



ANNOUNCEMENT

SNOWMAN* call for research proposals

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SNOWMAN is a network of funding organisations dealing with the sustainable management of soil and groundwater pollution. The network started as project under the European Research Area Network (ERA-NET) scheme of the 6th Framework Programme of the European Union (EU) to support the cooperation and co-ordination of research programmes at the trans-national level.

The second call of SNOWMAN makes use of the experiences and improvements SNOWMAN gained during the first call for research since 2006.

The call will be opened in all countries participating the call within a limited time period of 11 weeks: from 12 January 2009 until 31 March 2009 at 17 hours, CET. It is open to contractors eligible to participate in the RTD programmes run by the funders participating SNOWMAN's second call.

An Applicant's Guide, presenting detailed information about the requirements for participants in this trans-national call has been prepared and can be downloaded from the SNOWMAN website: <http://www.snowman-era.net>. The Application Form is also downloadable from this web address.

Applications should be addressed to the SNOWMAN Call Secretariat (address below) and submitted electronically enclosing scans of the relevant signatures asked for in the Application Form.

SNOWMAN possesses a total budget of approx. € 1,80 Mio. The duration of the projects financed under this call can range between 12 months at the minimum and three years at the maximum.

For this second coordinated call, the management of contaminated land will again be an important focus of research projects for SNOWMAN. In this field a shift in interest in research from site specific remediation and management of pollution towards an areal management of soil and groundwater quality has been identified.

A second topic of interest is formed by questions how to integrate soil quality management into spatial planning processes. The remediation of soil and groundwater and the management of contaminated soils are often combined with site redevelopment and with planning of new living or industrial areas. The quality of soil and groundwater must form a relevant item in city planning processes.

The worldwide discussion about the effects of climate change also plays a role in the research needs for land management and soil processes. This may vary from knowledge about the role of soil in the emission of greenhouse gasses, the effects of climate change on soil processes and the changes in land use caused by climate change. An important effect of the production of bio fuel crops is the competition in land use between food production, bio fuel production, forestry and natural areas. The possibility of using contaminated land for bio fuel production can contribute to this phenomenon.

Projects proposed to this call should focus on (at least) one of these 3 different topics:

1. Area management on contamination,



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2. Integration of soil management into spatial planning,
3. Use of contaminated land for biofuel crop production

An elaborate description of the topics can be found in the Applicants Guide.

SNOWMAN's Call 2 Steering Committee will strive to arrange a balanced portfolio of funded projects covering all the topic areas.

Participants should build a trans-national research consortium involving at least two independent legal entities from at least two of the SNOWMAN 2nd call funding countries listed below. A Consortium Agreement should be established before the projects can start.





Besides this, consortia may be supplemented by any additional research partners (e. g. from other countries) in case of availability of third party funding. Project partners from other EU Countries and EU Associated States, and other SNOWMAN partners not named in the table below, are invited to join this call by providing additional funding for specific research proposals. The call will be open for these, but researchers should contact their national funding organisations directly in order to respect their national funding regulations, before joining a trans-national research consortium.

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.

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. Further information on funding conditions is available from the organisations mentioned in the table below.

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 might include the usage of the EUGRIS information system.

The funding organisations participating SNOWMAN's 2nd call are:

Country	Funding organisation	Indicative national budget:	Contact / national information:
Austria	 Bundesministerium fuer Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Umwelt und Wasserwirtschaft , BMLFUW	200 000€	Contact: Stefan.VETTER@lebensministerium.at
Belgium, Flanders	 Openbare Vlaamse Afvalstoffenmaatschappij, Flanders, OVAM	150 000€	Contact: Sofie.Van.den.Bulck@ovam.be
France	 Agence de l'Environnement et de la Maîtrise de l'Energie, ADEME	350 000€	Contact: nadine.dueso@ademe.fr
Netherlands	 Stichting Kennisontwikkeling en Kennisoverdracht Bodem,	150 000€	Contact: ingrid.vanreijssen@skbodem.nl

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Romania		UE FISCSU	200 000€	Contact: marlena.rotar@uefiscsu.ro
Sweden		FORMAS	450 000€	Contact: bjorn.sellberg@formas.se
Sweden	 <small>SWEDISH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY</small>	Naturvårdsverket	300 000€	Contact: Kerstin.Jansbo@naturvardsverket.se

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