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Transnational Call 2015

Nanosciences
Nanotechnologies
Materials
New Production Technologies



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Innovation and Commercialisation NMP thematic Area



INCOMERA, established as an ERA-NET project supported by the European Commission, is an initiative of governmental R&D&I funding bodies in Germany, Greece, Iceland, Tuscany, Veneto and Piedmont (Italy), Flanders and Wallonia (Belgium), Alsace and Nord-Pas-de-Calais (France), Hungary, Israel, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Andalusia, Galicia and Valencia (Spain) and Turkey.

INCOMERA's goal is to establish cross-border partnerships between SMEs and their strategic partners, improve and accelerate technology transfer, and strengthen European efforts to achieve sustainable industrial development in the field of NMP thematic Area.

Towards Europe 2020, European Commission adopted a comprehensive innovation strategy to enhance Europe's capacity to deliver smart, sustainable and inclusive growth. This strategy concerns the so called concept of

Smart Specialisation Strategy.



What is INCOMERA?

The INCOMERA project aims at fostering the coordination of a series of trans-regional programmes dedicated to research and innovation within the highly innovative and technology based **themes of Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies.**

The objectives

The project will focus on the launch of ambitious RTD calls for proposals for the funding of trans-national projects in NMP thematic areas involving RTD actors representing the private or the public sectors.

How to benefit from the INCOMERA

Proposals submitted to the INCOMERA call 2015 will typically be market oriented, industrial research projects with a short time to market (2-3 years after project).

Evaluation procedure:

INCOMERA will use a two-stage application process and the subsequent evaluation will occur in two stages.

1. The INCOMERA Secretariat and the regional/national agencies check pre-proposals according to common criteria and regional/national applications for funding.
2. Full proposals which will be submitted will be assigned to an independent expert panel for evaluation. As an output the INCOMERA Secretariat will set the final ranking list.

Funding of transnational projects

Funding for project partners of transnational consortia is provided by their respective regional/national support programmes.

All programmes and country related rules with regard to support topics, eligibility of partners, funding volume, etc. apply. Unanimous positive decisions are required for funding.

Launch Call: 02/01/2015

Eligibility and application process

Who can apply?

Project consortia consisting of at least two SME partners belonging to at least two different participating regions from different countries (see list of partners on the back) can apply for funding. The coordinator must be a SME. The consortia may involve as many partners as necessary. Partners from countries or regions not being INCOMERA members can participate with their own funding.

What kinds of projects are expected?

Funding is intended for innovative RDI projects, industrial research, short time to market and well balanced projects. Projects will last up to 24 months depending to the specific regional/national limits.

What budget is available?

No overall limits have been defined on INCOMERA level but national/regional limits apply.

How to apply?

1. Before submitting a pre-proposal, all project partners must contact their respective regional/national programmes agency in order to discuss the project and the funding conditions.
2. A pre-proposal is mandatory. It has to be submitted by the coordinator through an online application form available at www.incomera.eu
3. 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.incomera.eu
5. At the same time regional/national funding applications must be submitted to each of the involved agencies according to their specific rules.

Where to find further information?

Please consult your regional/national funding agency (contact persons are listed on the back) to obtain detailed programmes information.

All relevant documents (e.g. guidelines, templates) can be found at www.incomera.eu

A partner search tool is available at www.incomera.eu

Scope and topics of the Call

The objective of INCOMERA is to bridge the gap between proof of concept validated in a laboratory, and industrialisation and commercialisation. Projects funded with INCOMERA should take up results at laboratory level and bring them to the level of a pilot-line and/or to a functional demonstrator validated by end-users.

Innovative Products:

To develop a radical product innovation to an end-user context, possibly leading to market application. This requires to move from a development and test in a laboratory environment to a development and test under realistic conditions. Activities can be a process of end-user oriented research and development with tests on/with representative samples of end users (e.g. clinical tests). It may also involve the development of a novel manufacturing production process and to test it at controlled conditions. The product developed should be a step change to existing products in terms of functionality and specification.

Innovative Process:

To develop a radical process innovation to a pilot scale. This requires the development and test in a controlled environment close to industrial conditions. This process innovation may be tested by producing a product that fits with end-users expectations. In this case the product may be an existing one, but the production process should offer substantially improved performance (customization, precision, speed, ecological efficiency and cost) over existing processes.

Radical Innovations:

To widen the understanding of a radical innovation by the application of a material or process from a specific to a generic application. This requires understanding of all parameters and modeling as well as the development of design rules and monitoring. In this case the project should transfer from a niche product to a wider market, hence increasing its societal impact and industrial dimension.

Dates and deadlines:

The INCOMERA application process will be a 2-step procedure with pre-proposal and full proposal and will follow the below timeline:

• Call for pre-proposals opening:	02 / 01 / 2015
• Pre-proposals submission deadline: (17.00 CET)	27 / 02 / 2015
• Accepted / rejected pre-proposals	02 / 04 / 2015
• Call for proposals opening:	13 / 04 / 2015
• Proposal submission deadline: (17.00 CET)	15 / 05 / 2015
• Experts evaluation	01 / 06 / 2015
• Communication to the proposals coordinators:	15 / 07 / 2015