrigated agriculture which accounts for 70% of water consumption. The remaining 30 % been allocated to drinking and industrial use. A rational and sustainable use of water in agriculture could allow a significant availability for other uses and ecosystems.

The present call aims at strengthening international cooperation on research and innovation in the Mediterranean and enhance Euro-Mediterranean research networks tackling the challenge of water in rural and remote areas in coastal zones and inlands. In addressing the above challenges, researchers will have to provide a methodological approach able to deliver a tangible contribution to socio-economic growth and sustainable development in the region considering environmental, ecosystem dimensions and energy use.

4. Actions addressed

All projects will have to include **collaborative research** actions. Other actions more related to **innovation** and **mobility** are strongly encouraged and their inclusion in project work plan will be carefully considered and positively evaluated.



5. Applicants

Applicants must be eligible for funding **according to the regulations of their respective national Funding Parties**. They can represent research and higher education entities, companies, and other legal entities such as NGOs, once again subject to institutional restrictions set by individual Funding Parties (more details and national rules will be published with the official launch of the call on May 15th, 2017).

6. Consortia

The project consortium must comprise project partners from at least 3 different countries whose Funding Agencies contribute to the 3rd Joint Call, of which at least one from an EU Member State/Associated Country (**Cyprus, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Tunisia, Turkey**) and one from a Mediterranean Partner Country (**Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco**).

The Project Consortium designates a Project Coordinator which must belong to an entity legally established in one of the countries funding this Joint Call.

7. Submission of Proposals

This call is a **one-step call**, which implies the direct submission of a full proposal. Templates for proposal drafting will be published when the Call will be launched.

To enhance dialogue among applicants to the calls of ERANETMED as well a platform to collect ideas, suggestions and comments, please don't hesitate to use our Facebook page:

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