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*PARTNERING OPPORTUNITY* *NETWORKING WEBINAR* *

On 15.11.2017 a networking webinar will be organised to give researchers the chance to interlink with each other and enlarge consortia. To sign up for this, applicants need to express their interest by sending three PPT slides including project idea, existing partners/experience and missing profiles by email to Carina Lemke c.lemke@fnr.de at the Call Office until 10.11.2017. A link to the webinar will be sent to registered participants on 13.11.2017.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

*ForestValue* website (incl. link to submission tool): to be opened soon at http://www.forestvalue.org

The administration of the call is led by the *ForestValue Call Office* on behalf of all the funding partners. General enquiries about this call should be addressed to the call office:

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS**

The *ForestValue* Research Programme has launched a transnational call for proposals for research, development and innovation in the forest-based sector. The indicative total available budget amounts to 25 million € (national public funding including EU top-up funding of 5 million €). The total call volume with industrial co-funding is estimated to be over 30 million €.

**Deadline for submitting pre-proposals: 23.01.2018; 13:00 CET**

The topic for this ERA-NET Co-fund on innovative forest-based bioeconomy has been prepared in collaboration with three forest-based ERA-NETs to complement the WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme and the targets of the SUMFOREST and FORESTERRA ERA-NETs with a strategic thematic area of high European relevance. Please learn more under www.woodwisdom.net, www.sumforest.org and www.foresterra.eu.

The complete call text as well as information on the pre-proposal content can be found under:

- **ForestValue** website: www.forestvalue.org
- **WoodWisdomNet** website www.woodwisdom.net/news-events/
- **Sumforest** website www.sumforest.org/news/

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SCOPE / THEMATIC AREAS OF THE CALL

The primary purpose of the planned ForestValue joint call is to contribute to **transforming the global economy from a dependence on fossil and non-renewable raw materials to a sustainable “bio-based economy”**. The overarching aim of the call is to support projects that will address the development and/or proof of concepts on novel strategies, methods, processes or products designed to support the forestry and forest-based industries including their respective partners, resellers, consumers and end-users in remaining competitive and efficient providers of sustainable bio-products and services. The co-funded joint transnational call will address the whole forest-based value chain in 2 areas:

**A. Innovative sustainable management of multifunctional forests including:**
1. ... harvesting, planning and logistics systems
2. ... scenarios based on the induced future alterations of species mix under predicted effects of climate change
3. ... defining tree species and cultivars (including breeding approaches) adapted to changing environmental influences (biotic and abiotic)
4. ... fostering resilience of forest ecosystems & production systems (incl. pests, diseases, invasive species) e.g. through managing biodiversity, from genes to local communities
5. ... methodologies for assessing economic, social and environmental values of forest products/services in regional and national scales; deducting trade-offs in management
6. ...non-wood forest products

**B. Innovative industrial production and processing technologies, products, concepts and services focusing on:**
1. ... Circular use of forest-based products, side streams and waste within a circular bio-economy. Energy and resource efficient processes (e.g. by utilising side stream woody biomass for energy)
2. ... Extraction, separation and fractionation of wood components for innovative added value green chemicals, components and other value-added products and their new functionalities from wood, wood-based hybrids & composites
3. ... Management concepts for lean timber construction and other building solutions (new & retrofitted; multi-storey & industrial buildings) including the utilization of soft and hardwood resources
4. ... Consequential full life cycle environmental, social and economic impacts of wood and wood construction
5. ... Efficient use of raw materials and other resources taking into account large scale raw material use alterations (e.g. by additional users (biorefinery))
6. ... Quality assessment of wood resources for different uses; also taking into account raw material properties induced by future alterations of species mix resulting under the predicted effects of climate change
7. ... Value-added use of forest-based products for dynamically changing societal needs (e.g. new materials or systems for timber constructions)