

Call for Proposals 2010



What is an ERA-NET and what is MATERA?

The ERA-NET scheme is an initiative of the European Commission aimed at providing support for the coordination and mutual opening up of national and regional R&D programmes. MATERA, an ERA-NET on materials, focuses on creating a durable cooperation platform for national and regional policy makers and managers with strategic activities in Materials Science and Engineering.

Why is the 2010 Call being launched?

MATERA will launch its next Call in February 2010. The aim is to motivate and start trans-national, innovative R&D projects related to materials science and engineering within the national/regional programmes.

Why participate in the 2010 Call?

MATERA offers participants a simplified introduction to the initiation and participation in R&D projects at the European level. Individual project partners seek funding from their national/regional funding agencies in accordance with the relevant programme rules. The added value is the opportunity to easily access international know-how, to gain technology and market expertise and to integrate into international value chains.

Topics to be addressed in the 2010 Call

The goal is to launch transnational, interdisciplinary innovative projects and to narrow the gap between basic materials research and industrial applications in the following areas:

- **Biomaterials for human health improvement**
- **Materials with tailored properties**
- **High performance engineering materials**

Who is eligible to participate?

The Call is open to industry, universities, institutes and research centres. Project consortia must consist of a minimum of two partners from two different countries/regions (i.e. a **transnational** project) if SME is included. Otherwise, a minimum of three partners from at least two countries/regions is required. The funding agency partners participating in the 2010 Call are listed in the Table.

Funding is via national/regional funding programmes. Applicants must verify both their eligibility and the rate of financial support with the relevant national/regional funding agency (see Table).

Procedure and Evaluation

Application is through a two-step process. Following the Call announcement, prospective participants must discuss their proposal with the relevant programme and funding agency to identify the national/regional requirements.

For the Pre-Proposal deadline, the Project Coordinator submits a MATERA Pre-Proposal via the on-line submission tool available at the MATERA website (www.matera.fi).

The national/regional agencies make their own evaluation of the respective funding applications, based on the role and activities of the national/regional partners viewed in perspective of the overall transnational project. **As part of the MATERA eligibility assessment it is necessary for all the individual national/regional evaluation criteria to have been fulfilled for any given project.**

Based on evaluations at national/regional levels MATERA will then invite selected applicants to submit a Full Proposal.

For the second deadline, the Project Coordinator submits a Full Proposal via the on-line electronic submission tool. Each consortium partner also submits appropriate funding application forms and documents to the relevant national/regional funding agency

MATERA will organise an evaluation of the Full Proposals by international experts. The following evaluation criteria will be used:

- **Scientific and/or Technical Excellence**
- **Quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management**
- **Potential Impact**

The outcome of this independent evaluation will be a ranking list of proposals. Based on this list and the national/regional aspects, MATERA will provide recommendations for funding to the respective funding agencies. The national/regional agencies will make the final funding decisions in accordance with their specific mechanisms and criteria.

Call deadlines

15th February 2010	Opening of the Call
26th April 2010 (18:00 Brussels time)	Pre-proposal deadline
31st May 2010	Invitation to submit Full proposal
19th July 2010 (18:00 Brussels time)	Full proposal deadline
October/December 2010	Funding decisions

Further Information

Detailed information on the Call including guidelines, FAQ, electronic submission etc. can be found in the MATERA website at www.matera.fi → MATERA Call 2010.

MATERA Funding Agency Information

Topics

Eligible Project Partners

15.2.2010

Country / Region	Funding Agency	Website	Contact	Bio-materials for human health improvement	Materials with tailored properties	High performance engineering materials	Industry	Universities	Research Centres
Belgium – Flanders	IWT	www.iwt.be	Ms. Lieve De Doncker ldd@iwt.be	•	•	•	•	• ²	• ²
Belgium – Wallonia	DGOER	http://recherche-technologie.wallonie.be/	Ms. Julie Jasmes julie.jasmes@spw.wallonie.be	•	•	•	•	• ¹	• ¹
Finland	Tekes	www.tekes.fi	Ms. Sisko Sipilä sisko.sipila@tekes.fi	•	•	• ¹	•	•	•
Iceland	RANNIS	www.rannis.is	Mr. Sigurður Björnsson sigurdur@rannis.is	•	•	•	•	•	•
Israel	MATIMOP	www.matimop.org.il	Ms. Pauline Vorms pauline@matimop.org.il	•	•	•	•	• ²	• ²
Italy ³	MIUR	www.istruzione.it	Mr. Luigi Lombardi luigi.lombardi@miur.it	•	•	•	•	•	•
Luxembourg	FNR	www.fnr.lu	Ms. Christiane Kaell christiane.kaell@fnr.lu	•	•	•	• ¹	•	•
Poland	NCBiR	www.ncbir.gov.pl	Ms. Katarzyna Samsel k.samsel@ncbir.gov.pl	•	•	•	•	•	•
Slovenia	MHEST	www.mvzt.gov.si	Ms. Taja Cvetko taja.cvetko@gov.si	•	•	•	•	•	•
Spain – Madrid Region	fmi+d	www.madrimasd.org	Mr. Arturo Menéndez amenendez@madrimasd.org	•	•	•	•	•	•
Spain – Madrid Region	IMADE	www.imade.org	Ms. Marisa Montes mmontes@imade.es	•	•	•	•	• ²	• ²
Spain – Basque Region	Basque Government	www.innobasque.com	Ms. Cristina Ugarte cugarte@innobasque.com	•	•	•	•	• ²	• ²
Switzerland	OPET	www.bbt.admin.ch	Mr. Roland Bühler roland.buehler@bbt.admin.ch	•	•	•	• ¹	•	•
Turkey	TÜBITAK	www.tubitak.gov.tr	Mr. Riza Seymen riza.seymen@tubitak.gov.tr	•	•	•	•	•	•
UK– Northern Ireland	Invest NI	www.investni.com	Mr. Robert Bunn robert.bunn@investni.com	•	•	•	•	•	•