

ERA-CAPS - first joint call

Expanding the European Research Area in molecular plant sciences



Call launch: 19 November 2012

Application deadline: 15 February 2013, 4pm (5pm CET)

The ERA-NET in molecular plant sciences, **ERA-CAPS (Coordinating Action in Plant Sciences)**, has been established in order to embed molecular plant sciences more firmly in national policies whilst continuing to fund excellent research in this area by means of two joint calls.

Scope

To allow maximum engagement of the plant science community, this first call is broad in scope covering all areas of **molecular plant science**. Although no specific topics have been defined, the funding organisations welcome high quality applications in the themes:

- Food security
- Non-food crops
- Adaptation to a changing climate
- Biotic/abiotic stress

The call **does not exclude** other areas of molecular plant science. It is expected that the call will provide funds in the order of €20M across the participating funders. Up to £6M of BBSRC funding is available to support UK researchers within ERA-CAPS consortia.

Funding partners

In this first joint ERA-CAPS call, 16 funding organisations from 15 countries are participating. The participating partners are:

- Austria (FWF)
- Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS)
- Denmark (DASTI)
- France (INRA)
- Germany (DFG)
- Ireland (DAFM/Teagasc)
- Israel (MOARD)
- Latvia (LZA)
- The Netherlands (NWO)
- New Zealand (MBIE)
- Norway (RCN)
- Poland (NCBiR)
- Portugal (FCT)

- Serbia (MPNTR)
- United Kingdom (BBSRC)

The National Science Foundation of the USA have launched a parallel call via their Plant Genomics Research Program (see external links) enabling collaborative projects with ERA-CAPS consortia. Therefore, US researchers can apply in tandem to the NSF to participate in consortia, where the proposals meet the goals of the Program.

Eligibility

Project consortia should consist of a minimum of three partners from three different countries, at least two of them being a participating ERA-CAPS partner or observer country (note that applicants from countries other than those listed above must provide their own funding). Research teams and institutions must be eligible for funding according to their national regulations. These are outlined in National Annexes available on the ERA-CAPS website (please see external links).

How to apply

The call is being administered by DFG in Germany. The application form and full details of how to apply are available at the ERA-CAPS website (see external links).

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