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## \* PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT \*

ERA-NET Bioenergy / BESTF3

# JOINT CALL FOR R&D&I PROPOSALS 2018

**Topic: Combined biomass valorisation to bioenergy, industrial feedstocks and bio-based products**

Combined biomass valorisation to bioenergy, industrial feedstocks and bio-based products is vital to decrease Europe's dependency on fossil-based raw materials, to improve the economic viability of bioenergy and to strengthen the creation of a bio-based circular economy. Innovative concepts and new technical solutions for the synergetic production of bioenergy, industrial feedstock and bio-based products have to be developed. These should improve the energy and biomass utilization efficiency and have benefits for economy, environment and society.

The call "**Combined biomass valorisation to bioenergy, industrial feedstocks and bio-based products**" aims to support innovative, collaborative pan-European, R&D&I projects focussing on technology readiness levels 2-7.

Funding will be offered to excellent R&D&I proposals that provide clear added value through cooperation of partners in at least two (preferably more) participating countries. Novelty beyond the state of the art in the addressed value chain must be significant, and evidence of exploitation potential must be provided (e.g. by way of tangible industry commitment).

Public funding would be available for this joint call from funding bodies in Austria, Finland, Germany, The Netherlands, Poland, Sweden and Switzerland. The indicative total available budget amounts to ca. 6 Mio €.

**The call is expected to open on October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018 with a closing date for pre-proposals in January 2019.**

In November 2018 a networking webinar will be organised to give researchers the chance to interlink with each other and build consortia. Draft project ideas and partner needs have to be sent to the call secretariat beforehand. More information to be announced in the official call text.

**Projects are expected to start in spring 2020.**

The call text will be published on the webpages of ERA-NET Bioenergy and BESTF3 ([www.eranetbioenergy.net](http://www.eranetbioenergy.net) & [www.ernetbestf.net](http://www.ernetbestf.net)) and on the web pages of the participating funding agencies.

## 2018 Joint Call Funding Partner Organisations

Country	Funding Partner Organisation
Austria	Austrian Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology (BMVIT)
Finland	Business Finland
Germany	Fachagentur Nachwachsende Rohstoffe (FNR)
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)
Sweden*	Swedish Energy Agency; Research and Innovation Department (SWEA)
Switzerland	Swiss Federal Office of Energy; Energy research section (SFOE)
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO)

\* The final decision about the participation of SWEA in this call is pending

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