



National Regulations

Sumforest 1st transnational Call for proposals

Sustainable forests for the society of the future

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Country	Funding Partner Organization		Research	Industry
Austria	Bundesministerium für Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft	BMLFUW	Yes	Yes
Belarus	National Academy of Science		Yes	No
Belgium	Research Foundation Flanders	FWO	Yes	No
Canada ¹	Natural Resources Canada	NRCan/RNCan	Yes	No
Croatia	Forest Research Institute	CRFI	Yes	No
Finland ²	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	MMM	Yes	Yes
France ³	Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Energie	ADEME	Yes	Yes
France ³	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	Yes	Yes
Germany	Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft	BMEL	Yes	Yes
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine	DAFM	Yes	No
Italy	Ministero delle politiche agricole alimentari e forestali	MIPAAF	Yes	No
Latvia	Ministry of Agriculture		Yes	No
Lithuania	Lietuvos Respublikos Aplinkos Ministerija	MERL	Yes	No
Lithuania	Research Council	RCL	Yes	No
Norway ⁴	Norges Forskningsrad	RCN	Yes	Yes
Russia	Ministry of Education and Science	MON	Yes	Yes
Slovak Republic	Ministerstvo Podohospodarstva a Rozvoja Vidieka Slovenskej Republiky	MPRV SR	Yes	No
Slovenia ⁵	Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food	MAFF	Yes	No
Spain	Instituto Nacional de Investigacion y Tecnologia Agraria y Alimentaria	INIA	Yes	No
Spain	Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad	MINECO	Yes	No
Sweden	Forskningsrådet för Miljö, Areella Näringar och Samhällsbyggande	FORMAS	Yes	No
Switzerland	Federal Office for the Environment	FOEN	Yes	No
Tunisia	Institution for Agriculture Research and Higher Education	IRESA	Yes	No

Restrictions on topics:

¹Canada, NRCan/RNCan: only Topic 2 is funded

²Finland, MMM: only Topic 1 is funded

³France, ADEME and ANR: only Topic 1 and Topic 2 is funded

⁴Norway, RCN: only Topic 2 and Topic 3 is funded

⁵Slovenia, MAFF: only Topic 2 is funded

Austria



Austrian participants funded by BMLFUW

The Austrian Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry, Environment and Water Management (BMLFUW) provides funding for high-quality scientific research. There are no restrictions regarding the thematic area. All themes mentioned in the call text are eligible for Austrian proposers. Funding can be granted to research teams according to the standard research requirement procedures of the Ministry. Industry participation is possible as well but reimbursement rate is restricted to 50% of the eligible costs.

The applicant has to check national funding rules by contacting the BMLFUW before submitting a proposal (see contact details).

If Austrian research providers are involved in a successful proposal, then contracting and payments will be according to standard procedures and standard terms and conditions of the BMLFUW (Dafne Procedure, website see below).

Standard rules include:

- Proposed project costs shall not exceed the specified amount of financing.
- The project-related portion of the depreciation costs may be requested for purchases of equipment (equipment).
- Travel costs and costs for meetings will be reimbursed in accordance with the federal "Reisegebührenverordnung (RGV)".
- Overhead costs must be calculated and must not exceed 20% of the overall cost.
- Payments scheme comprise in principle of a deposit payment, a payment after approval of the interim report, as well as final payment after approval of the final report (at least 10%).

More information can be found on the website: <http://www.dafne.at>.

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National Regulations for funding of scientific projects in Belarus

Специфика финансирования научно-исследовательских проектов в Республике Беларусь состоит в том что, международные проекты могут финансироваться различными способами и из различных источников финансирования:

- через совместные проекты Государственного комитета по науке и технологиям, финансирование которых осуществляется по результатам двусторонних международных конкурсов, которые объявляются Белорусским республиканским фондом фундаментальных исследований;

- через Государственные программы научных исследований, заказчиком которых от имени государства выступает Национальная академия наук Беларуси и/или Министерство образования Республики Беларусь;

- через государственные научно-технические программы, заказчиками которых могут выступать любые отраслевые министерства и/или Национальная академия наук Беларуси;

- через отдельные проекты, финансируемые Национальной академией наук Беларуси или отраслевыми министерствами.

При этом финансирование осуществляется за счет средств республиканского бюджета, инновационных фондов министерств и Национальной академии наук Беларуси, республиканского инновационного фонда.

Научная экспертиза всех проектов возложена на Государственный комитет по науке и технологиям. Финансирование из средств республиканского бюджета осуществляется исключительно в национальной валюте и может быть направлено только организациям Республики Беларусь.

В случае конкурса ERA-NET SUNFOREST наиболее оптимальным способом финансирования представляется путь через Государственную программу научных исследований «Природопользование и экология» в рамках отдельного проекта или дополнительного раздела в уже утвержденных заданиях этой программы.

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National Regulations for funding of scientific projects in Belarus

Specificity of financing of research projects in the Republic of Belarus is that international projects can be financed in various ways and from various sources:

- through joint projects of the State Committee on Science and Technology, which are financed based on results of bilateral international competitions, which are announced by the Belarusian Republican Foundation for Fundamental Research;
- through the State programs of scientific research, and its customer on behalf of the state is the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus and/or the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Belarus;
- through the state scientific and technical programs, customers of which can be any of the branch ministries and/or National Academy of Sciences of Belarus;
- through particular projects financed by the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus or the branch ministries.

This financing is provided from the national budget, innovation funds of ministries and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, the national innovation fund.

Scientific expertise of all projects assigned to the State Committee on Science and Technology. Financing from the national budget is carried out exclusively in the national currency and can only be directed to organizations of the Republic of Belarus.

In case of ERA-NET SUMFOREST call for proposals, the most optimal way of financing is through the State research programme "Natural Resources Management and Ecology" in the framework of a particular project or as an additional section in the already approved tasks of this program.

Director,
Institute of Experimental Botany named after V.Kuprevich,
National Academy of Sciences, Republic of Belarus

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Pugachevsky'.

Alexander Pugachevsky

Belgium



Funding commitment	€ 200.000
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	1
Eligibility of project duration	Research contracts will, in principle, have a duration of 3 years (36 months).
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a Principal Investigator for a research project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an Independent Academic Staff (ZAP) member with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; - an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and whose main task is research; - an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital; - an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelic Theological Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels; - a research director of the FWO; - a designated beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant, an ERC Consolidator Grant or an Odysseus II grant, with a Flemish university as a host institution. <p>If more than one university is involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for.</p> <p>The criteria have to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of submission.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes
Information available at	<p>http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/european-programmes/era-net/</p> <p>http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/</p>



Canada

Purpose:

The National Eligibility Criteria sets out criteria for all Canadian project proposals to the Sumforest European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) 2016 Research Call.

Funding Organisation:

Natural Resources Canada

National Contact Point:

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The Canadian Forest Service (CFS) of Natural Resources Canada is the National Funding Contact Point for Canada in Sumforest. The Funding Contact Point assists the Sumforest Call Secretariat in informing applicants about the 2016 Research Call.

Eligible Institutions:

The CFS is supporting this call through projects involving CFS researchers with at least two European partners. Funding under the Sumforest 2016 Research Call is only available to CFS researchers.

Other Canadian researchers who collaborate with CFS scientists may participate in the project proposed under the Research Call but are ineligible for funding from the CFS.

Eligible Applicants:

CFS Researchers will be funded for projects addressing topic two in the Sumforest Call:

- Risk resilient forest management: Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions.

Funding Commitment:

Total funding available under the call is \$200,000, not to exceed €125,000. These funds will go to multiple CFS multiple research projects.

Within this funding commitment, there is no maximum or minimum amount required for each proposal.

Other Funding Criteria:

Funds for accepted proposal will not flow until the spring 2017.

The CFS will not provide funding or reimbursement for travel by CFS researchers.

Additional Information:

The Science Program Branch of the CFS will act as the Canadian Sumforest National Contact Point. They will advise researchers of the process to be followed for the 2016 Research Call and any changes to the process that CFS, acting reasonably, feels is necessary.

Useful Links:

Natural Resources Canada:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/home>

The Canadian Forest Service:

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/forests>

Croatia



Funding organisation	Croatian Forest Research Institute CFRI
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Funding commitment	€ 60.000
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	no
Eligibility of project duration	36 months
Eligibility of a partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible partner is group of researcher from Croatian forest research institute as part of international consortium, one researcher can be from any other national public research bodies (research institutes, universities, etc.) and no-profit private bodies, if they perform research activities. SME or other private bodies can participate if they are able to provide their own funds to carry out the work. <p><u>Addendum</u>: Only research groups with expertise and participating in national and/or European research projects in thematic areas relevant for the call are eligible for funding.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Travel expenses-for permanent and non-permanent staff. Consumables External activity costs – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (maintenance, repairs, material transportation when needed for the project implementation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CFRI will grant up to 99% of the approved eligible project costs.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	no
Submission of other information at the national level	Applicants are recommended to contact the N.C.P. before submission of the proposal
Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are funded based on the rules and procedures of the SUMFOREST call. National negotiation of the <u>selected projects</u>: only CRO research partners of the projects selected for funding by the Sumforest CSC will have to apply for grant.

Finland



➤ **Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry**

Funding will be provided for Topic No 1 “*Comparative assessment of the sustainability performance of forest-based, other renewable and non-renewable material-based value chains to inform policy decisions*”, according to the standard research requirement procedures of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.

Research promoting the Finnish Bioeconomy Strategy is encouraged. Maximum amount of funding for the call is 600.000 € for three years. Any Finnish researcher or organisation is eligible to bid within eligible trans-national consortia.

If Finnish research providers are involved in a successful proposal, then contracting and payments will be according to standard procedures and standard terms and conditions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry. More information can be found on the website: <http://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet>.

France



Eligibility criteria:

Proposed projects may not exceed 36 months.

One project can require a minimum of 15,000 € and up to 200,000 €.

Applicants must include at least one French partner in the public research organization category (university, EPST – Scientific or Technical Public Institution, EPIC – Industrial or Commercial Public Institution). Participation of a French private partner is not mandatory but would be appreciated.

It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and to read also carefully the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding and ADEME funding before submitting a research project.

ANR funding regulations: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>

ADEME funding regulations: <http://www.ademe.fr/recherche-innovation/financer-theses-recherche-linnovation/systeme-daide-rdi>

Full document (in French):

http://www.ademe.fr/sites/default/files/assets/documents/systeme_aides_connaissance-deliberation-du-ca-14-3-3-du-23-oct-2014.pdf

The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project that is already financed by the ANR or ADEME or submitted to another ANR or ADEME call for proposals.

The French part of the project proposal must not be considered to infringe an intellectual property right characterizing a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property.

National topic priorities:

Research project consortia can apply to the topics (see a detailed description of the thematic areas in the Call announcement):

Comparative assessment of the sustainability performance of renewable and non-renewable raw material-based value chains to inform policy decisions. This topic will be funded by ANR (1 to TRL) and ADEME (4 to 6).

Risk resilient forest management - Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions. This topic will be funded by ANR (1 to 3 TRL) and ADEME (4 to 6).

More details in the national call announcement:

Website <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/en/international-cooperation/>

Website <http://www.ademe.fr/actualites/appels-a-projets>

French participants funded by ANR

The French project coordinator should devote at least 30% of his/her research time to the project;

The total (in person months) of the non-permanent personnel (postdocs, fixed-term contracts, temporary workers) receiving ANR funding should not exceed 30% of the total (in person months) of the staff (permanent and non-permanent personnel) of the French partners assigned to the project;

The financing duration for each post-doctoral fellowship cannot be less than 12 months.

More information about conditions of participation and important recommendations for French participants will be published on ANR website

Under the supervision of the project coordinator, the partners must conclude a Consortium agreement specifying in particular (i) the sharing of the intellectual property rights of the project results; (ii) the conditions of publication / dissemination of the results; (iii) the technology transfer and the exploitation of the project results. The French project partners will send a copy of this agreement to ANR. **The consortium agreement will need to be in place and reported to ANR before any payment will be made.**

French participants funded by ADEME

- French partners of successful projects after eligibility and transnational selection processes will be funded by ADEME within the limits of available funding.

Note that typically, funding rates of French participants can be up to 70% for universities or research organizations with eligible personnel costs following an additional cost model. For companies, funding rates shall not exceed 50% except for SMEs which can be up to 70%

There is no constraint regarding the number of companies to be involved from France, but company participation is recommended to ensure dissemination and knowledge transfer.

At this early stage, French potential beneficiaries should be aware that ADEME procedures require French version for intermediary and final reports.

Germany



Participating organisation:

- Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL; 500 000 €)
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National Contact Persons:

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Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed projects may last between 18 and 36 months

Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

There is no minimum funding per project. The maximum funding per project is 250.000€.

Eligible institutions:

Eligible Applicants are universities, research institutions and SMEs that have an establishment or branch in Germany. Research institutions receiving basic financing can be funded subject to specific conditions. Enterprises, especially SMEs, may participate as partners provided they can prove their financial stability (see hereunder).

National priorities:

BMEL will support projects within the entire scientific scope.

Other funding criteria:

The main regulations are as follows:

- BMEL funding is based on §§23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations. Details can be found in the national announcement published in the Bundesanzeiger.
- Proposed projects must be in line with the national announcement.
- Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
- Double funding is not possible.
- Each member of the consortium must clearly present their goals and work within the project, global and local (country-specific), the financial and time tables and the points of actual collaboration with the international partners.
- In order to prove their financial ability to participate in the proposed project, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have to submit, together with the electronic submission of the proposal the documents for credit assessment that are available under the following link: <https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/> => Formularschrank => Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE) => Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis (AZK) => Unterlagen zur Bonitätsprüfung.
The German project partners of positively evaluated proposals will, at a later stage, be invited to submit national application forms (AZA or AZK using the electronic proposal assistant “easy” (see <https://foerderportal.bund.de/easyonline/> for details).
→ *The guidelines for preparing AZA/AZK have to be considered for any cost calculations in the proposal!*

Ireland



Irish participation in ERA-NET SUMFOREST funding call

The Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) invites applications from eligible Irish Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) either as partners or coordinators, to submit joint research proposals under this ERA-NET SUMFOREST: *“Tackling the challenges in sustainable and multifunctional forestry through enhanced research coordination for policy decisions”* for transnational collaborative research projects on **“Sustainable forests for the society of the future”**.

The total indicative funding provided by DAFM via the Competitive Forestry Research for Development (CoFoRD) programme, in respect of this Call shall not exceed €350,000.

Funding will be available for researchers from eligible public Research Performing Organisations only. They can receive up to 100% of eligible costs which include personnel, equipment, consumables, travel, external assistance and overheads at an agreed rate (see detailed guidelines on DAFM website).

All eligible RPOs in Ireland that can demonstrate the necessary research capabilities including Teagasc, Universities and Institutes of Technology are eligible to participate and submit proposals.

Public RPOs based in Northern Ireland are not eligible for support from DAFM.

Industry participation is welcome on a self financing basis.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must meet the following criteria:

- Involve a minimum of two DAFM approved Irish RPO’s each accounting for at least 10% of the funding sought from DAFM.
- Address at least one of the SUMFOREST Call’s three research topic areas.
- Closely align with [Forest Research Ireland](#) (FORI) – the Strategic Research Agenda for forestry and relevant priority areas of the [National Research Prioritisation Exercise](#).
- Align with relevant national policy documents including but not restricted to [Food Wise 2025](#), Forest Products and People, the Government’s [Action Plan for Jobs, Innovation 2020](#) and [Our Sustainable Future](#).
- Avoid duplication of recent research work already undertaken or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the three research topics in the SUMFOREST Call.

DAFM will require a national application form to be completed for any successful Irish based partners emerging from the process.

National contact point

Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (Research and CODEX Division)	Mr Tom McDonald E-mail: tom.mcdonald@agriculture.gov.ie Phone: +353 1 607 2286
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Italy

Country	Italy
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Funding commitment	€ 150.000
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	no
Eligibility of project duration	36 months
Eligibility of a partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible partner are: national public research bodies (ministerial, regional-provincial centres, universities, etc.) and no-profit private bodies, if in their institutional and statutory scopes <u>performing</u> research activities is there. SME or other private bodies can participate if they are able to provide their own funds to carry out the work. <p><u>Addendum</u>: Only research groups with documented expertise and participating in national and/or European research projects in thematic areas relevant for the call are eligible for funding.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Personnel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Salaries – only for non-permanent scientific staff (including temporary contracts, post docs, PhD students, fellowships and grants). Travel expenses-for permanent and non-permanent staff. Consumables External activity costs – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, maintenance, repairs, material transportation when needed for the project implementation). Overheads – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned costs. Coordination – if an Italian institution is playing a role of coordinator non-permanent administrative staff can be included in the coordination cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MIPAAF will grant up to 99% of the approved eligible project costs.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	no
Submission of other information at the national level	Applicants are recommended to contact the N.C.P. before submission of the proposal
Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are funded based on the rules and procedures of the Ministerial Decree n. 6387 of 22th March 2010 (https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDP%20agrina/3959). The criteria and provisions herewith are intended for informative purpose and refer to this specific call. <p>National negotiation of the <u>selected projects</u>: only IT research partners of the projects selected for funding by the Sumforest CSC will have to fill out in Italian the forms which will be provided by MiPAAF to apply for grant.</p>

Latvia



Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, LATVIA

Eligible institutions:

- Universities, research institutes and RTD centres entered into the Registry of Scientific institutions of Latvia;
- Enterprises are eligible only if entered into the Latvian Commercial Registry, assumed they are eligible to do specific research and have proven resources for specific activities.

Limitations of EU legislation apply together with financial reporting requirements and support rate limits. Project leader and the principal investigators should be researchers according to Latvian legislation („zinātnieks”) possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field, and the work carried out should be research.

Support is provided according to Provisions Nr.259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers <http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=274671>

Eligible costs:

- Personnel costs, including social tax,
- Consumables, materials,
- Subcontracts and external services – up to 25 % of direct costs, needs detailed justification. Includes all publishing and patenting costs, knowledge engineering and dissemination services,
- Equipment (only depreciation costs),
- Travels costs (according to travel plan),
- Indirect costs (up to 20 % , the indirect nature of cost position must be proven).
 - Core activities can not be subcontracted.
 - Educational activities are not supported.

Maximum grant is 100 000 EUR. Funding of cost positions not related to the project is not allowed; time sheets and invoices should correspond to the actual national legislation. Funding release is subject to final audit which can invoke a sworn auditor.

The grant will be awarded after the following steps are accomplished:

- the submitted project proposal with eligible Latvian beneficiary organization is in accordance with the criteria in the National Annex;
- the respective Project proposal is selected for the award by the transnational evaluation procedure,
- the Project Consortium Agreement is signed.

The available budget will be taken into account.



Implementation of the Project approved by the Sumforest Call Steering Committee (hereinafter the Project) will be partially funded from the The Programme for Funding the General Forestry Needs, according to the Rules for Using the Funds of the Programme for Funding the General Forestry Needs approved by the order No D1-1082 of the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Lithuania of 12 December 2012. The Council of The Programme for Funding the General Forestry Needs decided to appoint up to 100 thousand Euros for co-funding of the Project, i.e., one applicant from Lithuania who is participating in the Project (hereinafter the Applicant). The Project must start in 2016 and must be implemented in 3 years.

Minimum requirements for the Applicant:

- The Applicant must be a scientific institution (university, college, research institute etc.) as defined in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania.
- A few scientific institutions may cooperate by signing a joint venture agreement and act as one Applicant.
- The Project must be oriented to and considered as applied research. The Ministry of Environment will consult Research Council of Lithuania on this matter.
- The Project should comply with the National Forestry Sector Development Programme for 2012-2020 approved by the Resolution No 569 of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania of the 23 May 2012.
- At least two of the Applicant's team members including the Team Leader must have a Doctoral degree (PhD).
- All of the Applicant's team members must have specific work experience related to the Project's theme (e. g., scientific work in the same research area, scientific publications, scientific monographs, participation in international and national scientific projects, research oriented to experimental development etc.).
- General requirements, e. g., the Applicant is not declared bankrupt, not under the process of liquidation, the Applicant does not have any tax debts etc.).

Steps for the Applicant seeking to obtain financing:

- When the Project is confirmed by the Call Steering Committee, the Ministry of Environment organizes public procurement according to the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Lithuania.
- After the public procurement is announced, the Applicant will be asked to submit all the required documents proving education, work experience etc. to the Ministry of Environment.
- When all documents are submitted a contract will be signed between the Ministry of Environment and the Applicant.
- After signing the contract, the Applicant receives 30 per cent of the financing in advance. The rest of the payment is transferred after the Project is implemented and the final written scientific report in both Lithuanian and English is submitted to the Ministry of Environment.
- Intermediate payments will be possible if annual scientific reports are submitted to the Ministry of Environment.



TERMS AND CONDITIONS

All three themes of the call are supported by RCL. The RCL's commitment to the call budget is 100.000 €. Only one proposal with Lithuanian applicant(s) will be accepted for funding. National funding will be provided according to the General Rules for the competitive funding of Research and Dissemination projects of the Research Council of Lithuania approved by the Order No VIII-26 of the Council on 27 October, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligible implementing institution is a Lithuanian research and higher education institution included into the Register of higher education and research institutions.

Eligible project duration is up to 3 years. It is not allowed to plan the end of the project in January or February.

The researcher applying as a project leader must hold a Ph.D. degree. A person, acting as a project leader or a principal group member (principal investigator) can apply only in one proposal per call. The applying project leader or other principal investigator must be not restricted to consider his/her proposals due to previous default of contractual obligations to the RCL. The workload of the project leader or principal investigator must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the duration in months.

FUNDING

The RCL's total funding for this call is 100.000 €. The requested contribution from Lithuanian applicant shall not exceed 100.000 €. In case of several Lithuanian partners are involved in one consortium requesting funds from RCL, they all must share and might request 100.000 € as maximum per proposal.

ELIGIBLE COSTS

Eligible costs:

- Salaries, including social security costs
- Travel
- Consumables
- Equipment
- Subcontracting
- Overheads (indirect costs) are calculated up to 30% of Salaries and Subcontracting costs

Subcontracting costs must be incurred in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Lithuania. Expenses incurred according to service and/or copyright agreements where such agreements were concluded for performing minor tasks in the Project are eligible. VAT is eligible and must be included in the budget figures.

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Norway



Norwegian participants funded by The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

Research organizations (universities, research institutes) are eligible to apply. Large companies, SMEs and stakeholder associations are encouraged participating as part of a consortium. Funding quota of Norwegian participants can be up to 100 % for universities or research organisations. In the case of companies, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, typically up to a range of 50 %. There is no obligation regarding the number of companies to be involved from Norway.

There is no need for additional national application forms in the first stage. The transnational application to the central Call Office is sufficient. Positively evaluated projects will be considered for funding by The Research Council of Norway and more detailed information on procedure for national application will then be given to each applicant. Based on the thematic scope, type of project, relevance to the funding program at RCN and available funding, RCN makes the final funding decision.

The Norwegian funding will be given to projects that fall within themes 2 and 3:

2. Risk resilient forest management - Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions.
3. Investigation, appraisal and evaluation of trade-offs related to the provision of forest ecosystem services to inform policy decisions.

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Russian Federation



➤ Russian Ministry of Education and Sciences (MON)

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

The call involves a 1-step procedure with an optional pre-registration.

Applications must be completed and submitted online via the website's submission portal. The pre-registration is optional and should be submitted by 20th May 2016, 3PM CET. The proposal must be submitted by 17th June 2016, 3PM CET

In parallel with the 1-step procedure applicants that were invited to the the S&T call and would like to request funding from MON have to submit national application within the Federal Target Program "Research and development in Priority Fields of the S&T Complex of Russia 2014-2020" (<http://www.fcpir.ru/>). National proposals are submitted by the Russian partner according to rules and requirements of the Federal Target Program. Applications should be submitted both electronically by completing online forms and posting scanned copies of documents on the portal <http://konkurs2014.fcpir.ru> and as a hard copy to be delivered personally (Brysov pereulok 21, entrance 1, room 110) or by post (Tverskaya 11, 125993 Moscow). Funding decision is also taken based upon the applicant`s compliance with national rules and requirements.

There will be organized the National Evaluation procedure for the selected proposals.

The final funding decision will be taken by the Sumforest Call Steering Committee based on the recommendations from the expert evaluation and the available budget. The Sumforest Call Secretariat will send notification letters to all Project Coordinators to inform them of the result of the final funding decision.

After the official notification of the funding decision, the national Funding Partners will contact the respective project partners of the selected projects for contracting

Who can apply?

Research proposals may be submitted by Russian legal entities (based in the Russian Federation):

Any Russian legal entity conducting research that was invited to submit the 1-step procedure.

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

I Direct costs

a. Costs of personnel

Grants towards the costs of scientific staff, including young scientists and administrators and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be provided.

b. Costs of durable equipment

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

c. Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation (expendable items, devices, business needs, transportation expenses, literature, rents, orders, etc.) may be considered as direct costs. Consumables are only eligible costs if bought after the start date of the project. Consumables belonging to the basic facilities of an applicant are not eligible.

d. Subcontracting

The general rule should be that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it should be accepted that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted. Subcontracting should be justified in the proposal.

Travel and subsistence allowance: The subsistence and daily allowance per full day are regulated by the Regulations on peculiarities of sending employees on business trips approved by the Government Decree N 749 including amendments made on March 25, May 14, 2013. Travel costs are eligible (economy class).

Costs for filing and obtaining patents

Necessary expenses for patent applications (patent lawyers and patent office fees) that are needed to fulfill the funding objectives can be covered, provided that the expenses are incurred during the funding period and that they have not already been or are expected to be covered by other public funding providers.

II. Indirect Costs: Overheads

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single Joint Call

The participants from Russia, applying for the funding from MON, can receive up to 50% of the total funding of the joint project. One of the selection criteria for funding is correlation of the proposed amount of work and the requested funding. Funding is provided in Russian rubles.

Upper funding limit

Upper funding limit: **1 000 000 Euro**

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Slovak Republic



Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic, Section for Forestry and Wood Processing inform you, that the national criteria of 1st Joint Call Research Proposals under the ERA-NET Sumforest are as follow:

Section 55 paragraph 1 letter b) and paragraph 2 of the Act No. 326/2005 Coll. on Forests, as amended.

Slovenia



Funding Party: Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Food (MAFF)

Eligibility criteria:

The call is addressed to any research organization defined as eligible in the national Research and Development Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia No. 61/06-ZDru-1, 112/07, 9/11 in 57/12-ZPOP-1A).

The official national call announcement will be published on the MAFF website (http://www.mkgp.gov.si/si/javne_objave/javni_razpisi/).

Funding:

MAFF will support Topic 2 “Risk resilient forest management - Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions”.

The total indicative funding provided by MAFF in respect of this Call shall not exceed 60.000 EUR per year and 180,000 EUR in total. MAFF will fund eligible costs of Slovenian partners in accordance with the Decree on criteria and standards for allocating resources for the implementation of the national Research Programme (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 103/11, 56/12 and 15/14), participating in successful transnational projects, recommended for funding.

Funding is subject to the availability of national funds and will be conducted in accordance with the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:C:2014:198:FULL&from=SL>).

Each national coordinator can apply with only one proposal.

The national phase of the call is to be determined. Further instructions on how to proceed will be published on the MAFF webpage (http://www.mkgp.gov.si/si/javne_objave/javni_razpisi/) in due time.

Applicants are advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person, Mr. Janez Zafran (T:+386 1 478 90 85, E: janez.zafran@gov.si) before preparing proposals for application.

Spain



National Institute for the Agricultural and Food Research and Technology (INIA)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Only projects answering to clearly expressed needs of the 2015 INIA's priority lines, will have a priority treatment in the eligibility process.

http://wwwsp.inia.es/Lists/Titulares%20Portal/Attachments/15/Prioridades2015.pdf#nueva_ventana

An electronic copy of the pre-registration must be sent to the National Contact Point (NCP), no later than the closing date of the pre-registration (20th May 2016), in case of pre-registration.

An electronic copy of the proposal must be sent to the National Contact Point (NCP), no later than the closing date of the Call (17th June 2016).

Interdisciplinary research proposals will be prioritized.

ELIGIBILITY

The call is addressed to public research institutions and public universities.

The three selected topics in the call are eligible for INIA:

1. "Comparative assessment of the sustainability performance of renewable and non-renewable raw material-based value chains to inform policy decisions".
2. "Risk resilient forest management - Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions."
3. "Investigation, appraisal and evaluation of trade-offs related to the provision of forest ecosystem services to inform policy decisions."

Enterprises and SMEs are welcome as partners in the consortium, only if they are legally established in Spain and their costs are covered by their own resources.

The duration of the projects will be maximum 36 months.

Additional eligibility criteria

- ✓ Only one proposal per Spanish applicant, will be accepted.
- ✓ Principal investigators who obtained funding in the APCIN2015 or in calls from ERA-Nets: C-IPM (1st call), ARIMNET2 (1st call) and ANIHW (3th call), are not allowed to apply neither in APCIN2016 nor in this call.
- ✓ In case of that a Spanish partner requests funds to both MINECO and INIA, will be considered non eligible to INIA.

FUNDING

- The INIA's total funding for this call is 200.000€. The requested contribution from Spanish applicant shall not exceed 100.000 €.
- In case of several Spanish partners in a consortium requesting funds to INIA, each Spanish partner might request 100.000€ as maximum. A maximum of two Spanish entities per proposal are allowed to apply for funding to INIA in this call.
- INIA can fund Spanish partners in a project provided that they are not funded by MINECO in this call, to avoid double funding.

Funding can be granted to research teams according to the rules and procedures of INIA. Funding will be subject to availability of the national budget and under the Spanish rules (Law 38/2003 of November 17 of General Grants, article 28.1).

Grant awards (including mobility and training) and their justification, will be made according with the INIA's subsidization rules (Order ECC /2098/201, of 8th November).

In case of budget limitations or budget reductions, an official agreement from the project coordinator to the National Contact Point (NCP) should be needed certifying that all partners involved in the consortium agree with the new funding conditions, in order to manage the contract with the beneficiary.

In the event of exhaustion of funds by one funding organization, INIA reserve the right to transfer the affected project to the funding organization with remaining funds (MINECO), with the exception of technological centers which are non-eligible to INIA.

ADMITTED COSTS

- Subcontracts are possible following specific regulations of Spanish rules ECC/2098/2013 (BOE, 4 november, 2013).
- Only costs arising after the start of the project will be eligible, funding does not cover expenditure for activities implemented before and after the project has been granted. Applicants should implement the project and should have the necessary resources to do it.

The beneficiary should break down the costs per year, as following:

Direct costs:

- Salaries: Only for non-permanent scientific staff and non-permanent technicians hired for the project. PhD students and fellowship grants will not be eligible as personal costs.
- Fungible materials.
- Travel and subsistence costs for meetings can be charged as eligible costs, only for personnel included in the project, in accordance with the INIA's rules (<http://www.inia.es>)
- Equipment: Only essential scientific equipment purchased specifically for the project will be reimbursed. In case of equipment and instruments not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible.

Indirect costs (overheads):

- 20 % of the direct costs.
- Electricity, heating, some consumables (e.g. office supplies, toners for prints and repairs) are considered overheads.

The funds will be transferred to the beneficiary in an advance payment at the start of the project and other annual payments after scientific and financial justification by each beneficiary corresponding to each year.

An annual scientific report in both Spanish and English, will be submitted to INIA. Standards economic and scientific rationale for all beneficiaries of calls ERA-nets in which the funder is INIA are available at: <http://wwwsp.inia.es/RelInt/Era-nets/Normativa/>

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT (NCP)

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Spain



Funding organisation	Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO)
Funding programme	<p><i>Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2016.</i> Link to Plan Estatal</p> <p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions (<i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional, APCIN</i>), which will be launched in 2016 (APCIN 2016). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. APCIN 2015</p> <p>The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this APCIN call and by the funding limits specified below.</p> <p>Call will be managed by the Deputy Directorate General for International Projects (SGPINT).</p>
Purpose of funding	The projects granted by the MINECO must be aligned with the main objectives described in the Programa Estatal .
Initial funding pre-commitment	Maximum funding for the ERA-NET SumForest call: 500,000.00 €
Funding Contact Point	<p>PhD. Esteban Manrique Reol (+34) 916038622 (Scientific issues)</p> <p>Administrative and technical issues: (+34) 916038399 / (+34) 916037269</p> <p>Contact email: dtma-bce@mineco.es</p>
Eligibility	<p>The eligible entities for MINECO funding are:</p> <p>Non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call 2016 (<i>Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional 2016</i>).</p> <p>As a result of an agreement between the Spanish funding organizations in this transnational call (MINECO and INIA), in the event of exhaustion of funds by one funding organization, MINECO and INIA reserve the right to transfer the concerned project to the funding organization with remaining funds, provided that the beneficiaries of the project are eligible for said organization.</p> <p>Although private enterprises will not be funded through the APCIN Call, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds, or funding from other national or regional calls, including CDTI open calls for internationalization.</p> <p>Final rules on eligibility will be defined in the respective APCIN call, to be published here.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p><u>Mandatory:</u></p> <p><u>Spanish Principal Investigators (Project Partners) must be</u> eligible according to the APCIN 2016 call and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the <i>Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011</i>, the <i>Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016</i>, ERC Grants, or European Framework Programmes or in relevant international projects.</p> <p><u>Not allowed:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>Principal Investigators (Project Partners)</u> are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this SumForest call. - <u>Principal Investigators (Project Partners)</u> are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in APCIN 2016 call. <u>This must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.</u> - A maximum of two Spanish entities per proposal are allowed to apply for funding in this transnational SumForest call.

	<p>- Important note: <u>Principal Investigators (Project Partners)</u> who obtained funding in the APCIN 2015 calls are not allowed to apply neither in APCIN 2016 nor in this transnational SumForest call.</p> <p>MINECO will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>
Eligible costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible). - Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. - <u>Indirect costs (overheads) are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.</u>
Funding rates (approx.)	<p><u>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria by MINECO. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared non eligible.</u></p> <p>The maximum amount of funding is 100,000.00 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000.00 € if the Project Coordinator of the international consortium is based in Spain).</p> <p>When two Spanish legal entities participate in the same proposal, the total funding for the Spanish part should not exceed 200,000.00 € per proposal (additional 50,000.00 € if the Project Coordinator of the international consortium is based in Spain).</p> <p>The groups that belong to centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as one unique group, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed 100,000.00 € per the eligible group (for example, mixed centres), except in the case the Project Coordinator of the international consortium is based in Spain, and in this case the limit is 150,000.00 €.</p> <p>The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.</p>
Mandatory acknowledgement	<p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge MINECO funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by MINECO through APCIN 2016".</p>



Sweden

- **National Regulations -The Swedish Research Council Formas**
- **Specific regulations for the call “Sustainable forests for the society of the future” within ERA-Net Sumforest**

- ✓ ***Committed budget and maximum funding per partner***

The Swedish Research Council Formas has committed 1 500 000 Euro in total over three years to this call. The maximum funding for a Swedish partner in a consortium is 300 000 Euro in total (100 000 Euro per year). For a Swedish consortium coordinator, the maximum funding is 600 000 Euro in total (200 000 Euro per year).

- ✓ ***Eligible topics***

The Swedish Research Council Formas funds research projects within all topics of the call.

- ✓ ***Consortium structure***

Each consortium must consist of Principal Investigators (PIs) from three different countries, participating in the call. Swedish applicants from the same grant administrating organisation must belong to a single PI. Several Swedish PIs from different grant administrating organisations may be part of a consortium if the consortium also includes PIs from two other countries.

- ✓ ***Funding decisions***

Following evaluation by an international expert panel, the highest-ranked applications will be recommended for funding. Swedish PIs in projects recommended for funding will be invited to submit the same application to Formas (using Prisma). Information about the submission will be provided in the invitation.

Each funding organisation makes the final decision about funding of their respective PIs. The funding awarded will be made public after all funding organisations have reached their decisions. Formas Scientific Council is expected to reach its decisions in November 2016. Decisions about grant awards are not subject to appeal. Projects are expected to start in early 2017.

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- **General regulations**

- ✓ ***Who can apply for funding***

To be eligible to apply for grants from Formas, main applicants and co-applicants must have a doctoral degree. Other people participating in the project (e.g. doctoral students, technicians, lab assistants) do not need to have a doctoral degree. Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university, university college or other Swedish public organisation that fulfils the grant administrating organisation eligibility requirements of Formas (please see Formas’ requirements for [Grant administrating organisations](#)). Participants in the research project from industry or other stakeholders may be subcontractors (please consult Formas).

✓ ***What funding can be applied for***

Project grants from Formas may be used for financing of salary for researchers, doctoral students (up to three years) and technical staff (including social-security contributions). Grants may also be used to finance running costs (e.g. consumables, equipment under 500 kSEK, travel, conferences, publication in open access journals), equipment depreciation costs and premises costs.

For existing employment positions, the current salary at the time of application (including social-security contributions) must be used for each of the subsequent years. For new employment positions the starting salary at the grant administrating organisation must be used for each subsequent year. Note that the total salary costs awarded by Formas for an individual researcher, doctoral student or other member of the project may never exceed 100 per cent of a full-time position.

✓ ***Ethical guidelines and open access***

For information regarding Formas' ethical guidelines and issues concerning public and open access to research results and scientific data, please see the [General instructions for applicants to Formas](#).

✓ ***Reporting of projects awarded funding***

Each Swedish PI awarded funding must submit a financial and scientific report to Formas when the project has ended.

Switzerland



National Regulations concerning the funding of Sumforest research projects and Swiss research partners by the Federal Office for the Environment FOEN

The Federal Office for the Environment FOEN can provide limited funding support for scientific research projects in the context of the ERA-NET Sumforest. Proposals need to comply with the thematic areas of the call (<https://www.sumforest.org/calls-research/>). As to optimally target research projects, FOEN suggests authors of project proposals prior to the development of such proposals to get into touch with the contact person of FOEN mentioned on p. 2. Rules for funding through FOEN include:

- Proposed project costs shall not exceed the specified amount of financing;
- Travel costs and costs for meetings have to be included in the overall budget;
- Overhead costs must be displayed and must not exceed 20% of the overall costs;
- Payments schemes are part of contracts between FOEN and the research organization.

Funding can be granted to research teams complying with Sumforest procedures. These are, amongst others:

- Research teams have to set up a Consortium Agreement;
- The language of the Call and proposal applications is English;
- The project duration is between 18 and 36 months;
- Proposals must be submitted electronically via the Sumforest web platform;
- Each proposal must include the participation of research groups from at least three different countries funding the ERA-NET Sumforest Call;
- The eligibility of the applying organization(s) will be checked according to the Sumforest criteria published in the “Guidelines for applicants” (cf. p. 2);
- If one or more partners of the project consortium appear not to be eligible, but there are still at least three remaining partners in the consortium, the project will be sent out for evaluation, given that the consortium coordinator is eligible.

The following actions and deadlines apply:

Action	Scheduled/Deadlines
Launch of the Call	21 March 2016
Optional pre-registration for proposal	20 May 2016 3PM CET
Pre-eligibility check by Call Secretariat and national Funding Contact Points	23 - 25 May 2016
Closing date for proposals	17 June 2016 3PM CET
Eligibility check by Call Secretariat and national Funding Contact Points	20 June – 01 July 2016
Scientific evaluation (online)	04 July – 09 September 2016
Scientific evaluation (meeting)	15/16 September 2016
Funding decision (meeting)	26/27 September 2016
Latest date the funding decision is communicated to applicants	14 October 2016
Start of national negotiation between selected project partners and funding organisations	14 October 2016
Tentative start of projects 1. Call	15 December 2016 till beginning of 2017

The Sumforest Guidelines for Applicants provide further guidance and represent an integral part of these National Regulations:

https://www.sumforest.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/Sumforest_Guidelines_for_Applicants.pdf

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1. Budget reserved to research projects

IRESA has reserved 120 000 euros to fund joint research projects for 03 years corresponding to 40 000 euros/year.

2. Nature of expenses covered by the funding

During this call, funding will only be made available for the conducting of joint research projects, only in the following natures of expenses will be covered:

- Flight
- Accommodation and Subsistence based on Tunisian National rules
- Small equipment, logistics and consumables
- Contract provide services (personal subcontracting)
- Publication costs
- Organisation of scientific events

Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees will not be accommodated under this programme.

3. Main National legal texts related to funding

- Decree No. 104 of 21 January 1991 relating to the administrative and financial organization of the IRESA.
- Decree No. 2014 - March 13, 2014 1039, regulating public procurement
- Act No. 67-53 of 8 December 1967, organic law of the budget, all texts that modified it or such completed act organic n° 2004-42 13 May 2004
- Act No. 75-35 may 14, 1975, organic law of the local budget, together texts that modified it or supplemented and such organic No. 97-1 dated January 22, 1997 and act organic No. 2007-65 18 December 2007

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