

## PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

*The ForestValue Research Programme announces the upcoming call for joint European research projects with an indicative total public funding budget of over 7 million €. Projects are supposed to start late 2021/early 2022.*

**The call for proposals is expected to open in January 2021.**

The **ForestValue** Joint Call 2 will support basic and applied research and is focussed on solutions how forests and forest-based activities could best contribute to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. This joint transnational call will address the whole forest-based value chain and will produce knowledge to support the best possible use of forests and forest resources as well as to provide multiple benefits for society and the economy. **The precise topics are to be defined by the participating funders**; however, the topics will be broad and crosscutting and the call will aim to encourage and make best use of cross-sectoral, coherent and integrated perspective (nexus approach).

At this stage, the following funding organisations/ programme managers have expressed a preliminary interest to participate in the call:

- Finland:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM), Academy of Finland (AKA); Ministry of the Environment (YM)
- France:** The French National Research Agency (ANR)
- Germany:** Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL); Agency for Renewable Resources (FNR)
- Ireland:** Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)
- Latvia:** Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (LAAFS); State Education Development Agency (VIAA)
- Poland:** National Science Centre (NCN)
- Slovenia:** Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS)
- Sweden:** The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS); Swedish Energy Agency (SWEA); Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova)
- Norway:** Research Council of Norway (RCN)

*Please note that the information above is provisional and subject to change in the official call announcement being published with the call opening.*

**The full call information package will be published in January 2021. Please follow <https://forestvalue.org/news-events/>.**

The administration of the call is being led by the **ForestValue Joint Call 2 Call Office** (Carina Lemke, FNR; Mika Kallio, MMM) on behalf of all the funding partners. General enquiries about this call should be addressed to the Call Office: [call.office@forestvalue.org](mailto:call.office@forestvalue.org).