

# RAW MATERIALS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

# Second pre-announcement ERA-MIN Joint Transnational Call 2023

# Highlights

- Indicative Call budget: €11.5 Mio.
- December 7, 2022 Official launch of the Call.
- March 30, 2023 Deadline for proposal submission.
- October 17, 2023 Tentative communication of selection of proposals.
- April 1, 2024 Latest starting date of selected projects.

**ERA-MIN3** is a global, innovative, and flexible pan-European network of **25 European/non-European research funding organisations**, aiming to continue strengthening the **mineral raw materials** community through the coordination of research and innovation programmes on <u>non-fuel and non-food raw materials</u> (metallic, <u>construction</u>, and industrial minerals). The **ERA-MIN Joint Transnational Call 2023** is the second joint call of **ERA-MIN3**. For information on the statistics and the 57 transnational R&I projects funded under ERA-MIN and ERA-MIN2 calls, as well as the 22 transnational R&I projects funded under the EU co-funded ERA-MIN3 Joint Call 2021 please check the website.

# 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 (VLAIO/FIO); Belgium-Wallonia (SPW-Recherche); Bulgaria (BNSF, Czech Republic (TA CR); Estonia (ETAg); Finland (Business Finland); Germany (PT JÜLICH); Ireland (GSI), Poland (NCBR); Portugal (FCT); Romania (UEFISCDI); Slovakia (SAS); Slovenia (MIZS); Spain (AEI); Spain – Basque Country (EJ/GV – Innobasque), Spain-Navarra (CFNA), and Sweden (Vinnova).

**EU Associated country:** Turkey (TUBITAK)

Non-EU countries: Canada-Québec (PRIMA-Québec) and South-Africa (DSI).

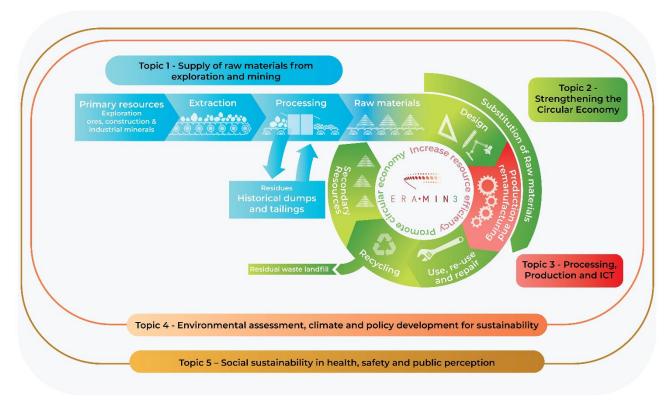




# 2023 Call scope and topics

**The scope** of the 2023 Call is <u>needs-driven research</u> addressing non-fuel, non-food raw materials: metallic minerals; construction materials; industrial minerals. The five main call topics that have been defined with the research community and the support of EIT Raw Materials, are:

- Topic 1. Supply of raw materials from exploration and mining
  - 1.1 Innovative exploration methods
  - 1.2 More sustainable mining operations,
  - 1.3 Improved environmental management of mines
  - 1.4 Efficient mineral processing and metallurgy
  - 1.5 Mine closure, remediation and remining of tailings and waste rock
- Topic 2. Strengthening the Circular Economy
  - 2.1 Product design for resource efficiency, including substitution
  - 2.2 End-of-life products pre-processing: collection, logistics, pre-treatment, dismantling, sorting, characterisation
  - 2.3 Reuse, repair, refurbishing, repurposing and remanufacturing of end-of-life products
  - 2.4 Recovery and urban mining of raw materials from end-of-life products or other wastes,
  - 2.5 Life-cycle-analysis of raw materials
  - 2.6 New business models (implementing circular economy aspects)
- Topic 3. Processing, Production and ICT
  - 3.1 Increase resource efficiency in resource intensive production processes
  - 3.2 Increase resource efficiency, recycling and reuse of products using information and communication technologies
- Topic 4. Environmental assessment, climate and policy development for sustainability
  - 4.1 Improvement of methods or data for environmental, social and health impact assessment (ESHIA)
  - 4.2 Policy development for primary and secondary raw material industry
  - 4.3 Energy-saving and climate action
- Topic 5. Social sustainability in health, safety and public perception
  - 5.1 Social acceptance and trust/public perception of the raw materials industry
  - 5.2 Health and safety issues





# Some eligibility criteria and recommendations to applicants

- It is mandatory for all the participants to carefully read the **international eligibility criteria**, as well as the **national funding annexes** of their country/region.
- 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 one country
  is an EU Member State or an EU Associated Country named in this call. At least half of the partners in a
  consortium must belong to countries participating in the Call.
- Applicants not requesting funding, or not eligible for national/regional funding from countries/regions
  named in the Call, can be partners of the consortium (subject to the approval by the funding organisations
  supporting the other applicants requesting funding for the countries/regions which do not participate in the
  Call).

### **Further information**

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

Updated information, Call Text and other call documents will be available from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at <u>ERA-MIN</u> website CALL section Follow us: <u>Twitter</u>, <u>LinkedIn</u> and <u>Youtube</u>.

<u>Video Testimonials of the ERA-MIN & ERA-MIN 2 funded projects</u> present a **good overview** about what has been funded under ERA-NET Confund on Raw Materials (ERA-MIN) and how the non-energy mineral raw materials research area in Europe is developing. Moreover, this testimonials videos may be of real interest for applicants to the **ERA-MIN Joint Transnational Call 2023**, because they present **benefits and tips** to build a successful proposal, consortium and project development.

For more information on previous call results and funded projects please visit our <u>RESULTS section on ERA-MIN</u> <u>website</u> and the <u>Dashboard</u>.

