

## What is an ERA-NET+ and what is MATERA+?

ERA-NET+ actions are an initiative of the European Commission aimed at providing additional EC financial support to those national and regional programmes that pool resources to organise a Joint Call for proposals. MATERA+ is an ERA-NET+ action designed to provide a simple mechanism for the initiation of transnational projects in the field of materials science and engineering.

## The benefits of participation in the MATERA+ Call

MATERA+ offers participants a simplified introduction to the initiation and participation in R&D projects at the European level. Individual project partners seek funding from their national/regional funding agencies in accordance with the relevant programme rules. The added value is the opportunity to easily access international know-how, to gain technology and market expertise and to integrate into international value chains.

## Call focus

The goal is to launch transnational, interdisciplinary, innovative projects and to narrow the gap between basic materials research and industrial applications in the following areas:

- Multi-functional Materials
- Engineering Structural Materials
- Bio-based and Bio-inspired Materials

## Who is eligible to participate?

The Call is open to industry, universities, institutes and research centres. Project consortia must consist of a minimum of two partners from two different MATERA+ countries (i.e. a **transnational** project) if an SME is included; otherwise, a minimum of three partners from at least two different MATERA+ countries is required.

Funding is via national/regional funding programmes. Applicants must verify both their eligibility and the rate of financial support with the relevant national/regional funding agency (see Table).

## Procedure and evaluation

Application is through a two-step process. Following the Call announcement, **prospective participants must discuss their proposal with the relevant national/regional programme and funding agency.**

The first deadline is for the Project Coordinator to submit a mandatory Pre-Proposal to MATERA+. At the same time each project partner is also required to apply for funding from their national/regional funding agency. The information detailed in the MATERA+ Pre-Proposal will meet the requirements of some MATERA+ funding agencies. However some other funding agencies will require the submission of further documents and/or supporting information. Based on evaluations at national/regional levels MATERA+ will invite selected applicants to submit a Full Proposal. The second deadline is the submission of a Full Proposal including a full project plan by the Project Coordinator to MATERA+.

MATERA+ will organise an independent evaluation of the Full Proposals according to the following criteria:

- Scientific and/or technical excellence
- Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management
- Potential impact

This evaluation process will be completed by a panel of international experts.

The outcome of this independent evaluation will be a ranking list of proposals. Based on this ranking list MATERA+ will provide recommendations for funding to the respective funding agencies. For this MATERA+ Call the total available budget is anticipated to be in the region of €20 Million.

### Call deadlines

16th March 2009	Opening of the Call
15th May 2009	Pre-Proposal deadline
15th October 2009	Invitation to submit Full Proposal
15th Jan 2010	Full Proposal deadline
March/April 2010	Funding decisions

## Further information

Detailed information on the Call including forms, guidelines etc. can be found in the MATERA website at [www.matera.fi](http://www.matera.fi) ► MATERA+ Call 2009.



# Call for Proposals 2009

## MATERA+ Funding Agency Information

13.2.2009				Topics			Eligible Project Partners		
Country / Region	Funding Agency	Website	Contact	Multi-functional Materials	Engineering Structural Materials	Bio-based and Bio-inspired Materials	Industry	Universities	Research Centres
Belgium/Flanders	IWT	www.iwt.be	Lieve De Doncker    ldd@iwt.be	•	•	•	•	•	•
Belgium/Wallonia	DGOEER	http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/	Julie Jasmes    julie.jasmes@spw.wallonie.be	•	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>
Finland	AKA	www.aka.fi	Anssi Mälkki    anssi.malkki@aka.fi	•	•	•		•	•
	Tekes	www.tekes.fi	Sisko Sipilä    sisko.sipila@tekes.fi	•	•	•	•	•	•
Iceland	RANNIS	www.rannis.is	Sigurður Björnsson    sigurdur@rannis.is	•	•	•	•	•	•
Ireland	EI	www.enterprise-ireland.com	John Colreavy    john.colreavy@dit.ie	•	•	•	•	•	•
Israel	MOST	www.most.gov.il	Avraham Cohen    avraham@most.gov.il	•	•	•		• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>
Italy	MIUR	www.istruzione.it	Luigi Lombardi    luigi.lombardi@miur.it	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>
Latvia	LAS	www.lza.lv	Maija Bundule    maija.bundule@lza.lv	•		•	•	•	•
Luxembourg	FNR	www.fnr.lu	Christiane Kaell    christiane.kaell@fnr.lu	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	•	•
Norway	RCN	www.rcn.no	Vidar Skagestad    vsk@rcn.no	• <sup>1</sup>			•		•
Poland	NCBiR	www.ncbir.gov.pl	Aleksandra Mościcka-Studzińska    a.moscicka@ncbir.gov.pl	•	•	•	•	•	•
Slovenia	MHEST	www.mvzt.gov.si	Taja Cvetko    taja.cvetko@gov.si	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>
Spain/Madrid Region	fmi+d	www.madrimasd.org	Arturo Menéndez    amenendez@madrimasd.org	•	•			•	•
	IMADE	www.imade.es	Paloma Lozano    paloma.lozano@imade.es	•	•	•	•		
Spain/Galicia Region	DXIDI	www.conselleriaiei.org/dxidi	Alberto Rellán    alberto.rellan@plan-incite.eu	•	•	•	•	•	•
Spain/Basque Region	ITT	www.euskadi.net/industria www.spri.es/idi/idi	Andere Goirigolzarri    agoirigolzarri@innobasque.com	•	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	• <sup>1</sup>
Switzerland	OPET	www.bbt.admin.ch	Roland Bühler    roland.buehler@bbt.admin.ch	•	•	•	• <sup>1</sup>	•	•
Turkey	TÜBİTAK	www.tubitak.gov.tr	Rıza Seymen    riza.seymen@tubitak.gov.tr	•	•	•	•		
UK/Northern Ireland	Invest NI	www.investni.com	Colin Henderson    colin.henderson@investni.com	•	•	•	•	•	•
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