



RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION PROGRAMMES

FUNDING SCHEME

«RESTART 2016-2020» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation

PROGRAMME

«European Initiatives – National Development»
(ERANETMED)

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

P2P/ERANETMED/0517



INTRODUCTION

The Research Promotion Foundation announces the Call for Proposals for the «**European Initiatives – National Development**» Programme within the framework of the «**RESTART 2016-2020**» Programmes for Research, Technological Development and Innovation and invites potential beneficiaries to submit relevant Project Proposals (Proposals).

The present Call is announced in the framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Network **ERANETMED** in which the RPF participates together with other Research Funding Agencies and is co-funded by the European Commission’s Framework Programme for Research and Innovation “Horizon 2020”.

GENERAL CALL INFORMATION

Pillar	I. Smart Growth
Programme	European Initiatives – National Development
Call Identifier	P2P/ERANETMED/0517
Call Budget	400.000 Euro
Maximun Funding Per Project	70.000 Euro for the Cypriot Consortium or 80.000 Euro in case a Cypriot Organisation is the Coordinator of the Transnational Consortium.
Publication Date	15 May 2017
Deadline for Proposal Submission to the ERANETMED Secretariat	14 July 2017, 23.59 CEST
Deadline for Proposal Submission to the RPF	17 July 2017, 13.00

The English version of the Call, even though an official translation endorsed by the Research Promotion Foundation, is provided for information purposes only. Only the Greek version of the Call is legally binding and shall prevail in case of any divergence in interpretation.

OBJECTIVES

The “European Initiatives - National Development” Programme aims at enhancing the extroversion of the national Research, Technological Development and Innovation (RTDI) system which is one of the horizontal priorities of the Smart Specialisation Strategy for Cyprus (S3Cy).

Cyprus, through the RPF, participates in a series of European Initiatives (Joint Programming Initiatives, ERA-NET COFUND and Programmes under the Article 185 of the EU Treaty), which



aim at coordinating the funding of research activity and the establishment of research priorities at a pan-European level, through the design and implementation of Joint Research Programmes.

The “European Initiatives - National Development” Programme is the institutional framework for announcing the Transnational Calls for Proposals, in which the RPF participates and their content being relevant to the S3Cy Priority Sectors.

The main aim of the “ERANETMED” Project is to enhance Euro-Mediterranean co-ownership through innovation and competitive research in the societal challenges of the region. The project aims at reducing fragmentation of programming in the Mediterranean region by increasing coordination among national research programmes of European Member States, Associated Countries and Mediterranean Partner Countries (MPC).

Organisations from 15 countries in total participate in the Project, including 8 EU Member States (France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Spain, Cyprus, Malta and Portugal), 1 Associated Country (Turkey), 6 Mediterranean Partner Countries (Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia) and an international organisation (Centre International de Hautes Études Agronomiques Méditerranéennes).

ERANETMED is responding to the need to develop new ways of “sustainable” cooperation, in which both European and MPC partners will equally participate and benefit from the output and the opportunities created by the project.

Fourteen (14) Funding Agencies, including the RPF, from thirteen (13) countries participate in the present Call for Proposals. The total budget for the Call is around 7,2 million Euro.

RESTART 2016-2020 WORK PROGRAMME

All general rules and procedures for the participation of organisations and individuals, the eligible activities and costs, as well as the specific information regarding the RESTART 2016-2020 Programmes, are included in the **RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme**, which is the main reference document and an important information source for interested parties and can be found on the Research Promotion Foundation’s **IRIS (Innovation Research Information System) Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

SPECIFIC CONDITIONS

The project proposals that will be selected for funding within the framework of this Call for Proposals are implemented by Transnational Consortia. Each consortium partner is funded by its national/regional Funding Agency according to its national/regional participation rules and procedures.



In addition, the ERANETMED Network applies its own rules and procedures for Proposal submission, evaluation and selection as specified in the Transnational Call for Proposals which can be found on the Network's website (<http://www.eranetmed.eu/>).

For the present Call, the following specific conditions, not specified in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme, apply:

- RPF will support **Fundamental and/or Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development activities** for all the topics specified in the Transnational Call for Proposals.
- The **Maximum Funding per Project is 70,000 Euro** for the Cypriot Consortium or **80,000 Euro** in case an organisation from Cyprus assumes the role of Coordinator of the Transnational Consortium.
- The **Project duration** may range between **24-36 months**.
- The **Project Consortium** must comprise project **partners from at least 3 different countries** whose Funding Agencies contribute to the 3rd Joint Call, of which at least one from an EU Member State/Associated Country and one from a Mediterranean Partner Country.
- The present Call aims at **strengthening international cooperation** on research and innovation in the Mediterranean and enhance Euro -Mediterranean research networks tackling the **challenge of water** in rural and remote areas in coastal zones and inlands (**sustainable water management**).

It is noted that, at the contract preparation phase, the Coordinators of the Cypriot Consortia in the selected Proposals will be requested, to submit additional information and complete forms concerning the role and the activities that the Cypriot Consortia will undertake during the project implementation.

SUBMISSION

The Transnational Proposals are submitted, centrally, to the ERANETMED Network (single-stage submission), by the Coordinator of each Transnational Proposal, according to the rules and procedures defined in the Transnational Call for Proposals.

In addition, for every Transnational Proposal with Cypriot participation, the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium will have to submit a corresponding Proposal on the Research Promotion Foundation's **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy>), no later than 13:00 on the next working day of the Transnational Proposal's submission deadline.

The Proposals submitted via the RPF's **IRIS Portal** will include only general information regarding the Transnational Proposal (Title, Acronym etc.), the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and the partner organisations of the Transnational Consortium (including the



Cypriot organisations) as well as analytical budget for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium.

The Coordinators of the Cypriot Consortia and all Cypriot organizations participating in ERANETMED Transnational Proposals should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.

Potential applicants are advised to use the «**Guide for Applicants**», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «**IRIS Portal User Manual**» which can be found on the IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

PROJECT SELECTION

Evaluation Procedure

Proposals with Cypriot participation submitted to the «European Initiatives – National Development» Programme, will undergo an Eligibility Check, as described in the RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme.

Respectively, the rest of the Funding Agencies participating in the Transnational Call may apply preliminary checks and evaluation of Proposals according to their national/regional procedures.

The scientific evaluation of the Transnational Proposals is carried out centrally by the ERANETMED Network, according to the procedures and the evaluation criteria described in the Transnational Call for Proposals.

Selection

The selection of Proposals to be funded is carried out jointly by the national/regional funding organisations participating in the Transnational Call, taking into consideration the Scientific Evaluation results and the available budget of each country/region.



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The Research Promotion Foundation may at its discretion, proceed to the extension or revocation of the present Call by applying the same publication procedure.