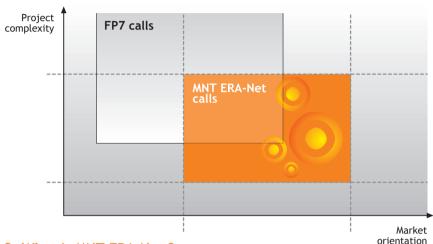




Transnational Call 2009

1. How to benefit from the MNT ERA-Net Call 2009

Proposals submitted to the MNT ERA-Net Call 2009 will typically be marketoriented and smaller than proposals submitted to the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). They will benefit from accelerated funding decisions.



2. What is MNT ERA-Net?

MNT ERA-Net sets up and runs a structure to sustain and strengthen the collaboration between funding programmes and agencies for transnationally co-ordinated funding for Micro and Nano Technology research and development in Europe. MNT ERA-Net makes these funding programmes accessible to transnational consortia and opens calls for proposals for transnational R&D projects in the MNT area.

3. Scope and topics of the call

MNT ERA-Net encourages the submission of market oriented proposals addressing micro and nano technologies including production technologies.

Particular emphasis is put on the following application fields:

- Energy efficiency (buildings, photovoltaics, low-power LEDs)
- Processing of materials (surface functionalisation, surface structuring)
- Photonics and electronics (optical devices, MEMS and NEMS, sensors)
- Medical devices (lab-on-chip, DNA and protein-chip, drug delivery, molecular markers)

4. Evaluation procedure

- 1. The regional/national agencies carry out evaluations of the proposals and the regional/national applications for funding.
- 2. The MNT ERA-Net Transnational Coordination Team takes all regional/national results into consideration and agrees on a common ranking list containing all proposals which are recommended for funding. Through this coordinated approach coherent funding decisions will be achieved.
- 3. The regional/national agencies make their final funding decisions.

5. Funding of transnational projects

Funding for project partners of transnational project consortia is provided by their respective regional/national MNT support programmes. All programme and country related rules with regard to support topics, eligibility of partners, funding volume, etc. apply. Unanimous positive decisions are required for funding.

6. Eligibility and application process

Who can apply?

Project consortia consisting of at least two parties from two different participating countries/regions (see list of partners on the back) can apply for funding. The consortia may involve as many partners as necessary. Partners from countries (regions) not being the members of MNT ERA-Net can participate with their own funding.

What kinds of projects are expected?

- Funding is intended for innovative research and development projects.
- The project duration is limited to a maximum of 3 years.
- The consortium must demonstrate how to commercialise the expected results.
- Benefits for each partner from transnational cooperation must be shown.

What budget is available?

No overall limits have been defined on MNT ERA-Net level but national/regional limits apply.

How to apply?

- 1. Before submitting a pre-proposal, all project partners must contact their respective regional/national programme agency in order to discuss the project and the funding conditions.

 (first projects start from October/November 2009)

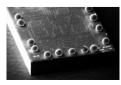
 October/November 2009)
- 2. A pre-proposal is mandatory. It has to be submitted by the coordinator through an online application form available at www.mnt-era.net
- The coordinator will be provided with feedback after the review of the pre-proposal.
- 4. The full proposal must be submitted by the project coordinator through an online application form available at www.mnt-era.net.
- 5. At the same time regional/national funding applications must be submitted to each of the involved agencies according to their specific rules.

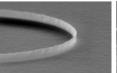
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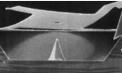
- Deadline for the submission of pre-proposals is 6 May 2009 followed by a
 meeting of the regional/national programme agencies. Feedback to the coordinators
 is provided by the respective agencies.
- Deadline for full proposals is 10 July 2009.
- First projects are expected to start in November 2009.

8. Where to find further information?

- 1. Please consult your regional/national funding agency (contact persons are listed on the back) to obtain detailed programme information.
- 2. All relevant documents (e.g. guidelines, templates) can be found at www.mnt-era.net.







Application process

coordination

of the agencies

project idea

all project partners must contact their regional/national agency

online submission of pre-proposal

(deadline 6 May 2009)

pre-proposal check

parallel submission of full-proposal and regional/ national application form

coherent regional/national

(deadline 10 July 2009)

regional/national evaluation

funding decisions

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