



Pre-announcement of MATERA+ Call 2009

The MATERA+ Call is planned to be launched in March 2009. The call is for transnational, interdisciplinary, innovative R&D projects related to materials science and engineering in certain European countries and regions. The total available budget is anticipated to be around 20 Million euros.

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 while also allowing the participants to integrate into international value chains.

Topics to be addressed in the 2009 Call

- Multi-functional Materials
- Engineering Structural Materials
- Bio-based materials and Bio-inspired Materials

Who is eligible to participate?

The Call is open to universities, research centres and enterprises. The project consortia are challenged to demonstrate the whole chain from basic research to application-oriented research.

Funding is via national/regional funding programmes therefore applicants must verify both their eligibility and the rate of financial support with the relevant national/regional programme agency.

The preliminary list of participating countries/regions and funding agencies involved in MATERA+

Country /Region	Funding agency
Finland (Coordination)	Finnish Funding Agency for Technology and Innovation (Tekes)
Belgium/ Flanders	The Institute for the Promotion of Innovation by Science and Technology of Flanders (IWT)
Belgium/ Wallonia	Ministry of the Walloon Region (DGTRE)
Finland	The Academy of Finland (AKA)
Iceland	The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS)
Ireland	Enterprise Ireland (EI)
Israel	Ministry of Science, Culture and Sport (MOST)
Italy	Ministry Of University and Research (MIUR)
Latvia	The Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS)
Luxembourg	The National Research Fund (FNR)



Norway	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Poland	The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBiR)
Spain/ Basque	The Industry, Trade and Tourism Department of the Basque Government (ITT)
Spain/ Galicia	Dirección Xeral de I+D+i. Consellería de Innovación e Industria. Xunta de Galicia (DXIDI)
Spain/Madrid Region	Fundación madrimasd para el Conocimiento (fmi+d)
Switzerland	Federal Office for Professional Education and Technology (OPET)
Turkey	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)
United Kingdom	Technology Strategy Board (TSB)
United Kingdom/ Northern Ireland	Invest Northern Ireland (Invest NI)

Procedure and Evaluation

Application is through a two-step on-line process. An independent evaluation will be carried out to select the best projects. The final funding decisions will be made on regional/national level.

Preliminary Call Deadlines

16 th March 2009	Opening of the Call
15 th May 2009	Pre-proposal deadline
15 th October 2009	Invitation to submit Full proposal
15 th Jan 2010	Full proposal deadline
March/April 2010	Funding decisions

What is MATERA+?

MATERA+ is an ERA-NET+ Action focussing on material science and engineering. ERA-NET+ actions are an initiative of the European Commission aimed at providing additional EC financial support to those national and regional programmes that pool resources to organise a joint call for proposals. The negotiations with the Commission about their top-up funding are underway.

MATERA+ is a follow-on to MATERA ERA-NET, which focuses on creating a durable cooperation platform for national and regional policy makers and managers with strategic activities in material sciences and engineering.

Further info

Detailed information on Call forms, guidelines etc. can be found in MATERA website at www.matera.fi on 16th March 2009 =>MATERA+ Call 2009.



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