

**Joint Programming Initiative
Water Challenges for a Changing World**

**CALL PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT
WATER JPI ERA-NET COFUND “WATERWORKS2014” CALL
FOR TRANSNATIONAL COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH PROJECTS**

TOPIC: Research and Innovation Developing Technological Solutions and Services for Water Systems

The Water JPI pre-announces the upcoming call for joint European research projects. The indicative total available budget amounts to 20M€, subject to the successful negotiation of the WaterWorks2014 ERA-NET Cofund with the European Commission. **The call is expected to open on 02.03.2015 with a closing date for pre-proposals on 04.05.2015.**

A two-step application procedure will be used in this call. Proposals (in English language) must be submitted electronically. Instructions regarding submission, eligibility, and evaluation criteria and other relevant information will be made available in the official call announcement. For secretariat support please contact Germana Santos or Rui Munhá at ww2014@fct.pt.

Water JPI Objectives:

The Joint Programming Initiative “Water Challenges for a Changing World” (Water JPI) is an intergovernmental initiative aiming at strengthening European leadership and competitiveness in the field of Water Research Development and Innovation (Water RDI), whilst safeguarding water resources. The Water JPI has been harmonising and mobilising National and Regional RDI Programmes.

Call Description:

The Call topic was defined as “Research and Innovation Developing Technological Solutions and Services for Water Systems”, and partially covers the five priority themes described in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of Water JPI. WaterWorks2014 will be developed in line with other on-going European networking instruments. As in all multi-national, collaborative RDI projects, there is an underlying goal of stimulating the mobility of researchers between participating countries, and the continuation of these collaborative efforts beyond the project lifetime.

Scope of the Call:

All proposals are expected to apply research and innovation to develop new concepts, to assess risks, to attain cost effectiveness and to improve quality of life, thus contributing to tackling European water challenges. At least one of the topics shall be addressed by the applicants, considering that one should aim at the:

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- for Water Treatment, Reuse, Recycling and Desalination;
- for Water Resources Management;
- to Mitigate Impacts of Extreme Events (Floods and Droughts).

Eligibility:

Tackling societal challenges always requires a multidisciplinary approach. Therefore, all submitted applications should emphasise participation of stakeholders and dissemination and exploitation of results. Within each selected consortia (comprised by a minimum of three partners from three different participating countries), funding of the participating researchers will be provided by their respective national funding organisation (see list below) according to their normal terms and conditions for project funding. Proposals with duration of 24-36 months may be submitted by Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, private non-profit organisations, and private companies. Researchers from i) Water JPI partner countries not funding this call, ii) Water JPI observer countries, or iii) third countries, can participate in the consortia at their own expense.

Anticipated Time Schedule		
Stage	Description	Date
	Pre-announcement	30 January 2015
	Call opening	2 March 2015
Step 1 Pre-Proposal	Submission Deadline	4 May 2015
	Notification of Outcomes	9 July 2015
Step 2 Full Proposal	Submission Deadline	14 September 2015
	Notifications of Outcomes and Funding Decisions	November 2015
Kick-off	Expected start of funded projects	March-April 2016

The information in this document does not replace or override any of the requirements set forth in the official call announcement, in the call documents or national regulations, so a thorough consultation of the call documents is strongly advised.