

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 ► MATERA+ Call 2009.



Call for Proposals 2009

MATERA+ Funding Agency Information				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
3.2.2009									
Belgium/Flanders	IWT	www.iwt.be	Lieve De Doncker ldd@iwt.be	•	•	•	•	•	•
Belgium/Wallonia	DGOEER	http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/	Julie Jasmès julie.jasmes@spw.wallonie.be	•	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹
Finland	AKA	www.aka.fi	Anssi Mälkki anssi.malkki@aka.fi	•	•	•		•	•
Finland	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	•	•	•		• ¹	• ¹
Italy	MIUR	www.istruzione.it	Luigi Lombardi luigi.lombardi@miur.it	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹	• ¹
Latvia	LAS	www.lza.lv	Maija Bundule maija.bundule@lza.lv	•		•	•	•	•
Luxembourg	FNR	www.fnr.lu	Christiane Kaell christiane.kaell@fnr.lu	•	•	•	• ¹	•	•
Norway	RCN	www.rcn.no	Vidar Skagestad vsk@rcn.no	• ¹			•		•
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	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹	• ¹
Spain/Madrid Region	fmi+d	www.madrimasd.org	Arturo Menéndez amenendez@madrimasd.org	•	•			•	•
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	•	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹
Switzerland	OPET	www.bbt.admin.ch	Roland Bühler roland.buehler@bbt.admin.ch	•	•	•	• ¹	•	•
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	•	•	•	•	•	•
United Kingdom	TSB	www.innovateuk.org	Alan Hooper alan.hooper@tsb.gov.uk	•	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹

1 = Conditions Apply (please contact your MATERA+ Funding Agency for details)