

Call for proposals

The ERA-NET CIRCLE NORDIC

Research on consequences of climate change for policy making in the Nordic countries

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 Nordic research cooperation in the areas specified below. This is a Nordic pilot call under the CIRCLE ERA-NET. The funding organisations of the call are: the Academy of Finland, the Research Council of Norway and the Swedish Environmental Protection Agency.

The research conducted within this call should increase knowledge of options, premises and barriers for climate change adaptation including the relationship between adaptation and mitigation.

The theme for project proposals is research on consequences of climate change for policy making in important sectors in the Nordic countries, e.g.,

- **What are the synergies and trade-offs between adaptation and mitigation to climate change in policy making?**
- **How do the Nordic countries compare and differ with respect to adaptation needs and implementation ability?**

Additional value of Nordic cooperation should be clearly addressed and will be one of the evaluation criteria.

The call will have a total maximum budget of 400 000 euros, with a maximum of 100 000 - 200 000 euros from each funding organisation.

Eligible activities:

Funding is for either existing research activities or for starting up new ones. Funding can be applied for:

- Salaries and grants
- Travel expenses (climate friendly)
- Seminars and workshops

Equipment costs will not be funded.

Formal requirements:

Each proposal shall be submitted by a trans-national consortium including partners from all three countries. Others may also participate as partners of the consortia, but must be independently financed. Funding can be applied for researchers/research teams in the universities and research institutes in countries funding the call (Finland, Norway and Sweden). Applicants must also meet the national eligibility criteria. Maximum duration of projects is 2 years.

Decision making procedure

CIRCLE Nordic will appoint a Call Steering Committee (CSC), consisting of two representatives from each of the funding organisations. The CSC will manage the call and give a recommendation for funding to the national funding organisations. Proposals will be evaluated by an expert panel, which submits its evaluation to the CSC.

The evaluation criteria are:

- scientific quality
- qualifications of the consortium
- feasibility
- cooperation
- communication plan
- relevance to the call

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

The call will be open between 19 October 2007 and 10 December 2007, 5 pm CET. Applications received after this deadline will be excluded from the evaluation process. The projects of the consortium should be ready to begin on 1 May 2008.

The call will have a single stage application procedure. One joint application should be submitted by the project leader on behalf of the whole consortium. Submission requires the consortium to complete a common electronic application form and a project description of maximum 10 pages including each subproject (see guidelines) in pdf format. The language of the application is English. For information on national eligibility criteria, see information on the web pages of the national contact points.

Applications should be submitted on-line at <http://www.circle-era.net/online-submission/>.

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Application form with Guidelines for project description
Evaluation criteria

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