

**JPI URBAN EUROPE
Fourth Call for Projects
ERA-NET COFUND Smart Urban Future
16 December 2015 - 15 March 2016**

Introduction

On 16 December 2015 the members of the JPI Urban Europe initiative consortium launched the call for European ERA-NET COFUND - Smart Urban Future (ENSUF) projects. The call is organised in 2 stages. The call for pre-proposals shall be open from 16 December 2015 to 15 March 2016. These pre-proposals will be evaluated by a panel of international experts from industry, the public sector, the associations sector and universities. The successful consortia will be invited to present a full proposal by 20 September 2016. The agencies of 18 nations of the consortium and the European Commission will provide €24.5 million to fund the projects.

All of the information relating to this joint call can be found on [the website of the programme](#). The text of the call for project can be found on [the website of Innoviris](#).

Project Topics

The ENSUF call invites participants to submit projects under three topics:

- **Concepts and strategies for smart urban transformation, growth and shrinkage**
- **New dynamics of public services**
- **Inclusive, vibrant and accessible urban communities**

The programme will fund collaborative RDI projects which aim to develop and implement solutions or knowledge relating to the sustainable development of cities, by creating and testing new methods, tools and technologies to meet the current economic, social, and environmental challenges facing cities.

The projects will be transnational and able to undertake strategic research, applied research, or urban innovation activities. ENSUF does not provide funding for projects of a demonstrative, pilot or commercial nature. The projects must be submitted under one of the three topics mentioned above and must address one or more of the specific issues described under each topic. We invite you to consult [the call text](#) which describes the aims and content of these topics in detail.

Preparation of and Participation in Projects

The ENSUF projects are intended for the participation of universities, companies and associations active in urban development, and groups of end-users. **In this call, the involvement of end-users in the projects is compulsory, and is an important criterion for European evaluation.**

The projects must be of a transnational nature, in that they must involve the participation of at least 3 entities from 3 countries of the initiative, and must represent a European interest. In each project a Coordinator will perform the role of project leader. The maximum period of the projects will be 36 months.

The projects must address the problems raised by the call text in a multidisciplinary manner, and must be highly innovative and relevant. Furthermore, ENSUF funding agencies encourage project leaders to use the LIVING LABS concept as a form of cooperation (**see the description of the LIVING LABS concept applicable to this call in the call text**).

 The funding agencies taking part in this call fund different types of research (strategic, applied and innovative). It is therefore vital that you consult Annex A of the text of the call for projects and check the eligibility of your type of activities with your funding agency. This consultation is vital for completing the value chain of your projects, at the constitution stage of the consortium.

Submission of Projects

The ENSUF call for projects will be organised in two stages. The consortia will prepare a short version of the proposal by 15 March 2016. These pre-proposals will be evaluated by external assessors. The 50 best consortia will be invited to submit a full proposal by 20 September 2016. The final results of the evaluation, and the projects selected for funding, will be made known in November 2016.

The pre-proposals and the full proposals are to be submitted using the online tool (<https://ecall.ffg.at>) developed by the Secretariat of the FFG programme.

Funding of Projects

At the end of the second evaluation phase, which will relate to the full proposals, the best consortia will be selected for funding. Each member of the consortium will be financed by its own funding agency in accordance with the applicable national or regional regulations.

Each participant in the project will draw up a grant agreement with its own agency, and will conduct scientific and financial reporting in accordance with the applicable rules of its funding agency. In addition, the Project Coordinators will submit a short scientific report to the programme secretariat once a year.

Maximum Funding Rates

Each national funding agency will apply its own funding conditions to the projects. For **Brussels entities**, the traditional contribution rates **of Innoviris** will apply:

Maximum Funding rates

	Large enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Small enterprises	Research organisations, universities and associations without economic activity
Strategic Research	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
Industrial research (applied research)	65%	75%	80%	100%
Experimental development (innovation)	40%	50%	60%	100%

Eligibility Criteria for the Projects

Two sets of eligibility criteria apply to the projects of this programme.

Eligibility Criteria of ERA NET SMART URBAN FUTURE

The projects must meet the individual eligibility criteria of the ENSUF programme. For this call, 3 sets of criteria have been worked out and will be applied depending on the activities developed by the projects (basic research, applied research and urban innovation). **Please read carefully the information on criteria in the call text.**

Eligibility Criteria of INNOVIRIS

In this call, Innoviris will fund the following entities:

- Private companies with a place of business and registered office located in the territory of the Brussels Region
- Brussels universities and research centres
- Associations active in urban development with a place of business and registered office located in the territory of the Brussels Region



Associations will be funded according to the criteria relating to the nature of their economic activities. To determine the level of your association's funding in the project, please complete the form "declaration of information relating to the economic activities of the applicant association".

In addition, Brussels entities are obliged to respect the following regional eligibility criteria:

- Performance of all or part of its activities in the territory of the Brussels-Capital Region,
- Presentation of an innovative R&D project which is likely to have a positive impact on the economy, employment and/or sustainable development of the Brussels-Capital Region,
- Demonstration of its ability to fund its portion of the project (for companies and associations with an economic activity),
- Respect of its obligations in the context of previous grants awarded by the Region.

Follow-Up of Projects at Innoviris

In compliance with regional regulations, INNOVIRIS will provide the scientific and financial monitoring for the project. Likewise, the Brussels' partners will report and justify their expenditure to INNOVIRIS, which will provide the project funding in line with the established budget and the agreement signed with the beneficiaries.

Contact Details and Further Information

Innoviris provides you a bonus at the setting-up of ENSUF projects. Further information can be found [here](#).

If you are interested in this programme and envisage taking part in it, please feel free to contact Beata Bibrowska, the International RDI Projects Advisor and the National Contact Point for this programme at Innoviris. Innoviris will help you clarify matters relating to administration, eligibility and the setting-up of projects.

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