

Second pre-announcement EU co-funded ERA-MIN Joint Call 2021

Highlights

- **December 1, 2020: Official start of ERA-MIN3.**
- **Indicative Call budget: €19 Mio.**
- **January 15, 2021** – Official launch of the Call.
- **April 1, 2021** - Deadline for pre-proposal submission.
- **June 15, 2021**- Communication of pre-proposal assessment.
- **September 15, 2021** - Deadline for full-proposal submission.
- **December 13, 2021** – Tentative communication of full-proposal assessment.
- **May 1, 2022** - Latest starting date of selected projects.

ERA-MIN3, starting officially on December 1, 2020, is a global, innovative and flexible pan-European network of **26 European and non-European research funding organisations**, aiming to continue strengthening the **mineral raw materials** community through the coordination of research and innovation programmes on non-fuel and non-food raw materials (metallic, construction, and industrial minerals). ERA-MIN3 builds on the experience of the H2020 ERA-MIN 2 (2016-2022) and FP7 ERA-NET ERA-MIN (2011-2015).

The **EU co-funded ERA-MIN Joint Call 2021** is the first joint call of the ERA-NET Cofund **ERA-MIN3**. For information on the statistics and projects funded under ERA-MIN and ERA-MIN2 calls, check the [website](#).

2021 Call scope and topics

The scope of the 2021 Call is needs-driven research addressing three segments of the non-fuel, non-food raw materials: metallic minerals; construction materials; industrial minerals.

The five main call topics are:

Topic 1. Supply of raw materials from exploration and mining

Topic 2. Circular Design

Topic 3. Processing, Production and Remanufacturing

Topic 4. Recycling and Re-use of End-of-Life Products Recycling and Re-use of End-of-Life Products

Topic 5. Cross-cutting topics: proposals that address all innovations, also non-technological, to support for the transformation to a circular economy regarding: New business models; Improvement of methods or data for environmental impact assessment; Social acceptance and trust/public perception of raw materials; Environmental, social, and health safety issues.



The inclusion of cross-cutting topics in proposals addressing the other topics and can be selected as the main topic, with some eligibility exceptions. Please check if your research funding organisation allows for proposals addressing exclusively cross-cutting topics.

Evaluation criteria

Pre-proposals and Full proposals will be evaluated based on three main evaluation criteria:

- 1) Scientific Excellence,
- 2) Impact, and
- 3) Quality and Efficiency of the Implementation

Some eligibility criteria and recommendations to applicants

- It is mandatory for all the participants to read carefully the **international eligibility criteria**, as well as the **national funding annexes** of their country/region.
- A proposal may cover more than one of the topics and sub-topics. Not all topics and sub-topics are supported by all participating funding organisations.
- Each consortium must comprise at least **three** independent legal **entities** eligible and requesting funding from the participating Funding Organisations of at least **three** different **countries** where at least **two** are **EU Member States or an EU Associated Country (Turkey) named in this call**.
- A Lead Researcher can only represent the coordinator in one proposal.
- **Applicants not requesting funding**, or who are not eligible for national/regional funding, **can be partners** of the consortium, on the condition that they provide evidence of the availability of their own funds.
- At least half of the partners in a consortium must belong to countries participating in the Call.
- The project duration should be a minimum of 12 months and should not exceed 36 months (subject to national/regional regulations).
- The language of the proposal is English.

Participating countries and regions

The countries and regions, and their research funding organisations that have expressed interest in participating in the call at the time of this second pre-announcement, are:

EU countries/regions (research funding organisations):

Belgium-Flanders (FWO and Hermesfonds/VLAI0); Belgium-Wallonia (SPW-Recherche); Bulgaria (BNSF); Czech Republic (TA CR); Estonia (ETAg); Finland (Business Finland); France (ADEME and ANR); Germany (BMBF/JÜLICH); Ireland (GSI), Italy (MUR); Poland (NCBR); Portugal (FCT); Romania (UEFISCDI); Slovakia (SAS); Slovenia (MIZS); Spain (AEI and CDTI); Spain – Navarra (CFNA); Sweden (Vinnova).

EU Associated country: Turkey (TUBITAK)

Non-EU countries: Canada-Québec (PRIMA-Québec); Chile (ANID) (*to be confirmed*) and South-Africa (DSI).

Further information

For further information, please contact the **Joint Call Secretariat** (eramin@fct.pt).

Updated information and Call Text will be available from 15th January 2021 at <https://www.era-min.eu/joint-call/era-min-joint-call-2021>.

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