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BONUS CALL 2014: SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

The attached document contains information on the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services. The call was opened on 16 January 2014 and closes on 16 April 2014. One of the addressed themes for the call is “Maritime spatial planning from local to Baltic Sea region scale” (theme 4.3).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information.



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BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services

- Call opens: **16 January 2014**
- Preregistration deadline: **17 March 2014**, 17.00 CET
- Proposal submission deadline: **16 April 2014**, 17.00 CET
- Indicative budget: EUR 15 million with EUR 1.5 million flexibility
- Funding scheme: Collaborative projects
- Maximum funding available per project: Up to EUR 2 or 3 million depending on the theme called, for the respective maximum funding of each theme, see the table of themes called (below)
- Project implementation: Projects start in February 2015 at the earliest with each project running a maximum of three years
- Themes addressed: Each proposal must address one key theme from those opened for this call and two to four supplementary themes from those included in the BONUS strategic research agenda 2011–2017, update 2014

| BONUS strategic objective | Themes called and respective funding limits |
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| 2: Meeting the multifaceted challenges in linking the Baltic Sea with its coast and catchment | 2.3. Integrated approaches to coastal management <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 million per proposal</i> |
| 3: Enhancing sustainable use of coastal and marine goods and services of the Baltic Sea | 3.1. Enhanced, holistic cross-sector maritime risk analysis and management, including effects of new technologies, human factor, climate change effects in open water and in ice, and interaction with onshore activities <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million per proposal</i> 3.2. Assessing the effects of air and water pollution and introduction of energy (including noise) by shipping activities on the marine environment and integrated water management in harbours <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 3 million per proposal</i> |
| 4: Improving the capabilities of the society to respond to the current and future challenges directed to the Baltic Sea region | 4.1. Governance structures, policy performance and policy instruments <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million per proposal</i> 4.2. Linking ecosystem goods and services to human lifestyles and wellbeing <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million per proposal</i> 4.3. Maritime spatial planning from local to Baltic Sea region scale <i>The requested BONUS contribution shall not exceed EUR 2 million per proposal</i> |

Themes and expected outcomes are presented in the **BONUS strategic research agenda 2011–2017, update 2014** www.bonusportal.org/sra2014

Eligibility conditions:

- Proposal is preregistered by the deadline **17 March 2014**, 17.00 CET
- Proposal is submitted to the BONUS Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS) by the deadline **16 April 2014**, 17.00 CET
- At least three legal entities participate in the proposal, each of which is established in a different EU member state or associated country; at least two of these countries must be BONUS participating states (Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Germany, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland or Sweden)
- Proposal is complete with all required parts including the description of work, all administrative forms and declarations of the applicants
- Proposal addresses one key theme from those opened for this call and two to four supplementary themes from those included in the BONUS strategic research agenda 2011–2017, update 2014
- Total requested BONUS contribution including contributions from both the BONUS EEIG and the BONUS participating states does not exceed the maximum of EUR 2 million or EUR 3 million depending on the theme called
- Applicants from non-Baltic EU member states, associated countries or third countries have included a funding commitment statement confirming that the necessary resources to cover their part of the costs exist. As for Russian applicants eligible for funding by the Russian Foundation for Humanities, letters have been included confirming their application for support submitted to the Russian Foundation for Humanities¹
- The legal entity acting as the project coordinator is established in one of the BONUS participating states

1 Further information about participation of Russian applicants in the call is provided in the Guide for applicants specific to the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services

Evaluation procedure:

- Proposals on all themes opened for this call are evaluated in accordance with the evaluation guidelines by independent expert evaluators and ranked within one common ranking list which is the basis for the funding decision
- The evaluation follows a single stage procedure. Proposals are evaluated on the basis of three core criteria²:
 - scientific and/or technological excellence (4/5³)
 - quality and efficiency of the implementation and the management (3/5)
 - potential impact through the development, dissemination and use of project results (4/5).
- The total score threshold is 12, below of which no project can be funded. Scores may be awarded with 0.5 point step
- The evaluation review panel will determine a priority order for proposals which have been awarded the same total score within a ranked list. The following approach will be applied successively for every group of proposals requiring such prioritisation:
 - Proposals will be prioritised according to the scores they have been awarded for the criterion of scientific and/or technological excellence
 - If necessary, any further prioritisation will be based on other appropriate characteristics, to be decided by the panel (e.g. presence of SMEs, international cooperation, public engagement)

2 Exact meaning of the core evaluation criteria is provided in the Guide for applicants specific to the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services
3 Threshold score/the highest score

Indicative timetable

- Evaluation and panel meeting: June 2014
- Announcement of the evaluation outcome: July 2014
- Earliest start of the projects (after grant agreements have been concluded): February 2015

Download guidance to applicants from www.bonusportal.org/calls

- BONUS strategic research agenda 2011–2017, update 2014
- Guide for applicants specific to the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services
- Guide for proposal evaluators specific to the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services (describing how the proposals of this call are evaluated)
- Model BONUS grant agreement (legally binding basis for BONUS funding)

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Funders of the BONUS call 2014: Sustainable ecosystem services

