

Partner:

Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)

Purpose of funding:

Announcement of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) on the guidelines for funding of transnational research projects within the “ERA-NET Plant Genomics” under the title „From Genome Analysis to Product Innovation“ has been issued 1st February 2006, within the national framework programme „Biotechnology“.

This announcement serves the establishment of transnational research projects between Germany, France, and Spain which are funded by the BMBF, the ANR and the MEC, respectively. With this announcement the already existing collaboration between industrial enterprises and academic researches shall be expanded and brought to a higher level. Funding will be available for transnational, interdisciplinary collaborative research projects which are based on division of labour. The collaboration of industrial enterprises of the three respective plant genomics programmes shall be in the focus of this activity and this shall strengthen the competitiveness of the participating enterprises and academic research institutions as well as promote the development of research capacities.

Therefore, the objective of the BMBF is to preferably fund research and development activities where industry and academia collaborate. The collaborative research projects shall have a high degree of innovation and scientific as well as technological and/or economic risks. Preference shall be given to collaborative research projects which are application oriented and based on public-private partnership and which are under the leadership of industrial enterprises.

Eligibility and legal basis for funding:

Eligible for funding are industrial enterprises, universities, and non-university research institutes located in Germany. Funding will be granted country by country, meaning that each country will finance its participants only. All necessary explanations on different rates of funding and accounting principles for industrial enterprises, universities, and non-university research institutions can be found in the respective announcement. Funding rates will be in accordance with the European State Aid Rules.

It is expected that the total available BMBF budget for this Sub Call B will not exceed Euro 6 million at maximum. For collaborative research projects with direct participation of at least one industrial enterprise, located in France, Spain or Germany, about 70% of the total available budget will be provided. As a second priority, for collaborative research projects which have application oriented objectives and which are supported by industrial enterprises in an appropriate way at maximum 30% of the total available budget will be provided .

Before starting a project the participants of a collaborative research project have to conclude a Consortium Agreement which has to be in line with the respective BMBF guidelines. On request of the Project Management Organisation in Jülich (PTJ) this Consortium Agreement has to be presented. Any further conditions and regulations applicable to German participants can be found in the announcement published in the federal bulletin (Bundesanzeiger, 1st Feb. 06), which is the only legally binding document for applicants of funding by the BMBF. The participation of the BMBF in this ERA-PG 1st Call for Proposals is subject to the availability of the respective financial resources (Parliament decision).

Further instructions:

The project leader (applicant 1) of a consortium with participants applying for funds of the BMBF is obliged to forward an identical copy of the pre-proposal/full proposal electronically and at the same time to the Project Management Organisation in Jülich (PTJ).

All other documents for formal applications, regulations, guidelines, further instructions and conditions etc. can be found at the internet <http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/index.htm> or can be ordered directly from the Project Management Organisation (PTJ). Once the final decision on funding has been made and communicated to the participants, the German applicants will be invited to formally apply. For the preparation of a formal application the use of the electronic application system "easy" (<http://www.kp.dlr.de/profi/easy/>) is urgently recommended.

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