

**Information on the Announcement by the
Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) of
Funding for the Submission of Applications under the EU Framework Programme for Research
and Innovation (Horizon 2020) with Partners from North and South America**

Objectives

The measure “Funding for the Submission of Applications under the EU Framework Programme for Research and Innovation (Horizon 2020) with Partners from North and South America” will promote **networking** between project partners from Germany and countries in North and South America. The aim is to support the participation of German applicants together with partners from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Cuba, Mexico, Canada and the USA in the EU Research Framework Programme “Horizon 2020”.

The support will go towards the preparation of project applications for relevant programme lines under Horizon 2020. It will involve funding for exploratory talks and networking of partners.

Funding will be provided for applications under the “Societal Challenges” section of Horizon 2020. The following topic areas are relevant for applications under this section:

- Health, Demographic Change and Wellbeing
- Food Security, Sustainable Agriculture and Forestry, Marine and Maritime and Inland Water Research, and the Bioeconomy
- Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy
- Smart, Green and Integrated Transport
- Climate Action, Environment, Resource Efficiency and Raw Materials

Applications may also be made for preparatory projects in the programme line “Leadership in Enabling and Industrial Technologies” under the section “Industrial Leadership”. The relevant topics for this call are Information and Communication Technologies, Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Advanced Manufacturing and Processing, and Biotechnology.

Applications are also eligible for funding for the following funding instruments in the programme section “Excellent Science”:

- Future and Emerging Technologies (FET)
- Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions (MSCA), specifically: institutional activities “Innovative Training Networks” (ITN) and “Research and Innovation Staff Exchanges” (RISE) which include partner institutions from North and South America
- Research Infrastructures, specifically: improving international cooperation between research infrastructures and e-infrastructures with partner institutions from North and South America

Applications for funding may be submitted by universities, research institutions and commercial companies from Germany. The participation of companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is especially welcome.

Funding

As a rule, **each project** will receive funding of **up to 60,000 euros** for a period of **up to 12 months**.

The following expenditures/costs will be eligible for funding:

- a) Travel and stays **by German and foreign researchers**
- b) Workshops
- c) Project-related resources and equipment in well-founded exceptional cases and on a limited scale
- d) Staff for coordination and preparation of the applications

As a rule, no funding will be provided to cover any of the costs for staff, research or the participating institutions' normal basic equipment.

Project outlines can be submitted at any time up to **20 December 2017**.

The funding call will be published on the website of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (<http://www.foerderinfo.bund.de/de/Bekanntmachungen-53.php>) and the DLR Project Management Agency (http://www.internationales-buero.de/en/current_announcements.php).