

An opportunity for funders of Russian-European cooperation to join forces in funding research and innovation projects



The upcoming “ERA. Net Plus with Russia” ([ERA. Net RUS Plus](#)) will facilitate networking of Russian and European programme owners in research and innovation to jointly fund multilateral research and innovation projects between the two regions. The goal of the single joint call for S&T and innovation projects is to create long-term research collaboration between EU MS/AC and Russia. ERA. Net RUS Plus is therefore targeted at stakeholders at policy and programme level, the research community and industry (SME’s).

ERA.Net RUS Plus is expected to start in November 2013 along with the launch of the call in spring 2014. The call will cover two types of joint activities, namely S&T projects and Innovation projects. This effort is led on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research by the Project Management Agency at the German Aerospace Centre (DLR). According to the present stage of discussion, research and innovation proposals regarding the following thematic fields can be submitted:

01.

Nanotechnologies: Advanced nano-sensors for environment and health; novel functional nanomaterials based on design and modelling; and nanomaterials for efficient lighting

02.

Environment/Climate Change: Increasing the reliability of regional climate projections; environmental impact and risk of raw materials extraction and transportation; and extreme climate events and their impact on the environment



03.

Health: Molecular mechanisms of brain function and pathology; regenerative medicine and biomaterials; and drug discovery for cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases.

04.

Social Sciences and the Humanities: Understanding conflict, identity, and memory - past and present; demographic change, migration and migrants; opportunities for and challenges to regional development and social cohesion

05.

Innovation projects (no sub-topics)

The consortium of the funding parties consists of ministries and public funding institutions from currently 12 countries such as Finland, France, Germany, Israel, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, Switzerland and Turkey. The Single Joint Call will be implemented with a clear financial commitment from currently 21 programme owners from EU MS/AC and Russia. The financial volume of the call adds up to around €22m (as of June 2013) including a topping-up by the European Commission.

Twenty-four institutions make up the consortium; 21 have confirmed to financially contribute to the joint call. A new dimension brought by the "Plus" instrument is that the European Commission (EC) provides an incentive for the organisation of a single joint call by "topping-up" joint transnational funding with Community funds.

The consortium stays open for additional partners willing to join until the launch of the call.

How do you get involved in ERA.Net RUS Plus?

It is advised that interested funding parties indicate their willingness and financial commitment for the participation based on the present terms of reference of the Single Joint Call. If this is done before the launch of the call, the present group of funding parties will be open to accept this interest. We are especially seeking for funding parties supporting small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) in the fifth funding line "Innovation projects".

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