



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for M-ERA.NET Call 2013



Scope of the Call

Q 1: *What type of proposals are expected?*

A 1: The aim is to fund innovative R&D projects related to materials science and engineering including micro and nano technologies, production processes and technologies.

This call supports the following topics:

- 1. Integrated Computational Materials Engineering**
- 2. Design of New Interfaces, Surfaces and Coatings**
- 3. Composite Technology**
- 4. Materials for Health**
- 5. Materials for Sustainable and Affordable Low Carbon Energy Technologies**

Eligibility

Q 2: *Who can apply?*

A 2: The eligibility of participants depends on the involved national /regional funding programmes. SMEs, Large companies, Academic research groups, universities, research organisations or other research organisations can participate according to their regional/national regulations. Prospective partners are requested to discuss eligibility with their national/regional funding organisation. The funding organisations participating in the call are listed at <http://www.m-era.net/joint-call-2013> and in the Guide for Proposers.

Q 3: *What is the minimum size of the consortium?*

A 3: To be eligible the Consortium must consist of:

- A minimum of 3 partners from two different countries participating in the M-ERA.NET call 2013 (see Guide for Proposers for full list of funding organisations).

Q 4: *Can partners from other countries/regions than those participating in them-ERA.NET call join the consortium?*

A 4: It is possible to include partners from countries which are not directly involved in this M-ERA.NET Call 2013 if they can provide their own source of funding. For such countries, no advice can be provided on potential national funding programmes. Participants from these countries cannot be coordinators of projects submitted to this call.

Q 5: *Why should we participate in a transnational consortium?*

A 5: The M-ERA.NET Call gives you the opportunity to participate in a transnational Project under your own national/regional rules with which you are already familiar. This call also gives you the chance to exploit international technology and market expertise and allows you to integrate into international value chains. Participation will allow you to work under a well-defined framework with partners that would otherwise not be readily accessible to you.

Q 6: *Can applicants be involved in more than one project?*

A 6: Yes, it is possible to participate in more than one project.

Application Process

Q 7: *How do I submit a proposal ? Where can I find all the necessary forms for submitting a proposal?*

A 7: Full documentation is available at www.m-era.net/call20123. M-ERA.NET Call 2013 uses an on-line submission system. Access to the system (and its user manual) is via the link: <http://www.m-era.net/joint-call-2013>. Users acting as coordinators of a proposal must register on the website prior to gaining access to the online submission system. A detailed Guide for Proposers is available for



download. The contact persons in the national/regional funding organisations will also provide relevant information.

Q 8: *Does every partner have to submit a proposal?*

A 8: The project coordinator must submit the M-ERA.NET Call 2013 Pre-Proposal (stage 1) and Full Proposal (stage 2) using the electronic submission tool. In addition, each project partner has to apply for funding from their respective national/regional funding organisation. **Please note that it may be necessary to submit additional information for each partner already at the pre-proposal stage to the national/regional funding programme!** Each partner is requested to contact their local funding organisation in order to determine what additional information is required and when it needs to be provided.

Q 9: *Can I submit a full proposal without submitting a pre-proposal ?*

A 9: No.

Q 10: *After submission, will I receive confirmation of receipt?*

A 10: The coordinator will receive a confirmation of receipt.

Q 11: *Is it acceptable to supply a proposal in a national language?*

A 11: The M-ERA.NET Call 2013 pre-proposals and full proposals can be submitted only in English. The language of national funding applications depends on the rules of the respective national funding programmes. Please check with your local funding organisation. .

Q 12: *Is it necessary to provide a Consortium Agreement with the proposal?*

A 12: A consortium agreement between the project partners is required for funded projects. In particular IPR issues have to be addressed. Examples for consortium agreements can be found on the website of the IPR helpdesk: <http://www.iprhelpdesk.eu/services>

Q 13: *Can I request an extension of the M-ERA.NET deadline to submit either a Pre-Proposal or a Full Proposal?*

A 13: No. The M-ERA.NET Call 2013 deadlines for Pre-Proposals and Full Proposals are fixed. Please contact your local funding organization to confirm the national/regional deadlines.

Q 14: *How can I find potential partners?*

A 14: Please contact your national /regional funding organisation for partner search information. In addition, it may be helpful to search the following databases:

EEN (http://www.enterprise-europe-network.ec.europa.eu/index_en.htm)

CORDIS Technology Marketplace (<http://cordis.europa.eu/marketplace>)

FP7 Expressions of Interest (http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/partners_en.html)

NMPTeAm (<http://www.nmp-partnersearch.eu>)

Evaluation

Q 15: *How are Proposals evaluated?*

A 15: Full project proposals and individual funding applications will be subject to a centralized evaluation performed by independent international evaluators which will result in a ranking list. Please check the Guide for Proposers for details.



Funding

Q 16: *Who is funding this call?*

A 16: The funding comes from the national/regional funding organisations. A common M-ERA.NET funding pot does not exist.

Q 17 *What exactly will be funded?*

A 17: The level of funding and the costs covered depend on the rules of the relevant national/regional programmes. Partners are advised to discuss this with the appropriate funding organisations (see Guide for Proposers).

Q 18: *What happens if a partner fails to be awarded funding by their respective national/regional funding organisation?*

A 18: One of the eligibility requirements of M-ERA.NET is that all partners either receive funding from their respective national/regional funding organisation or use their own financial means. If a partner is not awarded funding by their national/regional funding organisation and is unwilling to use their financial means, then the consortium will not be funded.

Project Implementation

Q 19: *How long does it take before the projects can actually start?*

A 19: It is expected that funding decisions will be made by summer/autumn 2014.

Q 20: *Is it a problem if a project starts before the final decision by the national/regional funding organisation?*

A 20: It is recommended that the project should only start after the funding decisions have been made.

Q 21: *What happens if a partner leaves the consortium after the project starts?*

A 21: This issue should be covered by the Consortium Agreement.