

# \* PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT \*

## JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

11<sup>th</sup> Joint Call for Research, Development & Innovation Proposals of the ERA-NET Bioenergy  
and

1<sup>st</sup> additional Joint Call for Research, Development & Innovation Proposals of the ERA-NET  
COFUND Bioenergy Sustaining the Future (BESTF3)

### Topic: Bioenergy as part of a smart and flexible energy system

The call "*Bioenergy as part of a smart and flexible energy system*" aims at promoting a safe, environmentally friendly, reliable and economical energy supply by funding innovative, collaborative pan-European, R&D&I projects on novel bioenergy concepts focussing on technology readiness levels 2-5.

Funding will be offered to excellent R&D&I proposals that provide clear added value through cooperation of partners in at least three (preferably more) participating countries. Novelty beyond the state of the art in the bioenergy value chain addressed must be significant, and evidence of exploitation potential must be provided (e.g. by way of tangible industry commitment).

Public funding is available for this joint call from funding bodies in Austria, Finland, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The indicative total available budget amounts to ca. 10 Mio €.

**The call is expected to open on 10.10.2016 with a closing date for pre-proposals on 23.01.2017.**

On 29.11.2016 a networking webinar will be organised to give researchers the chance to interlink with each other and build consortia. Draft project ideas and partner needs have to be sent to the call secretariat beforehand. More information to be announced in the official call text.

**Projects are expected to start in spring 2018.**

This call will be published on the webpages of ERA-NET Bioenergy and BESTF3 and on the web pages of the participating funding agencies ([www.eranetbioenergy.net](http://www.eranetbioenergy.net) & [www.eranetbestf.net](http://www.eranetbestf.net))

The **ERA-NET Bioenergy** is a network of national funding organisations which support bioenergy R&D&I projects. It was funded by the European Commission under FP6 between October 2004 and December 2010, but is now self-sustained (membership model). Further ministries or R&D funding agencies from other countries are always welcome to join the network or individual calls.

**BESTF3** is an ERA-NET Cofund mechanism combining project funding from national research programmes and the EU. The focus is on a topic of particular European value as BESTF3 addresses the shortfall of innovative bioenergy pilot and demonstration plants, resulting from a lack of finance as well as a number of technical hurdles. So far, the predecessors BESTF and BESTF2 have launched 2 calls and supported eight demonstration projects.

The purpose of combining the 2 ERA-NETs is to enlarge the network and provide additional value compared to national funding by supporting transnational research and knowledge exchange, and to thus increase the use of biomass for energy. The websites of ERA-NET Bioenergy and BESTF3 provide an overview of projects supported so far.

## 2016 Joint Call Funding Partner Organisations

**Please note that the information in this table is provisional and that change may occur in the official call announcement to be published by call opening.**

Country	Funding Partner Organisation
Austria	Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)
Finland	The Finnish Funding Agency for Innovation (Tekes)
Germany	Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe (FNR)
The Netherlands	NEA Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)
Spain	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico industrial (CDTI)
	Ministerio de economía y competitividad (MINECO)
Sweden	Swedish Energy Agency; Research and Innovation Department (SWEA)
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Office of Energy; Energy research section (SFOE)

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