

PREANNOUNCEMENT OF CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Joint call of more than €20 million for transnational smart grids projects.

The ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus initiative is pleased to announce:

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

From local trials towards a European knowledge community

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus launches a new call for proposals for European transnational projects on Smart Grids. The second transnational call for proposals will open the 18th of April, 2016. The launch event will be hosted in Stockholm, Sweden on the 21st and 22nd of April, 2016. European RDD consortia are invited to submit Project Proposals by 15 June, 2016.

This initiative will, beyond the funding made available for projects, also implement advanced and innovative follow-up, monitoring and transfer activities to create an ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus Knowledge Community. This community will contribute to smart grids development, scaling-up and replication on an European level.

Call aim

ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus is an initiative of funding programmes from 21 European countries and regions. The overall goal of ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus is to support deep knowledge sharing between European smart grids initiatives by promoting and financing joint projects.

This document is an invitation to respond to the 2016 joint transnational call for smart grids projects in Europe. The total available budget is more than €20 million.

Time schedule

Call launch	18 April 2016
ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus Launch Event	21 – 22 April 2016, Stockholm, Sweden
Compulsory advisory period	18 April 2016 – 3 June 2016
Project proposal open	18 April 2016
Project proposal deadline	15 June 2016, 14:00 CEST
Expected project start date	1 February 2017 – 1 April 2017

Application

For all call and application process related information, please go to the ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus website: <http://www.eranet-smartgridsplus.eu/research-calls/2nd-joint-call-2016/>

Participating countries

Country/ region	Organization name	Acronym
Austria	Austrian Research Promotion Agency	FFG
Croatia	Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund	FZOEU
Denmark	Energinet.dk	ENDK
France	French Environment and Energy Management Agency	ADEME
Germany	Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH	PtJ
The Netherlands	Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research	NWO
Norway	Research Council of Norway	RCN
Romania	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding	UEFISCDI
Scotland (UK)	Scottish Enterprise	SCOTENT
Spain	Centre for Industrial Technological Development	CDTI
Sweden	Swedish Energy Agency	SWEA
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Office of Energy	SFOE
Turkey	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey	TÜBİTAK

Who can apply?

The following eligibility criteria apply for project proposals in the call:

- The project must be transnational by nature, involving at least two independent entities and at least two different countries of the ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus partners.
- The project must submit a full project proposal, adhering to both the ERA-Net Smart Grids Plus initiative's and the involved national/regional funding agencies' requirements.

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