

ERA-NET CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN

Climate change impacts (natural and anthropogenic factors) and response options in mountainous areas

I. Preamble

The ERA-NET CIRCLE (Climate Impact Research Coordination in a Larger Europe) is a network of public-sector research funders, including research institutes, ministries and regulatory authorities. CIRCLE aims at achieving better research coordination in Europe in the field of consequences of and adaptation to climate change.

The aim of this call is to enhance research cooperation in the field of **Climate change impacts (natural and anthropogenic factors) and response options in mountainous areas**. This is a Mountain call under the ERA-NET CIRCLE – further on called CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN.

The funding countries of this call are Austria, France, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Sweden and Turkey represented by the following partner institutions from the CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN Group: Federal Ministry of Science and Research, (Bundesministerium für Wissenschaft und Forschung, BMWF), managed by the Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt, UBA-A), Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea (Ministère de l'Écologie, de l'Énergie, du Développement durable et de la Mer, MEEDDM), Mariolopoulos-Kanaginis Foundation for the Environmental Sciences (M-KF), Ministry of Environment and Water (Környezetvédelmi és Vízügyi Minisztérium, MEW), Ministry of Science and Innovation (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, MICINN), The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknik Araştırma Kurumu, TÜBİTAK) and The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Forskningsrådet för miljö, areella näringar och samhällsbyggande, FORMAS); further on called FUNDERS.

II. Background

The research conducted within this call should increase knowledge of options, premises and barriers for climate change impacts and adaptation including the relationship between adaptation and mitigation in mountainous areas. Special emphasis should be laid on the involvement of decision makers / developers and relevant stakeholders.

Additional value derived from cooperation of researchers/research teams in diverse mountainous areas should be clearly addressed.

III. Research focus

Climate Change impacts (natural and anthropogenic factors) and response options in mountainous areas including effects on, /inter alia/, water resources, infrastructure, slope stability, agriculture, tourism, public health and biodiversity are the theme of the present call.

Submitted proposals should have a clear focus on these themes. The specific scope of the proposed project is left to the applicant's consideration.

The funded projects will present novel approaches to policy-relevant research questions and can, among others, address the following general topics (non-binding):

- ▶ Consequences of Climate Change impacts (natural and anthropogenic) on biophysical, social, cultural and economic aspects of mountainous areas (e.g. economic competitiveness, environment protection and risk prevention);
- ▶ Climate Change response strategies and adaptation policies (with emphasis on transnational cooperation) for mountainous areas;
- ▶ Trade-offs and synergies between Climate Change adaptation and mitigation policies and their relevance for national, transnational and European strategies;
- ▶ Mountainous areas (cross-border and transnational) needs regarding climate policy development;
- ▶ Stakeholder involvement on Climate Change response development and adaptation strategies on mountainous areas;
- ▶ Uptake of research results by policy stakeholders (e.g. policy makers and developers) and its mainstreaming into local, regional and national climate strategies.

Furthermore, funded projects will clearly demonstrate their added value by presenting:

- ▶ Integrated research approaches focusing on the above mentioned theme;
- ▶ Stakeholder involvement in all phases of the project development;
- ▶ Concrete strategy for the project results dissemination and uptake (i.e. by relevant stakeholders);
- ▶ Synergies with other ongoing relevant research projects (e.g. local, regional, national, European or international).

IV. Call administration/rules (for detailed information please check the CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN call framework)

Indicative timetable for this call:

Publication of the call: **22nd of September 2009**

Deadline for proposal submission: **29th of January 2010 (17:00 CET)**.

(Applications received after this time will not be considered and will be excluded from the evaluation process).

Evaluation of proposals: March – April 2010

Evaluation summary sent to proposal coordinators: May 2010

Contract negotiation with successful consortiums: from June 2010, including the set up of a Consortium Agreement

Funded projects should be ready to start its activities on August 1st 2010.

Budget

CIRCLE Mountain funders have made funding pledges of up to € 2.12 Million.

Although there is no strict upper limit, in the view of the total available budget, it is recommended that each project proposal does not exceed a total budget of € 300.000 (this value does not represent an eligibility criteria).

Formal requirements, funding rates and eligibility:

The duration of projects must be two years (24 months) as all projects should start and finish on the same date. Applicants should ensure that the requested budget is consistent with the proposed duration of the project.

Each proposal has to be submitted by a trans-national consortium including partners from a minimum of three different countries. At least two partners (including the Lead Partner) must be from two different funding countries of this call. Other countries may also participate as partners of the consortium, but must bring in own funding. The French Funder has the possibility to fund researchers from other countries than France, in the case, the consortium is led by a French institution (Clarifications can be obtained from the French National Contact Person).

Applicants must meet all national eligibility criteria (i.e. national funding rules of the funders) usually applicable on their national calls for research projects.

Clarifications on national rules can be obtained from the National Contact Person listed at the end of this announcement.

Decision making procedure

The FUNDERS will appoint a Call Steering Committee (CSC), consisting of representatives from each of the funding organisations. The CSC will manage the call and give recommendations for funding to the national funding organisations. Proposals will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee, which submits its recommendations to the CSC.

The evaluation criteria are:

1. Thematic relevance with regard to the focus and criteria of this call,
2. Scientific excellence of the project (e.g. objectives, methodology),
3. Scientific excellence and qualification of the consortium (lead and partners),
4. Policy/stakeholder relevance & stakeholder involvement,
5. Quality of the consortium management,
6. Added value for the proposed research area,
7. Innovation (science/methodology, technology transfer and dissemination),
8. Inter- and trans-disciplinarity,
9. Prospects for success with regard to the work and financial plan including time schedule,
10. Expected exploitability of results and potential for practical use,
11. Trans-national linkage and benefit of cooperation (e.g. diverse mountain ranges).

The objective of the evaluation process is to select trans-national research proposals, which meet the needs of both CIRCLE MOUNTAIN and the national funding organisations. The final decision on funding will be made by the national funding organisations.

The call will have a single stage application procedure. One joint application (Common Application Form) should be submitted by the Lead Partner on behalf of the whole Consortium. The Lead Partner has to upload the Common Application Form online in pdf format at the webpage of the Joint Call Secretariat [Webpage](#).

The **Common Application Form** is separated into two parts:

- I. Administrative details and project summary,
- II. Project description.

with a maximum of 30 pages, excluding the Annex (see Download Common Application Form).

National Application Form

Additionally, applicants (Lead Partner and partners) have to submit a National Application Form for the proposed project, according to the national funding rules of each country (for details please contact the National Contact Person).

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[Framework document for the CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN call](#)

[Common Application Form](#)

[Statement of Commitment](#)

National Application Form via National Contact Person

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