

## Annex 1: Announcement of Opportunity

The European partners in the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI networks have joined efforts to organize and fund a

### Pan-European call on “Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services”

#### Introduction

BiodivERsA is a network of 21 public research funding organizations from 15 European countries supporting scientific research in the field of biodiversity. The network is funded as an ERA-net project under the European Union's 7th Framework Programme for Research. 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 on biodiversity research.

The Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) brings together 21 countries that are committed to building an integrated European Research Area addressing the interconnected challenges of sustainable agriculture, food security and impacts of climate change. FACCE-JPI provides and steers research to support sustainable agricultural production and economic growth, to contribute to a European bio-based economy, while maintaining and restoring ecosystem services under current and future climate change.

Complete list of BiodivERsA partners		
Legal Name	Acronym	Country
Fondation pour la Recherche sur la Biodiversité	FRB	France
Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung	FWF	Austria
Belgian Federal Public Planning Service - Science Policy	BELSPO	Belgium
Bulgarian National Science Fund	BNSF	Bulgaria
Eesti Teadusagentuur	ETAG	Estonia
Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	France
Ministère de l'Ecologie, du Développement Durable et de l'Energie	MEDDE	France
Projekträger im Deutschen Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.	PT-DLR	Germany
Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft	DFG	Germany
Ministry of Rural Development	VM	Hungary
Research Council of Lithuania	RCL	Lithuania
Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research	NWO	Netherlands
The Research Council of Norway	RCN	Norway

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia	FCT	Portugal
Ministerio de Economia y Competitividad	MINECO	Spain
Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning	Formas	Sweden
Swedish Environmental Protection Agency	SEPA	Sweden
Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock	MFAL	Turkey
The Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	DEFRA	United Kingdom
Joint Nature Conservation Committee	JNCC	United Kingdom
Natural Environment Research Council	NERC	United Kingdom
Observers:		
Office national de l'eau et des milieux aquatiques	ONEMA	France
Narodowe Centrum Nauki	NCN	Poland

Complete list of FACCE-JPI participant organisations		
Legal Name	Acronym (if applicable)	Country
AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE	ANR	France
INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE	INRA	
BIOTECHNOLOGY AND BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH COUNCIL	BBSRC	United Kingdom
ESTONIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE-RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT		Estonia
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, ENVIRONMENT AND WATER MANAGEMENT	BMLFUW	Austria
UNIVERSITY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND APPLIED LIFE SCIENCES		
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH	BMBF	Germany
FEDERAL MINISTRY OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION - DWIH	BMELV	
FLEMISH GOVERNMENT –DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES		Belgium
DEPARTMENT DES PROGRAMMES DE RECHERCHE DIRECTION DES PROGRAMMES FEDEREAUX ET INTERNATIONAUX		
INSTITUTO NACIONAL DE INVESTIGACION Y TECNOLOGIA AGRARIA Y ALIMENTARIA	INIA	Spain
WAGENINGEN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH	WUR	The Netherlands
MINISTERIE VAN ECONOMISCHE ZAKEN, LANDBOUW EN INNOVATIE	EL&I	
MINISTERO DELLE POLITICHE AGRICOLE E FORESTALI; MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, UNIVERSITY AND RESEARCH	Miur	Italy

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY	TEAGASC	Ireland
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AKA-ACADEMY OF FINLAND		Finland
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT; AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ORGANISATION FROM THE VOLCANI CENTER	Volcani	Israel
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE CZECH REPUBLIC		Czech Republic
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND HIGHER EDUCATION	MNISW	Poland
NATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH	IBA	Romania
RESEARCH COUNCIL OF NORWAY NORWEGIAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FOOD	RCN	Norway
RESEARCH PROMOTION FOUNDATION	RPF	Cyprus
STYRELSEN FOR FORSKNING OG INNOVATION (MINISTRY OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION)	DASTI	Denmark
SWEDISH RESEARCH COUNCIL FOR ENVIRONMENT; AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND SPATIAL PLANNING  MINISTRY FOR RURAL AFFAIRS	Formas	Sweden
SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATIONUND; FORSCHUNGANSTALT AGROSCOPE	SNSF	Switzerland
TURKIYE BILIMSEL VE TEKNOLOJIK ARASTIRMA KURUMU	TÜBİTAK	Turkey

Among BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI partners and observers, 15 agencies from 15 countries are contributing to the funding of the present BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI joint call on "Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services".

## **Synopsis of the call topic “Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services”**

The call will address the two following, non-exclusive themes:

Theme 1: To what extent can biodiversity better support agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems in terms of multi-functionality and outcomes in a global change context?

### Challenge

New research is needed to promote innovation and ‘transformational technology’, at the scale of field up to that of landscape, and better use of existing knowledge, to address the following key questions:

- To what extent can multiple biodiversity-based ecosystem services (ES) in agricultural systems substitute for external inputs? This requires generating and using our knowledge of biodiversity, including functional traits, ecological networks, and ecological heterogeneity, to foster the supply of major ES (including services which are increasingly needed in a context of reduced inputs).
- How can a bundle of biodiversity-based ecosystems services, and biodiversity preservation, be used in European food production systems to maximum beneficial environmental effects, production and benefits (e.g. pest control, soil fertility, etc.)? There are both trade-offs and synergies across services, and between services and different dimensions of biodiversity, which need to be explored. This research needs to use a range of approaches (e.g. trait-based interaction networks) and to consider the different sets of values associated to these services at a range of spatial and temporal scales. This should identify which biodiversity-based services are compatible or not, especially with food production, taking into account the diversity of agricultural systems across Europe. Note that this implies new approaches, new technologies and also a look into the past to learn from our heritage.
- What are the relevant scales for management of agricultural systems and their biodiversity and for identifying potential trade-offs and promoting possible synergies among them (from plot and farm to landscape and regions)? Knowledge is particularly needed in the context of the debate about land sparing versus land sharing solutions, the role of ecological connectivity and the importance of social and economic scales in farming operations. The call advocates rigorous tests of these two alternative hypotheses, and makes clear that the issue is: at what scale do we have to spare/share according to context and objectives? In addition, progress is needed to understand the role of heterogeneity at landscape scale for ES like pollination and pest control.
- These issues should be placed in the broader context of global change, including climate change and food price volatility in global markets due to massive land use changes, which affects both biodiversity and agricultural systems. Key determinants of the stability of multiple ES delivery and biodiversity in agro-ecosystems and agricultural landscapes, including resilience to climate variability and extremes, should be explored.

### Expected impact of research addressing theme 1

- Towards innovative (e.g. trait-based, multitrophic) design of biological communities in agro-ecosystems and agricultural landscapes to deliver bundles of ecosystem services, including food production and biodiversity preservation, that address environmental and socio-economic demands by stakeholders in a context of increased uncertainty.
- Towards biodiversity-based (possibly low-input) high profit, multi-functional agricultural systems
- Enhancement of biodiversity-based adaptation of agriculture to gradual climate change and extreme events; biodiversity-based reduction of risks for farmers in an increasingly uncertain environment
- Towards mixed, managed agricultural landscapes suitable to multi-functionality; towards agro-ecological engineering

Research would have to consider the technical, social and economic feasibility of such innovative approaches and will have to explicitly define at which scale we want to mix and match biodiversity and ES in agricultural areas.

Theme 2: Which policies and governance systems can promote the emergence and support of agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems benefiting from and beneficial to biodiversity and ecosystem services?

Challenge: Interdisciplinary research is needed to identify which existing schemes/policies and governance systems, and moreover which modified/innovative/new ones, could promote multi-functional agro-ecosystems and associated biodiversity in Europe. This should explore the feasibility of designing agricultural landscapes across regions in EU, given institutional context, including markets and trade agreements, and the diversity of actors at play at all relevant scales. The next CAP reform in a global change context is ultimately the target.

The following key questions should be addressed:

- What are the temporal evolutions in match/mismatch between biodiversity-based ecosystem services delivery and demand, and possible co-evolution of both?
- What are the trade-offs/conflicts & possible synergies associated with different governance systems and actors at play, including competition for land use (eg. farmers + biodiversity conservation bodies + urban planners + seed firms + infrastructure planners...)?
- What is the institutional feasibility of agricultural landscape planning to promote biodiversity and reach multi-functionality. For instance, how to address the possible mis-match between the governance systems/policies at different spatial scales, i.e. farm, landscape, river basin, sub-region scale in EU and the time scales associated with the delivery of ES (e.g. because pollination has to be managed at landscape scale, soil fertility and carbon sequestration is a long term issue, etc...)?
- Which multi-scale (local actors and national/regional/global institutions) and links to European sectorial policies, and which governance structures can best promote and sustain multi-functional agricultural landscapes better relying on biodiversity?

Expected impact of research addressing theme 2:

- Provide new knowledge to inform key actors for moving towards evidence-based policies, at relevant scales from local to regional in Europe, which would promote the emergence and support of agricultural production systems benefiting from and beneficial to biodiversity and ecosystem services
- Use existing evidence-based assessments of the impacts on food production, biodiversity and ES of sectorial policies, legal frameworks, markets and economic sectors, local ecological knowledge, stakeholder initiatives, etc... to design and, if possible, model how innovative governance and economic arrangements could reduce the barriers preventing the development of productive agro-ecosystems with high nature value.

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

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

A one-stage application procedure is applied, with a mandatory pre-registration. Proposals (in English) must be submitted electronically. Instructions for electronic submission will be available at [www.biodiversa.org](http://www.biodiversa.org) and <http://www.faccejpi.com> in November 2013.

Two months prior to the submission deadline for proposals, applicants have to pre-register: information (in English) on the project consortia, a brief summary of the proposal and an indicative budget for each partner must be submitted on the EPSS. Pre-registration is mandatory; it is not possible to enter the procedure at a later stage. The information is used by the Call Secretariat to help find appropriate reviewers for the evaluation of proposals and for the eligibility check.

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

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Carmen Avellaner: [carmen.avellaner@paris.inra.fr](mailto:carmen.avellaner@paris.inra.fr)

or EPSS helpdesk: Taavi Tiirik [taavi@ibs.ee](mailto:taavi@ibs.ee)

For budgetary questions and other national issues, the relevant National Contact Point, who are listed on the BiodivERsA and FACCE/JPI web pages, should be contacted. National rules are advertised on both websites and are mandatory. For any help on these, please contact the relevant National Contact Point.

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

<u>Latest date 1 November 2013</u>	<i>Launch of the call for proposals</i>
<b><u>16 December 2013, 17:00</u></b> (GMT+1:00, Local time in Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris)	Deadline for pre-registration (indicative information - administrative information, Indicative budget, and project abstract - that will NOT be evaluated). Late submissions are not accepted.
<u>Latest date 10 January 2014</u>	Eligibility check
<b><u>14 February 2014, 17:00</u></b> (GMT +1:00, Local time in Brussels, Copenhagen, Madrid, Paris)	Submission deadline for proposals. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
<u>28 February 2014</u>	After the eligibility check is completed, proposals are sent to external reviewers for peer review.
<u>Two weeks prior to EC meeting</u>	Peer-reviews are sent to the Evaluation Committee (EC)
<u>End of May/early June 2014</u>	Evaluation Committee meeting to rank proposals
<u>Early/Mid June 2014</u>	Call Steering Committee meeting to make a final decision
<u>October 2014</u>	Earliest possible start of funded projects
<u>February 2015</u>	Latest possible start of funded projects

During the entire procedure, strict confidentiality will be maintained with respect to the identities of applicants and the content of the proposals.

#### ***Eligibility of projects and partners***

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

1. International, scientific research projects performed by eligible research organizations. National eligibility criteria apply to research organizations and for participation by the private sector (profit and non-profit)
2. The main applicant is employed by an eligible organisation in one of the countries represented in the BiodivERsA and/or FACCE-JPI networks
3. The work involves research groups from at least three countries participating in the BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI call
4. The project duration is 3-4 years. Partners with a 3-year limit (e.g. FWF, FCT or SNSF) have indicated so in the national rules advertised on the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites.

5. Proposals must be written in English.
6. The scope or scale of the proposed research should exceed a single country.

**If one partner is not eligible, the whole proposal will be considered ineligible and will not be evaluated.**

National eligibility criteria (e.g. partner eligibility) and national agency rules (e.g. eligible budget items) are mandatory; it is thus strongly recommended that applicants approach their respective national contact point (contact list and main national rules are available in the call documents published on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites).

### ***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 "Synopsis of the call topic" section of the Announcement of Opportunity. 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 laid on the link between scientific excellence and relevance to policy and practice. The proposals will be evaluated against criteria on science excellence and policy/societal relevance<sup>2</sup>. Proposals focussing on pressing biological scientific questions or pure basic socio-economic issues that are needed to better understand the promotion of synergies and the reduction of trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services are eligible, providing that they clearly explain the relevance of the projects to policy and practice as well as their European added value.

After the submission of the proposals and the eligibility check, proposals are sent for international peer review to assess their scientific excellence (at least 2, preferably 3 reviewers per proposal). Policy/societal impacts are assessed by the rapporteurs of the societal impact panel, following the internal review procedure.

The Evaluation Committee (EC), composed of two Evaluation sub-committees (one for scientific evaluation and one for evaluation of policy/societal aspects), ranks the proposals based on a set of criteria. The Scientific Evaluation sub-Committee moderates the assessments provided by the peer review procedure (external review reports) and ranks the proposals according to their scientific quality (assessment criterion 1); the Societal Impact Evaluation sub-Committee moderates the assessments provided by the internal review procedure (rapporteurs' review reports) and ranks the proposals according to their policy/societal relevance (assessment criterion 2). The Chair of the sub-committee for the evaluation of scientific quality will be a scientific expert and act as the Chair of the whole Evaluation Committee. The Chair of the sub-committee for the evaluation of policy/societal relevance will be a policy/management expert and act as the vice Chair of the whole Evaluation Committee. The whole Evaluation Committee (two sub-committees together) meets to establish the final ranking list of proposals.

For the selected proposals, the Evaluation Committee will be asked to consider the suitability of the budgets and possibilities for budget cuts, as well as to give advice, when possible, on the importance for the entire undertaking of each subproject in the collaborative projects.

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<sup>2</sup> For the different criteria, see Annex 5

The Evaluation Committee will consist of international experts in the natural and social sciences as well as professionals from the field of biodiversity policy and conservation management. The Chair and the Vice-Chair of the Evaluation Committee are appointed by the Call Steering Committee representing the funding partners and observers of BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI (CSC). The Chair of the EC is a scientific expert and will chair the Scientific Evaluation sub-Committee and the Vice-Chair of the EC is a policy/management expert and will chair the Societal Impact Evaluation sub-Committee.

The Evaluation Committee members are selected upon a first suggested list of experts provided by each member of the CSC, in which the Chair and Vice-Chair of the EC have selected a limited number of experts (depending on the number of submitted proposals) for both sub-committees of the EC, with attention to the relevance of their expertise for this particular call. The final composition of both sub-committees is approved by the CSC. A particular effort in setting up the Evaluation Committee will be done to ensure the gender balance among its members. A proportion of Committee members will be from countries that do not participate in the call to allow further flexibility in case of conflicting interests.

The composition of the Evaluation Committee will be published at <http://www.biodiversa.org/> after the completion of the selection process.

More details on the evaluation procedure and the role of both Evaluation sub-committees can be found in Annex 7.

## (5) Funding

For this call a total amount of 7.5 to 8.5 M€ has been provisionally reserved by the participating partner organizations. Indicative budgets for each organization are given below. Each participant in a funded project will be preferentially funded by his or her national organization(s) participating in the call.

The funded projects are considered to form part of a pan-European research programme for which joint activities will be organized, in particular a kick-off meeting and a final meeting. Participants of funded projects should participate in the joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting and a final meeting organised by BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI should be included in the budgets of the full proposals.**

The consortium of participating organizations will attempt to ensure that the top-ranked proposals are funded to the maximum possible extent. The funding procedure is further described in Annex 4. Upon the final decision by the partner organizations, a list of funded projects will be published on the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites.

### PROVISIONAL LIST OF COMMITMENTS

Country	Partner organisation	Indicative budget (low) (EURO or national currency if indicated)	Indicative budget (high) (EURO or national currency if indicated)
Austria	FWF ¥	1 000 000	1 000 000
Belgium	FWO	Participation to be confirmed by Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	
Bulgaria	BNSF ¥	200 000	200 000



Cyprus	RPF #	200 000	
France	ANR =	1 500 000	2 000 000
Germany	PT-DLR/BMBF ¥	Participation to be confirmed by Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup> , 2013	
Lithuania	RCL ¥	101 367	
The Netherlands	NWO ¥ (formal approval by Board needed & foreseen in early September)	500 000	>500 000
Norway	RCN =	850 000	
Portugal	FCT ¥	325 000	
Romania	UEFISCDI #	300 000	300 000
Spain	MINECO ¥	300 000	500 000
Sweden	Formas =	12 000 000 SEK (approx. 1.3 M€)	16 000 000 SEK (approx. 1.8 M€)
Switzerland	Swiss National Science Foundation #	800 000	800 000
Turkey	MFAL ¥	200 000	200 000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7 576 367</b>	<b>&gt;8 576 367</b>

BiodiverERsA partners are marked by a "¥", FACCE-JPI partners are marked by a "#", partners common to both are marked by a "=".

## (6) 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 organized, such as a kick-off meeting and a final meeting. **Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. The cost for joint activities attendance should be included in the budgets of the full proposals and must be announced in the Call.**

### Project management and reporting

Projects funded through this joint call will be considered to form part of a coherent international research programme. In order to promote this coherence the BiodiverERsA and FACCE-JPI funding partners and observers have opted for a co-ordinated reporting scheme. Funded projects will be required to report annually on research progress and financial aspects and to submit a final report. Some funding partners will also require additional national reports.

## (7) Eligible budget items

Eligible costs are governed by national regulations. Specific questions should be addressed to the national contact points (list available in the call documents and on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites)

Eligible costs and the maximum allowed funding request are governed by national regulation.

## **(8) Further information**

The international Call Secretariat consists of delegated staff of partner organizations in the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI networks. The Call Secretariat is responsible for organizing the procedure and for all communication with applicants.

However, for national eligibility criteria, the national eligibility documents must be consulted and national contact points should be approached (both lists are available in the call documents and on the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites), in particular with regard to eligibility of research groups, eligible costs and other country-specific aspects of the call. The compliance with national rules is mandatory, and relevant NCPs should be contacted to obtain further information if needed.



## Assessment criteria

The Evaluation Committee (composed of a Scientific Evaluation sub-committee and a Societal Impact Evaluation sub-committee) will apply the criteria below to assess the quality of proposals.

### 1. Scientific excellence

Fit to thematic priorities: Evaluation committee 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.

Other scientific aspects, including project management and added value, will be assessed by means of the following criteria:

- a) Scientific quality of the proposed research
- b) Novelty / Originality and innovation
- c) Clarity of the hypothesis, theories and/or research questions
- d) Quality and suitability of the consortium
- e) Level of inter/multi/trans-disciplinarity
- f) European added value (cf. below for more information)
- g) Feasibility and risk
- h) Level of integration and collaboration
- i) Relation to other projects
- j) Suitability of budget requirements
- k) Quality of project governance

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.

Interdisciplinary approaches are strongly encouraged, but mono- or multi-disciplinary studies are not excluded a priori; the approach must be adequate to address the question posed.

### 2. Policy/societal relevance

The policy and societal relevance and impact of the proposed research to non-academic stakeholders, including policy makers, and engagement with these 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 Evaluation Committee are invited to consider – are the following:

- a. Reasons for undertaking or not 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

## 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 Evaluation Committee are invited to consider – are the following:

- a. Clear statement of the policy application. Any proposal must contain details which cites 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 in the resources on the BiodivERsA website (<http://www.biodiversa.org/63>).

## 3. European added value

**European added value** is the value resulting from the European 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 European Union or within EU dependencies overseas, or indirect value accrued as a result of, e.g. learning from models applied to countries outside of the EU.

European added value may include: relevance to EU policy statements, legislative framework or management plans; clear added value to national research projects across Europe by linking expertise and efforts across national teams; bringing about comparisons at the local level between researchers 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.

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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 [www.biodiversa.org/254/download](http://www.biodiversa.org/254/download).

## **Annex 9: Good practice and conflict of interest policy**

This code applies to the external reviewers, the Evaluation Committee and the Steering Committee.

### **Conflict of interest**

An important aspect of this code is the avoidance of any conflicts between personal interests and the interests of the applicants. A conflict of interest might arise, for example, if there is or has been a close working relationship, financial or personal connections with any individual(s) in the academic department(s) or organisation from which a proposal originates. Such interests may be indirect and relate to immediate family members or any other persons living in the same household as the reviewer.

Such circumstances may include the following:

- Relatives, personal ties or conflicts;
- Close scientific collaboration, e.g. implementation of joint projects or joint publications within the past 5 years;
- Direct scientific competition with personal projects or plans;
- Close proximity, e.g. member of the same scientific institution with a hierarchical or department relation or impending change of the reviewer/rapporteur to the institution of the applicant in a position with a hierarchical or department relation or vice versa;
- Teacher/student relationship, unless independent scientific activity of more than 10 years exists;
- Dependent relationship in employment during the past 5 years;
- Participation in ongoing or just previously concluded professional appointment proceedings;
- Current or prior (past 5 years) activity in advisory bodies of the applicant's institution, e.g. scientific advisory boards;
- Personal economic interests in the funding decision;

### **Rules for the prevention of conflict of interest**

*Reviewers* must be independent experts, and should not be used in case of a possible conflict of interest. Evaluation Committee members and Steering Committee members must leave the room during the discussion of a proposal in case of a possible conflict of interest. Committee members may not apply for a project in the call,

### **Confidentiality**

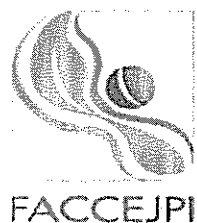
All submitted proposals, the correspondence forwarded to you, the reviews and the identity of the reviewers must be treated confidentially. They must not be revealed to third parties. Therefore, the responsibilities of a reviewer may only be undertaken personally and may not be delegated to third parties. The scientific content of the proposal may not be exploited for personal or other scientific purposes. Furthermore, a reviewer should not identify himself/herself to the applicant or any third party.

I, hereby agree with the good practice and conflict of interest policy.

Name of expert:

Date:

Signature:



## **Funding model**

The funding partners agree on launching a joint call using a model constituting of a joint call and evaluation but national funding. On the principle, each funding partner will fund its own national scientific teams (i.e. following the 'juste retour' model); but using different levels of flexibility depending on their national rules, they might fund foreign teams.

The Partners agree on 4 levels of flexibility in this funding model:

- an agency does not have to spend all the money that has been provisionally reserved
- some agencies may be able to come up with extra money to fund good proposals
- some agencies may be able to fund foreign teams
- most agencies would be able to fund foreign teams via subcontracting.

BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI are aiming to fund as many of the highest ranked proposals as possible. Funding gaps may arise in the ranking when one of the partners runs out of money. BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI intend to deal with these gaps through the four levels of flexibility.

### **Funding particularities<sup>1</sup>**

Some agencies such as FORMAS will not fund proposals with a score for policy/societal relevance lower than 3.

### **Failure to honour funding commitment and fallback procedure**

National and Partner organisation's procedures for joint programme funding will be made explicit to the Call Secretariat and Call Steering Committee in order to avoid any unexpected delays or issues. Each funding partner will be asked to confirm in writing that they accept a joint evaluation procedure.

However, in the implementation of joint calls, it can happen that a partner will fail to honour his commitment to fund research teams in the selected projects, due to internal difficulties or political turnover.

If a funding partner cannot confirm the funding of its research teams four months after the Call Steering Committee made its decision on funding recommendation, a procedure for re-evaluation will be launched. The proposal will be reviewed without the considered research teams and re-assessed. The proposal is still considered eligible even if the number of participating countries is less than three. The exact process of the revaluation procedure will be decided by the Call Steering Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> For the detailed evaluation procedure (scoring and ranking), please see Annex 7.

## Guidelines for applicants

Please refer to the 'call for proposals' document for eligibility and rules for joint collaborative projects; and for information on the evaluation procedure.

The following aspects should be included in the **pre-registration form**:

0. Project title, acronym and keywords

Project title and acronym are definitive. Keywords can be modified at the application stage.

I. Administrative details

General information on the coordinator and partners involved. The partner list and coordinator should be considered definitive at this stage. A limited number of changes in partners can be accepted by the CSC (maximum 2 changes) and must be strongly justified by the coordinator. The limited number of changes allows giving a clearer view of the proposed project scope at pre-registration stage and thus enhances the efficiency of the evaluation procedure.

II. Project summary

Including information on theme(s), studied environment(s), socio-economic sector(s), disciplines involved, geographical coverage foreseen and an estimation of the overall project requested budget. Some administrative details (excluding project title, acronym and consortium) and project summary are mandatory at the pre-registration stage, but not definitive, and can be modified in the application form when submitting the full proposal. The information theme(s), studied ecosystem(s), discipline(s) involved and geographical coverage will help building the Evaluation Committee.

The following aspects should be included in the **application form**:

0. Project title and keywords

I. Administrative details

I.A. General information on the

- Coordinator
- Partners involved

Note that eligibility criteria follow national rules. Please consult national eligibility documents and contact your National Contact Point (both lists are available in the call documents and on the Biodiversa and FACCE-JPI 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

The description of the project should include:

1. *A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions*
2. *Scientific objectives with detailed account of their relationship to the themes of the call and to ongoing relevant projects. Organize the objectives into a list so that each objective is accurately defined and quantified.*
3. *Work plan and division of work packages between the partners*
4. *Justification of resources*
5. *Relevance for the identified policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing concerns and/or issues related to biodiversity*
6. *Proposed exploitation of future project results*
7. *Communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers*

Please take into account the assessment criteria (Annex 5)

#### V. Detailed time schedule and working programme

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

#### VII. Budget

Please take national rules into account.

#### VIII. Description of project management

#### IX. Exclusion of potential reviewers

#### X. Signature





## INDICATIVE PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Pan-European call for international research projects on "Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services"

Project title
Short name/Acronym

Keywords:
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Indicative overall consortium budget request (in €):
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### 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 consult your national contact point to make sure you comply with specific national rules.***

#### 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>					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
<b>Street name and number</b>					
<i>PO Box</i>		<i>Postal code</i>		<i>Cedex</i>	
<i>Town</i>			<i>Country</i>		
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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>Indicative total budget request of partner 1 (in €)</b>					

<i>Partner 1a (Subcontracted)</i>					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					

<b>Street name and number</b>					
<b>PO Box</b>		<b>Postal code</b>		<b>Cedex</b>	
<b>Town</b>			<b>Country</b>		
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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>					
<b>Researcher in charge</b>					
<b>Family name</b>			<b>First name</b>		
<b>Title</b>			<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Phone</b>			<b>E-mail</b>		
<b>Web site</b>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
<b>Street name and number</b>					
<b>PO Box</b>		<b>Postal code</b>		<b>Cedex</b>	
<b>Town</b>			<b>Country</b>		
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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>Indicative total budget request of partner 2 (in €)</b>					

<b>Partner 2a (Subcontracted)</b>					
<b>Researcher in charge</b>					
<b>Family name</b>			<b>First name</b>		
<b>Title</b>			<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Phone</b>			<b>E-mail</b>		
<b>Web site</b>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
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<b>Street name and number</b>					
<b>PO Box</b>		<b>Postal code</b>		<b>Cedex</b>	
<b>Town</b>			<b>Country</b>		
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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 2b, 2c...

<b>Partner 3</b>					
<b>Researcher in charge</b>					
<b>Family name</b>			<b>First name</b>		
<b>Title</b>			<b>Gender</b>		
<b>Phone</b>			<b>E-mail</b>		
<b>Web site</b>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
<b>Street name and number</b>					
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<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>	
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>			
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>Indicative total budget request of partner 3 (in €)</b>			

<b>Partner 4</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
<b>Street name and number</b>					
<i>PO Box</i>		<i>Postal code</i>		<i>Cedex</i>	
<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>			
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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>Indicative total budget request of partner 4 (in €)</b>					

Partner N					
Researcher in charge					
Family name			First name		
Title			Gender		
Phone			E-mail		
Web site					
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					
Team member 2 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					
...					
Team member N : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email					
Indicative total budget request of partner N (in €)					

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

Self financed Partner A			
Researcher in charge			
Family name			First name
Title			Gender
Phone			E-mail
Web site			
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					
...					
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. Project Summary

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

### III. 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 which themes in the call your proposal relates to and the type of environment(s) that are studied in your project (please tick the yes/no box – if more than one theme / 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 BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI call	YES	%	NO
Theme 1: To what extent can biodiversity better support agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems in terms of multi-functionality and outcomes in a global change context?			
Theme 2: Which policies and governance systems can promote the emergence and support of agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems benefiting from and beneficial to biodiversity and ecosystem services?			

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

Socio-economic sector(s) studied if relevant

Scientific disciplines involved
Add standardised list

Study areas/countries covered by the project



## INDICATIVE PROPOSAL APPLICATION FORM

Pan-European call for international research projects on "Promoting synergies and reducing trade-offs between food supply, biodiversity and ecosystem services"

Project title
Short name/Acronym

Keywords:
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### 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.

***Please consult national rules advertised on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites, which are compulsory. For further help, please contact your national contact point (contact list available on websites).***

#### For funding, there are 3 categories of partners:

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3. Fully self-financed partners from any country who bring their own secured budget. (designated partner A, B)\*

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\* The addition of subcontracted research teams must comply with national rules advertised on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites. Applicants should engage discussion with the relevant NCP 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.



<b>Coordinator – Partner 1</b>					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
<i>Division / Department</i>					
<i>Street name and number</i>					
<i>PO Box</i>		<i>Postal code</i>		<i>Cedex</i>	
<i>Town</i>			<i>Country</i>		
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					

<i>Partner 1a (Subcontracted)</i>					
<i>Researcher in charge</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			

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>Family name</i>		<i>First name</i>			
<i>Title</i>		<i>Gender</i>			
<i>Phone</i>		<i>E-mail</i>			
<i>Web site</i>					
Research institute / Company					
Status: Private or public?					
Division / Department					
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<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>			
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					

<i>Partner 2a (Subcontracted)</i>			
<i>Researcher in charge</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>			
<b>Research institute / Company</b>			
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<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>			
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Team member 2 : Family name, First name, gender, title, phone, email			
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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 2b, 2c...

Partner 3					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
<b>Street name and number</b>					
<i>PO Box</i>		<i>Postal code</i>		<i>Cedex</i>	
<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>			
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					

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

Partner 4					
<i>Researcher in charge</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>Research institute / Company</i>					
<i>Status: Private or public?</i>					
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<i>Town</i>		<i>Country</i>			
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					

Partner N			
<i>Researcher in charge</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>Research institute / Company</i>			

<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
<b>Division / Department</b>					
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<i>PO Box</i>		<i>Postal code</i>		<i>Cedex</i>	
<i>Town</i>			<i>Country</i>		
<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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 applicants*

<b>Self financed Partner A</b>					
<b>Researcher in charge</b>					
<i>Family name</i>			<i>First name</i>		
<i>Title</i>			<i>Gender</i>		
<i>Phone</i>			<i>E-mail</i>		
<b>Web site</b>					
<b>Research institute / Company</b>					
<b>Status: Private or public?</b>					
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<b>Team members involved in the project (when the partner is an institution, a laboratory, a department)</b>					
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 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.*

<b>Partners</b>	<b>Teams</b>	<b>Time to be dedicated to the project in % of total working time</b>
<b>Partner organisation 1</b> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<i>Partner organisation 1a</i> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<b>Partner organisation 2</b> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<i>Partner organisation 2a</i> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<b>Partner organisation 3</b> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
...		
<b>Partner organisation N</b> Name Country	Member 1 Member 2 Member N	
<b>Self financed partner organisation A</b> 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 BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI 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)

### **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 which themes in the call your proposal relates to and the type of environment(s) that are studied in your project (please tick the yes/no box – if more than one theme / 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 BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI call</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>NO</b>
<u>Theme 1: To what extent can biodiversity better support agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems in terms of multi-functionality and outcomes in a global change context?</u>			
<u>Theme 2: Which policies and governance systems can promote the emergence and support of agro-ecosystems / agricultural production systems benefiting from and beneficial to biodiversity and ecosystem services?</u>			

<b>Environment(s) studied if relevant</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>NO</b>
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>

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

(Use as many lines as needed)

Estimated working time (in months) per work package						
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)

Deliverables		
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...

Milestones		
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...

Duration of the project:	DD/MM/YYYY - DD/MM/YYYY
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### **III. Scientific publications**

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

*Please, consult your national contact point to be sure about the eligibility of your publications*

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

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

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

By the applying research group:

Other references relevant to the application:

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

### **Instruction: Part IV.A or IV.B should include:**

- A short description of the hypothesis, theories and/or main research questions
- Scientific objectives with detailed account of their relationship to the themes of the call and to ongoing relevant projects. Organize the objectives into a list so that each objective is accurately defined and quantified.
- Work plan and division of work packages between the partners
- Justification of resources requested
- Relevance for the identified policy application, importance of the research for solving pressing concerns and/or issues related to biodiversity
- Proposed exploitation of project results
- End users and stakeholder engagements
- European added value of the proposed research
- Knowledge transfer, communication of results to practitioners, policy- and decision-makers

**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)*

### **IV.B. Communication plan**

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

*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. Justifications of changes since pre-registration (e.g. consortium or budget estimation)**

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

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

*(max. 1 page)*

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

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

This should include a description of existing involvement of partners in ongoing work and planned future cooperation

## **VII. Budget**

### **VII.A. Budget instructions**

**Please note that each partner will be funded by his own national funding organization.**

To fill in the budget tables, please first follow the BiodiverERsA/FACCE-JPI rules (e.g. in Euro and in national currency, when other than Euro), be aware of participants ineligible for funding...). For additional budget questions, please make sure to comply with the national

rules (e.g. subcontracts, overheads, inclusion of VAT...). ***The compliance with national eligibility rules is mandatory. National rules are advertised on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites, together with the list of national contact points, which should be contacted for further help on national eligibility.***

The funded projects are considered to form part of a pan-European research programme for which activities will be organized, namely a kick-off meeting and a final meeting. Participants of funded projects should participate in these joint activities. **The cost for attendance to the kick-off meeting and a final meeting organised by BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI should be included in the budgets of the full proposals and must be announced in the Call.**

**Partners from countries ineligible for direct funding:**

- 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 national rules. Some countries have specific restrictions about subcontracts (details on *BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites ([www.biodiversa.org](http://www.biodiversa.org) and [www.faccejpi.org](http://www.faccejpi.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.**

## VII.B. Budget tables

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

Costs per partner and requested funding budget					
Partner	A - Total costs/expense s <sup>1)</sup> Including subcontracts  (in EURO, incl. of VAT depending on national rules)	B - Requested funding budget Including subcontracts  (in EURO, incl. of VAT depending on national rules)	C – Requested funding budget Including subcontracts  (in national currency-when other than EURO)	Funding rate (B/A) %	Other funding (co-funding and its source, self funding...)
<b>Partner 1</b> Name / Country				%	
<i>Partner 1a</i> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
<i>Partner 1b</i> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
<b>Partner 2</b> Name / Country				%	
<i>Partner 2a</i> (of which subcontracted) Name / Country	Insert subcontract value	0 €		0%	
<b>Partner 3</b> Name / Country				%	
<b>Partner 4</b> Name / Country				%	
<b>Partner 5</b> Name / Country				%	
<b>Partner N</b> 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 costs or expenses for personnel (including permanent salaries depending on national rules), travelling, consumables, overheads (if applicable), subcontracts etc.; the cost calculation has to be based for each partner on its national funding rules; for questions, please contact your national contact point.

\* 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 (in Euro, incl. VAT depending on national rules)								
			2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	Total cost
<b>Partner 1</b> Name Country	Salaries	permanent						
		Total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							
	Overheads							
	Consumables							
	Equipment							
	Other	Sub-contract <sup>2)</sup>						
		Other						
<i>Partner 1.a</i> (subcontracted) Name Country	Salaries	permanent						0 €
		total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							0 €
	Overheads							0 €
	Consumables							0 €
	Equipment							0 €
	Other							0 €
<b>Partner 2</b> Name Country	Salaries	permanent						
		total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							
	Overheads							
	Consumables							
	Equipment							
	Other	Sub-contract <sup>2)</sup>						
		Other						
<i>Partner 2.a</i> (subcontracted) Name Country	Salaries	permanent						0 €
		total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							0 €
	Overheads							0 €
	Consumables							0 €
	Equipment							0 €
	Other							0 €
<b>Partner 3</b> Name	Salaries	permanent						
		total <sup>3)</sup>						

<b>Country</b>	Travel							
	Overheads							
	Consumables							
	Equipment							
	Other	Sub-contract <sup>2)</sup>						
		Other						
<b>Partner N</b> Name Country	Salaries	permanent						
		total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							
	Overheads							
	Consumables							
	Equipment							
	Other	Sub-contract <sup>2)</sup>						
		Other						
<b>Self financed Partner A</b> Name Country	Salaries	permanent						0 €
		total <sup>3)</sup>						
	Travel							0 €
	Overheads							0 €
	Consumables							0 €
	Equipment							0 €
	Other	Sub-contract <sup>2)</sup>						0 €
		Other						0 €
...								
<b>Total Partners 1, 2, N + A, B</b> (white/yellow boxes)								

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

<sup>3)</sup> Applicants have to consult the NCP chart available in the call documents on the BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites and should contact their relevant NCP 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 salaries	Travel	Overheads	Consumables	Equipment	Other	
						Sub-contract	Other
Total amount of project							
Total Funding request							

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

### **VIII. Description of project management**

*(max. 2 pages, Arial font, 11pts, single spaced)*

### **IX. CVs**

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

CVs including publications list for PI and WP leaders

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

*Please indicate up to 3 names of experts that you DO NOT want to review your proposal, and explain why.*

### **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.*

### **XI. Signatures**

1. Each partner **MUST** carefully read the documents and contact his national contact point regarding any original official paperwork required by his national funding agency. This must be submitted in accordance with national rules and in any case as soon as possible. **You will NOT be funded without the fulfilment of requirements of national funding agency.**

Further information is available on BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites (<http://www.biodiversa.org> or <http://www.faccejpi.com/>)

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 call secretariat. 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 BiodivERsA and FACCE-JPI websites (<http://www.biodiversa.org> or <http://www.faccejpi.com/>)



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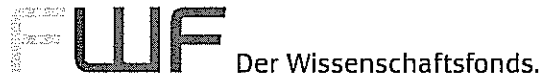
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## 1. AUSTRIA

### **Participating organisation(s):**

FWF Austrian Science Fund  
(Budget in €750.000,-- - 1.000.000,--)



### **National Contact Person(s):**

Iris Fortmann, Operational Project Officer, FWF Austrian Science Fund  
Tel: +43 1 5056740 8211  
Email: iris.fortmann@fwf.ac.at

### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Proposed participations may last from 12 to 36 months

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

In principle no restrictions, but because of the limited budget not more than the usual average of a stand alone FWF project (approximately € 300.000,--)

### **Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Any scientists working in Austria who possesses the qualifications, available capacity, and the infrastructure necessary to carry out the project submitted. The scientific qualifications to perform the project must be proven by international publications in the relevant subject, the number of which should correlate with the applicant's career stage. Applications may only be submitted by individual natural persons acting as principal investigators in their respective projects. Applications from institutes, institutions or companies are not permitted

### **Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

No

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

National paperwork to complete and sign:

#### **1. Forms**

Application form, Programme specific data, Attachment Co-Author, Itemization of requested funding, (if exist National research partner) must be completed, signed and stamped as appropriate

#### **2. One-page summary in English and in German (largely for PR work)**

3. Additional form international cooperation: should be completed for each other partner in the consortium

4. if items of equipment are requested (costing more than €1,500 incl. VAT), Itemization form Equipment must be completed for each item requested

You will find all forms under:

[http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale\\_kooperationsprojekte.html](http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html)

### **Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: no,
- To Non-EU countries: no,
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes/ please contact NCP

### **Link to the national page of the call**

Funding programme for BiodiERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call, [www.myprogramme.com](http://www.myprogramme.com)

## **2. BULGARIA**

### **Participating organisation(s):**

Bulgarian Science Foundation (200 000 euro)

### **National Contact Person(s):**

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BSF,

Tel: +3592 4443508

Email: [v.milkova@mon.bg](mailto:v.milkova@mon.bg) (NCP1)



### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Project duration up to 36 months

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

No specific limits has been set

### **Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Participants must be:

- The Bulgarian Academy of Sciences and its research units;
- The Agricultural Academy and its research units;
- Universities.

Head of project is required to be a person of academic rank or a holder of PhD Degree

### **Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

No. (Recoverable Value Added Tax is considered ineligible expenditure)

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

- **Form A** to complete and send signed before project submission to:

Violeta Milkova  
Bulgarian Science Fund  
Blvd. Al. Stamboliiski 239; Entr.B; floor 4  
Sofia 1404

- **Form B** to complete and sign to:

Name and address  
Violeta Milkova

Bulgarian Science Fund  
Blvd. Al. Stamboliiski 239; Entr.B; floor 4  
Sofia 1404

### **Subcontracting rules**

- To EU countries: no
- To Non-EU countries: no
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):  
In the process of implementing project activities, beneficiaries may choose to assign implementation of certain auxiliary project activities to subcontractors. Subcontractors are not partners to project implementation. Where beneficiaries act as assignors within the context of Article 7 of the Public Procurement Act (PPA) and Art. 1, para 4 of the Small Public Procurement Ordinance (SPPO), as the case may be, selection of subcontractors shall take place in the manner provided for in the PPA and the SPPO, respectively

### **Link to the national page of the call**

Funding programme for BiodiERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call, [www.bulfund.com](http://www.bulfund.com)

## **3. CYPRUS**

### **Participating organisation(s):**

Research Promotion Foundation - RPF (200,000 €)

### **National Contact Person(s):**

Dr Rebecca Chrysafi  
Scientific Officer  
Research Promotion Foundation  
Tel: +357-22205041  
Email : [rchrysafi@research.org.cy](mailto:rchrysafi@research.org.cy)



### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Proposed participations may last from 12 to 48 months

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

Each project can require up to 100,000 €.

### **Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

#### **Beneficiaries**

Participants could be Research / Academic Organisation, Public Benefit Organisation and Enterprises located permanently in the areas under the control of the Republic of Cyprus (excluding the UK Sovereign Base Areas).

#### **Conditions for participation**

The general conditions for participation in project proposals are the following:

- Each individual is allowed to participate in two project proposals only under the same Call for Proposals, regardless of the role he/she undertakes in each proposal.

- Each individual can participate in project proposals under one organisation only or as an Independent Researcher, regardless of his/her employment in more than one organisations.
- The participation of organisations and individuals, which/whom the RPF's Board of Directors has decided to exclude from its Programmes, is forbidden.
- Only one Independent Researcher (IR) may be included in each project proposal.

### **Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

The VAT is eligible only in the cases that the beneficiary has neither the obligation nor the right to register in the VAT Registry and the VAT relating to the co-funded Project may not be recovered.

### **Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: Yes
- To Non-EU countries: Yes
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes

### **National priorities:**

Research Promotion Foundation (RPF) will fund projects that cover any theme described in the call text. Proposals submitted under this call should relate to at least one of these themes.

### **Link to the national page of the call**

Funding programme for BiodiERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call: International Cooperation  
[http://www.research.org.cy/EN/national\\_programmes/nfprtd200920010/v/internationalcooperation/index.html](http://www.research.org.cy/EN/national_programmes/nfprtd200920010/v/internationalcooperation/index.html)

### **Eligibility and National modalities**

During the Negotiation Procedure, Project Coordinators will be asked to complete forms that are used for national funded programs which contain information about workpackages, deliverables, timeframe, budget etc.

For more information regarding the eligibility please see the relevant Call for Proposals in the RPF's website ([www.research.org.cy](http://www.research.org.cy)) and/or contact the national contact point for the specific call, Dr Rebecca Chrysafi ([rchrtsafi@research.org.cy](mailto:rchrtsafi@research.org.cy), 00357-22205041).

## **4. FRANCE**

### **Participating organisation(s):**

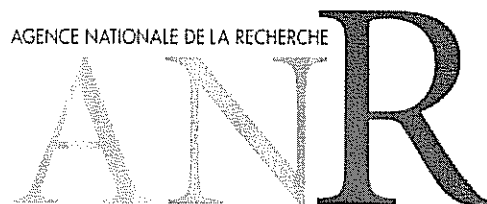
ANR (1 500 000 €)

### **National Contact Person(s):**

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

Proposed participations may last from 42 to 48 months

**Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

One project can require around 200 000 €

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Participants must be research organisations or companies. Beneficiaries may only be Partners under French law, or research organizations under French law established abroad. The participation of foreign partners is possible since each foreign partner provides its own funding in the Project.

Companies – i.e any entity, independently of its legal form, carrying out an economic activity – can request partial funding from ANR.

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

VAT should not be included in the budget figures, unless there is a residual VAT that may be included

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

- An administrative and financial form signed by all partners of the project. For "research organization" partners, the document must be signed by the Principal investigator, by the laboratory director or the host unit and the legal representative. For "business partners," the Principal Investigator and the legal representative must sign this document. This document do not need to be signed by potential foreign partners
- The scientific form requested by the Biodiversa secretariat of the call. This document has to include the contribution of french teams and foreign teams. Sufficient information (descriptive text, summary tables of budget and resources,...) must allow to properly evaluate the respective contributions in terms of scientific input, resources and financial requirements of each team.

**Subcontracting rules**

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.

**5. LITHUANIA****Participating organisation(s):**

Research Council of Lithuania (RCL), (101367 €)

**National Contact Person(s):**

Asta Aleksandraviciene, Chief Officer, International



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Cooperation Unit of Research Foundation Research Council of Lithuania  
Tel: +370 5 236 05 07  
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**Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Participations in the projects may last up to 36 months, unless it is stated otherwise in the Call text.

**Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

One project can require up to 101367 € in country.

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Participant must be Lithuanian higher education and research institution (which is listed in the Register of Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Lithuania) together with principle investigator (Researcher) in Lithuania. Enterprises may participate as self financed partners or subcontractors provided they could prove their financial stability (see how hereunder).

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

Yes.

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

At proposal submission stage no national official paperwork is required to complete.

**Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- **To EU countries:** Yes, only for minor tasks and budget
- **To Non-EU countries:** Yes, only for minor tasks and budget
- **Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):** Yes, only for minor tasks and budget

**Link to the national page of the call**

Link to the RCL page: [http://www.lmt.lt/en/rnd/international/biodiversa2\\_en.html](http://www.lmt.lt/en/rnd/international/biodiversa2_en.html)

1. One project can require up to 101367 € in Lithuania. For one calendar year up to 43443 € can be requested.
2. Researcher can participate only in one proposal per Call.
3. Overheads are eligible up to 30% of the costs for Salaries, Travel and Subcontracting.
4. The workload of each researcher of Lithuanian team must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months.

This is not a comprehensive list of requirements for the Lithuanian participants. All national rules are listed in Lithuanian language in the "Description for Financing BiodivERSA2 projects" approved by RCL on 25/02/2013.

## 6. THE NETHERLANDS

### Participating organisation(s):

Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (500.000 €)



Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

### National Contact Person(s):

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### Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed participations may last up to a maximum of 48 months.

### Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

A project may request a maximum of approximately 165.000 € (175.000 € if coordinating a project), consisting of approx. 135.000 € for personnel (post-doc) and max. 30.000 € for materials (consumables and travel) added with max. 10.000 € for project coordination in case the Dutch applicant is coordinating the project.

### Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

Funding can be applied for by associate, assistant and full professors or researchers with a comparable position who work within the earth and life sciences and hold an appointment at a Dutch university or a research institute recognised by NWO.

### Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?

No

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

N/A

### Subcontracting rules

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: No
- To Non-EU countries: No
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): No

### Link to the national page of the call

NOT YET AVAILABLE

### Additional criteria

Unless indicated otherwise on the national page for this call, criteria applied for Dutch participation in this BiodivERSA/JPI FACCE call are similar to those of the Open Competition of NWO-ALW.

An individual Dutch applicant may submit only one application for this BiodivERsA/JPI FACCE call.

The maximum Dutch contribution to each consortium is € 165.000 (€ 175.000 if a Dutch applicant acts as the coordinator).

## 7. NORWAY

### **Participating organisation:**

The Research Council of Norway (RCN)  
Total budget up to 850 000 € for this call.



**The Research Council  
of Norway**

### **National Contact Person:**

Dr. Kirsti Anker-Nilssen, Senior adviser, The Research Council of Norway  
Tel: +47 48 07 38 98  
E-mail: [kan@rcn.no](mailto:kan@rcn.no)

### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

The maximum grant for Norwegian participation is set to 330 000 € per proposal.

### **Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Norway will support *Researcher Projects* in this call. This implies that the responsible Norwegian partner in the project has to be a Norwegian research institution while Norwegian companies/groups of companies/trade and industry organizations are welcome to join the projects as partners or subcontractors.

Norwegian participation must fulfil RCN's general terms of contracts and requirements for researcher projects:

<http://www.forskningsradet.no/servlet/Satellite?c=Page&cid=1195592882768&pagename=ForskningsradetEngelsk%2FHovedsidema1>

### **Subcontracting rules**

Subcontracting, nationally or with other countries (European or non-European) is possible within reasonable limits.

### **Link to the national page of the call**

Funding for BiodivERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call:

[www.forskningsradet.no/bionaer](http://www.forskningsradet.no/bionaer)

or

[www.forskningsradet.no/miljo2015](http://www.forskningsradet.no/miljo2015)

### **FREE TEXT:**

Norway will give priority to projects with a multidisciplinary consortium, including both environmental research and agricultural research.



The Research Council of Norway will organise an information meeting for researchers interested in the call on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00-12:00, at the Research Council of Norway. For registration, please send an e-mail to [kan@rcn.no](mailto:kan@rcn.no)

## 8. PORTUGAL

### Participating organisation:

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia- FCT  
(325.000 €)

### National Contact Person:

Joana Pinheiro, Scientific Officer, Department  
of International Relations of FCT  
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E-mail : joana.pinheiro@fct.pt

**FCT**

Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia  
MINISTÉRIO DA EDUCAÇÃO E CIÊNCIA

### Maximum project duration:

Proposed participations may last up to 36 months.

### Maximum funding per project

Up to 200.000 € if the Applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator.  
Up to 125.000 € if the Applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator.

### Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

The following entities having legal authority to enter into contracts may, either individually or jointly, submit proposals for funding of the projects:

- Higher Education Institutions, their institutes and R&D centers;
- Associate Laboratories;
- State Laboratories;
- Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities;
- Companies;
- Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

### Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?

Yes.

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

- Portuguese teams need to send a statement of commitment to the National Contact Point from FCT (Joana Pinheiro), duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator.

Joana Pinheiro

FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia

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### **Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences

between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: Yes.
- To Non-EU countries: Yes.
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes.

### **Link to the national page of the call**

Funding programme for BiodiERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call,  
<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/biodiversa/index.phtml.pt>

### **Exception to National Regulations**

The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.

## **9. ROMANIA**

### **Participating organisation(s):**

Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI)  
(Budget 300.000 €)



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### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Proposed participations may last from 24 to 36 months

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

One project can require up to 300.000 € in country.

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit N 542/2007 of the European Commission

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

Yes

**Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: *no*
- To Non-EU countries: *no*
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc.):

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

**Link to the national page of the call**

Funding programme for BiodiERsA/FACCE-JPI Joint call, [www.uefiscdi.gov.ro](http://www.uefiscdi.gov.ro)

**Eligible costs:**

For the fundamental research activities, industrial research and experimental development, according to HG 134/2011, types of expenses are eligible, as follow:

a. Staff costs;

b. Logistics expenses

Capital expenditure ;

Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;

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;

c. Travel expenses;

d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs, excluding the cost for subcontracting

**10.SPAIN****Participating organisation(s):**

Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad, MINECO (Three hundred thousand euros, 300.000€)

**National Contact Person(s):**

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

36 months

**Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

Budgetary limit per research group: 100.000 €

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

The entities eligible for MINECO are the universities, other public research institutions and technological centres.

The following categories of expenses can be financed:

- Personnel costs for temporary contracts (fellowships are not eligible).
- Current costs necessary to carry out the proposed activities (small equipment, consumables, travelling and others).

Indirect costs (overheads) are not eligible.

MINECO will fund up to a 100% of the marginal costs of the project or up to 50% of its actual costs, Depending on the type of research institution applying, and according to the national regulations (Basic regulations (*Orden de bases ECC/1780/2013*, published in BOE 02.10.2013).

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

No

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

No additional national documentation is required at the international application stage. Only after the evaluation process the applicants of the proposals recommended for funding will be requested to apply to the MINECO call for proposals, in the frame of the State Plan for Scientific and Technical Research and of Innovation 2013-2016.

**Subcontracting rules**

Subcontracting of specific tasks within the project is possible under the conditions and percentages defined in the basic regulations (*Orden de bases ECC/1780/2013*) and in the calls for proposals for research funding by the MINECO.

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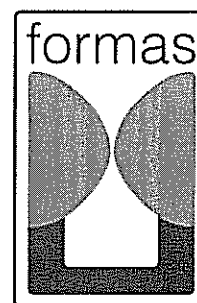
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The projects to fund by the MINECO in the BiodiverERsA call should demonstrate an added value of the international collaboration and should not duplicate existing projects funded at the National level.

## 11.SWEDEN

### Participating organisation:

The Swedish Research Council for Environment,  
Agricultural sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS)  
(1.3-1.8M €, 12-16 MSEK)



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### Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed participations may last from 24 to 48 months

### Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

One project may request up to 20% of the national funding.

### Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

Participants must be research organisations (universities, research institutes or agencies).

### Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?

No

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

None

### Subcontracting rules

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: Yes, but only small and well-defined parts of project. Must be clearly described and justified
- To Non-EU countries: as above
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, as above

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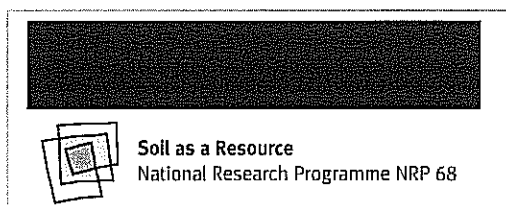
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For further information on proposal requirements and eligibility rules, see Formas Handbook, accessible from the Formas webpage:

[www.formas.se/PageFiles/204/Formas%20Handbook%202013%20revised%203.pdf](http://www.formas.se/PageFiles/204/Formas%20Handbook%202013%20revised%203.pdf)

## 12.SWITZERLAND

### Participating organisation(s):



Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF (Budget 800'000 €)

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

Proposed participations may last from 12 to 36 months

**Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

One project can require up to 200'000 €

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

Eligibility criteria and eligible costs must adhere to the standard rules and guidelines of the Swiss National Science Foundation (Funding regulations art. 13, 14 and 19).

Provision is made for funding of partners who are engaged in scientific research in Switzerland for non-commercial purposes. The research is deemed to be carried out in Switzerland if for the duration of the project the applicants are either employed by an institution domiciled in Switzerland or, if self-employed, reside in Switzerland.

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

Yes

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

None

**Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: no,
- To Non-EU countries: no
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): no

**Link to the national page of the call**

National Research Programme "Sustainable Use of Soil as a Resource" (NRP 68), [www.nfp68.ch](http://www.nfp68.ch); [Implementation Plan of NRP 68](#)

**National priorities:**

Swiss National Science Foundation will only fund projects addressing questions with regard to land use and land use change as well as soil functions and soil quality management. Projects must be in compliance with the goals of the National Research Programme "Sustainable Use of Soil as a Resource" (NRP 68).

**National Eligibility Costs**

Applicants may not apply for payment of their own salaries. Eligible costs comprise:

- personnel costs (salaries and social security contributions for scientific and technical staff),
- research costs (expendable items and maintenance, travel costs and field expenses, conference- and workshop-related costs), and

All eligible costs must be linked to the project (Funding regulations, art. 19; General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations, chapter 3). If you wish to have positions for doctoral candidates covered by the grant, please refer to the salary rates of the SNSF. If you wish to have postdoctoral or technical posts covered by the grant, please refer to the SNSF salary rates of your institution. If your institution does not have its own salary rates, please contact the financial officer of the Programmes Division of the SNSF ([roman.sollberger@snf.ch](mailto:roman.sollberger@snf.ch)).

### **Compliance with the goals of National Research Programmes**

Projects with Swiss partners have to be in compliance with the goals of the National Research Programme "Sustainable Use of Soil as a Resource" (NRP 68). Proposals must reflect the programme's objectives and comply with its overall framework. To ensure the compliance with the goal of the NRP, all pre-proposals with Swiss partners will be subjected to the Steering Committee of NRP 68 for a suitability check. This check is carried out in parallel with the evaluation by FACCE-JPI focusing on eligibility criteria described in the call announcement document. Objectives and research topics of NRP 68 are formulated in the implementation plan.

[www.nrp68.ch](http://www.nrp68.ch) > Portrait > Goals

Relevant legal documents you can find on [www.snf.ch](http://www.snf.ch) > About us > Statutes & legal framework:

- Funding Regulations
- General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations
- Regulations on information, valorisation and rights to research results

## **13.TURKEY**

### **Participating organisation(s):**

MFAL/Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock  
(200.000 €)

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### **Minimum and/or maximum project duration:**

Project duration may last up to 36 months.

### **Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:**

Although ultimate budget allocations for the projects depend on number of high quality relevant project proposals maximum funding per project will be around 100 000 €.

**Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?**

It is not possible to fund directly projects proposed by the scientists outside the GDAR system, therefore, consortium must include at least one of the GDAR institutes and a component of the research must be carried out at the GDAR research unit;

Since GDAR could not pay for the salaries of permanent researchers and research technicians working outside of GDAR system, salaries should be excluded from the project budget; only temporary workers could be paid;

Budget allocations for the successful projects could be realized through the GDAR Research Institute participating in the winner consortium, from the beginning of the next fiscal year following the signing of the contract.

**Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided for your country?**

Yes.

**Subcontracting rules**

Possibility of sub-contracting with other countries (European or non European) – differences between subcontracting research work to foreign research teams and subcontracting other tasks (IT services etc.)

- To EU countries: No
- To Non-EU countries: No
- Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): No

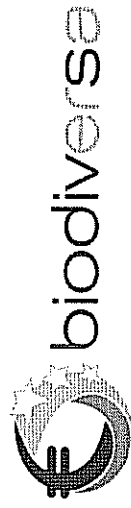
Foreign subcontractor is not possible to fund according to our regulations. We can fund only Ministry's Research Institutes and they can fund local subcontractor.

**Link to the national page of the call**

[www.tagem.gov.tr](http://www.tagem.gov.tr)

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