

➤ Budget of the call

SNOWMAN possesses a total budget of approx. € 700 k, with a maximum of € 100 k from each partner country.

The research projects financed under this call must be limited to a total duration of 12 months.

The Call Steering Committee will strive to arrange a balanced portfolio of funded projects covering all the topic areas.

➤ Duration of application phase

The SNOWMAN call for research proposals will be open between December 1st 2006 and February 28th 2007, 5 pm. An Applicants Guide and Application Form are available at the SNOWMAN homepage.

➤ Project funding

Funding for the co-ordinated call will be subdivided into national contributions, financed by national funding organisations and based on their own existing funding rules.

Contracts for successful applications will be placed between the research partners and their national funding organisation.

Please visit the SNOWMAN homepage or contact your national funding organisation for further information on funding conditions.

➤ Application requirements

The call is open to legal entities eligible to participate in the RTD programmes run by the SNOWMAN research funders. Participants should build a trans-national research consortium involving at least two independent legal entities from at least two of the SNOWMAN partner countries:

Austria, Flanders (Belgium), France, Germany, Netherlands, Sweden and United Kingdom.

A consortium agreement should be established before the projects can start.

Submission to SNOWMAN will involve a single stage application, followed by an eligibility check, and a two stage evaluation process of fundability and scientific quality and relevance.

The scientific quality and relevance will be evaluated by a peer review panel of international experts.

➤ Dissemination of results

Significant focus within each project should be given to dissemination and information exchange to share European experiences within the upcoming projects.

Each project proposal should contain well thought out and detailed dissemination plans which will include the usage of the EUGRIS information system.

Sustainable maNagement of sOil and groundWater under the pressure of soil pollution and soil contaMinAtion

The SNOWMAN coordinated call
for research proposals:

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➤ ERA-Net SNOWMAN

The European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) scheme is the principal means for the Sixth Framework Programme of the European Union (EU) to support the cooperation and coordination of research programmes at the transnational level.

SNOWMAN is a network of European research funders and administrations working together to coordinate their efforts in the field of soil contamination and its management.

➤ Objectives of SNOWMAN

The SNOWMAN project will improve the coherence and coordination of research and innovation activities, making the European Research Area in the field of sustainable management of soil and groundwater contamination a reality.

The coordinated call will support the Community objective of stimulating and supporting programme coordination and joint actions.

The SNOWMAN project has its main objective to establish the research programme, to structure and implement a coordinated research call and to prepare and implement a strategy for disseminating results of funded projects.

➤ Call objectives

The principal objective of the SNOWMAN research call is to support the development of sustainable management of soil and groundwater pollution.

Other objectives are to underpin the research agenda of SNOWMAN for the future and to provide a first experience of international cooperation amongst national research funders.

With their proposal for a 'Soil Thematic Strategy' published in September 2006 the European Commission suggested a strategy to ensure that Europe's soils remain healthy and capable of supporting human activities and ecosystems and lay down a framework for the further development of EU soil protection (COM[2006]231 final). This proposal identifies eight main threats to soils with 'contamination' as a leading issue, and hence the focus of this call.

Other threats to soil such as 'erosion', 'sealing' or 'salinisation' are not part of this call.

➤ Topic areas for project proposals

The projects should focus on (at least) one of these 4 different topics:

- Principles of Sustainable Management of Soil and Groundwater Pollution,
- Soil System Processes,
- Tools for Sustainable Management of Soil and Groundwater Pollution, and
- Application of Science & Technology.

➤ European integration

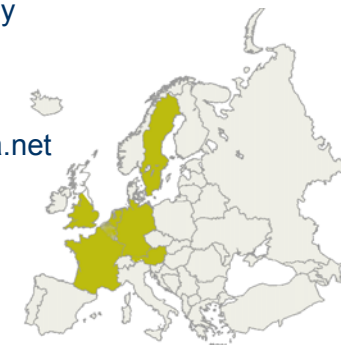
SNOWMAN is closely linked to other ongoing EUROPEAN projects and activities. Especially with EUGRIS, COMMON FORUM and EURODEMO a collaboration and co-ordination is executed to provide the highest benefit.

➤ Helpdesk

A Helpdesk for the execution of the call is provided by the SNOWMAN Secretariat:

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