

Dear NCP Coordinator,

I am delighted to inform you that EURAMET e.V. has launched a Call within the European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research (EMPIR) addressing the topic areas 'Metrology for Industry, Fundamental Metrology, Metrology for Pre- and Co-normative Research and Support for Networks' on 08 January 2020.

Please draw attention to your stakeholders the opportunity to submit potential research topics in order to prioritise the research for metrology in the fields. Feel free to circulate this information as your relevant National Contact Points may find this Call of interest.

Stage 1 of the Call is for Potential Research Topics (PRTs) and Potential Network Topics (PNTs), open from 08 January 2020 to 17 February 2020.

Stage 2 of the Call is for Joint Research Projects (JRPs) and Joint Network Projects (JNPs) will open on 17 June 2020 to 28 September 2020.

EURAMET will issue a Call for Support for Impact projects designed to increase the impact from completed iMERA-Plus, EMRP and EMPIR projects, open on 14 July 2020 to 14 September 2020.

Whilst the EMPIR is executed primarily by the national metrology institutes and designated institutes of the participating countries, all interested parties are invited to submit potential topics in Stage 1. Opportunities for wider participation also exist at Stage 2.

Details of the participating countries, call scope, eligibility, funding, application forms etc will be available at the dedicated website <http://msu.euramet.org> from the relevant call launch dates.

Kind regards

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#### **Background:**

The central nerve in the spine of our high-tech world is metrology, the science of measurement. Ever more precise and reliable measurements are essential in our daily lives, and to drive innovation within our knowledge based economy. What we cannot measure, we do not understand properly, and cannot control nor manufacture or process reliably. Thus, advances in metrology have a profound impact on our understanding of and ability to shape the world around us. With the overall goal of accelerating innovation and competitiveness, generating data and knowledge necessary to improve quality of life, and providing better tools for the scientific community the European Metrology Programme for Innovation and Research (EMPIR) aims, through European integration, to develop new measurement capabilities which have strategic impact for Europe.