

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 11 million €. Projects are supposed to start late 2021/early 2022.

Call opening (indicative): 19 January 2021.

The overarching aim of this joint transnational call is to support projects that will produce knowledge to promote the best possible use of forests and forest resources for the benefit of society on its way to a climate-neutral circular economy and sustainable society.

The call will address the whole forest-based value chain in the following three areas:

- 1. Sustainable and multifunctional use and management of forests, to maximize their contribution to all SDGs**
- 2. Building with wood from various perspectives**
- 3. Analysis of benefits, synergies and trade-offs in the use of forest biomass**

Applicants are expected to use interdisciplinary research approaches and holistic perspectives encompassing all aspects of a subject.

The following funding organisations/ programme managers plan 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)

Norway: Research Council of Norway (RCN)

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)

Turkey: The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

For an indicative launch and full information package on 19 January 2021, see the website <https://forestvalue.org/joint-call-2021/>.

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

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