

Preannouncement

ERA-Net CIRCLE MOUNTAIN Call

Climate change impacts and response options in mountainous areas

The ERA-NET CIRCLE (Climate Impact Research Coordination in a Larger Europe) is a network of public-sector research funders, including research institutes, ministries and regulatory authorities. CIRCLE aims at achieving better research coordination in Europe in the field of consequences of and adaptation to climate change.

The aim of the MOUNTAIN call is to enhance research cooperation in the field of Climate change impacts and response options in mountainous areas.

The funding countries of this call are Austria, France, Greece, Hungary, Spain, Sweden and Turkey represented by the following partner institutions from the CIRCLE-MOUNTAIN Group: Environment Agency Austria (Umweltbundesamt, UBA-A, representing the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science and Research, BMWF), Ministry of Ecology, Energy, Sustainable Development and Sea (Ministère de l'Écologie, de l'Énergie, du Développement durable et de la Mer, MEEDDM), Mariolopoulos-Kanaginis Foundation for the Environmental Sciences (M-KF), Ministry of Environment and Water (Környezetvédelmi és Vízügyi Minisztérium, MEW), Ministry of Science and Innovation (Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación, MICINN), The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Forskningsrådet för miljö, areella näringar och samhällsbyggande, FORMAS) and The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknik Araştırma Kurumu, TÜBİTAK).

Proposed collaborative projects must include at least 3 partner countries. Each partner within the project shall be funded by the respective country institution, and under its national rules. The call will be published on the funders and the CIRCLE webpage.

The funded projects will present novel approaches to policy-relevant research questions and can, among others, address the following general topics (non-binding):

- ▶ Consequences of Climate Change impacts (natural and anthropogenic) on mountainous areas;
- ▶ Climate Change response strategies and adaptation policies for mountainous areas;
- ▶ Trade-offs and synergies between Climate Change adaptation and mitigation policies and their relevance for national, transnational and European strategies;
- ▶ Mountainous areas (transnational) needs regarding climate policy development;
- ▶ Stakeholder involvement on Climate Change response development and adaptation strategies on mountainous areas;
- ▶ Uptake of research results by policy stakeholders (e.g. policy makers and developers) and its mainstreaming into local, regional and national climate strategies.

The CIRCLE MOUNTAIN call will be open from September 22nd 2009 to January 29th 2010. The total available budget for the call is 2.1 Mio. €.

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