

M-ERA.NET Call 2018

Important remarks for Swiss applicants

Submission of an Innosuisse application

Please note that – in parallel to the application on the European level (with the EU-Partners) – the Swiss Partners must submit an application (Innosuisse application form incl. the European pre-proposal application form) demonstrating the research work to be performed by the Swiss Partners.

To keep preparation time and effort as efficient as possible, the elaboration of the Innosuisse proposal during the pre-proposal phase of this 2018 call can be done in a somewhat reduced form: the preparation of the project plan as well as the work packages **do not** need to be presented in a fully detailed manner yet (due dates of milestones and quantitative and qualitative goals can be defined later). However, all other relevant points in the Innosuisse application form have to be presented as requested in the application form.

Deadline for submission to Innosuisse (nationally for the Swiss partners) is:

16 July, 2018; 17:00 CET

The documents have to be submitted through the Innosuisse online submission tool. Access with following web link: <http://analytics.innosuisse.ch>

In case the Innosuisse evaluation and the evaluation of the European pre-proposal application result is positive, the applicants will be informed about possible further obligations that have to be fulfilled (preliminary works). The applicants will have to submit these preliminary works to the Innosuisse office (during the subsequent full proposal phase of the call), no later than the deadline for the full-proposal (8 November 2018).

After the evaluation of the full proposal application the secretariat of the M.ERA.NET will inform the coordinator by writing about the result. The Swiss applicants have to submit this letter to Innosuisse, prior to the conclusion of the funding agreement between Innosuisse and the applicants.

For details see following Link:

<https://www.innosuisse.ch/inno/en/home/go-global/internationale-forschungsnetzwerke.html>

National conditions for the funding of innovation projects

The usual Innosuisse funding rules as stated in Art. 19 of the Federal Act on the Promotion of Research and Innovation of 14 December 2012 (RIPA, SR 420.1), in Art. 29 f. of the Research and Innovation Promotion Ordinance of 29 November 2013 (RIPO, SR 420.11), in Art. 3 – 10 of the Innosuisse Funding Ordinance of 20 September 2017 (SR 420.231) and in the Implementation provisions for Funding Projects of 16 November 2017 and will apply for this call, i.e.:

- At least one Swiss implementation partner and one Swiss non commercial research institution or higher education research center (e.g. university, Federal Institute of Technology, University of Applied Sciences) must be involved in a Innosuisse funded R&D project.
- The application must contain all information necessary for technical, scientific and economic assessment of the right to and amount of funding.
- Effective implementation of the research findings in favour of the economy and society may be expected.
- The industry partner has to cover at least 50% of the project costs from the total project work of the Swiss partners. The implementation partner(s) must also provide a cash contribution to the research partner(s) in the amount of 10% of the requested Innosuisse funding.
- There is no federal funding allowed to companies (implementation partner).
- The project has to focus on innovation. In general, no funding will be given to projects which propose marginal improvements of existing products, nor for projects with a purely basic research content.
- The criteria for proposal assessment are: innovative content of the project, quality of the project planning, quantitative goals and implementation plan to achieve the targeted economic or social benefit, competence of the project team to implement the project, contribution to sustainable development.
- The project must have quantified, measurable goals and a coherent and structured schedule with verifiable progress milestones.
- It must be based on a thorough appraisal of the current state of the relevant technology and on an evaluation of the corresponding and patent rights.
- A contract on intellectual property rights shall be signed prior to the start of the project. A confidentiality clause should be included where necessary.
- At the end of the project, a plan must be presented showing how the results will be implemented.

For more details, please refer to the Innosuisse webpage with following link:
<https://www.innosuisse.ch/inno/en/home/start-your-innovation-project/innovationsprojekte.html>

We strongly suggest that you contact Innosuisse prior to decide to participate in this call.

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