

SNOWMAN NETWORK

Knowledge for sustainable soils



SNOWMAN Call 2

Terms and conditions

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Transnational coordinated calls

- **One of the main aims of the new Network**
- **Why ?** To implement the SNOWMAN network Research Programme
- **How ?** Through transnational calls, using procedures developed in the frame of the ERA-NET SNOWMAN
- **Who ?** Any funder in Europe, interested in the call topics



Organisation of a transnational call

- Common Activities 
 - National Activities
- Advertising (Website)
 - Application Process (common application form and selection criteria)
 - Eligibility check
- Advertising (National Journals, websites)
 - Funding (National Rules)
 - Fundability check

International Peer Review

- Funding Recommendation
- Acceptance of outputs
- Funding Confirmation
- Establishing Research Contracts, payments

Contract monitoring

SNOWMAN Call 2

- 2nd call of the SNOWMAN ERA-NET
- Contracting and monitoring under the responsibility of the new SNOWMAN network
- What ?
 - Area management of contamination
 - Integration of soil management into spatial planning
 - Use of contaminated land for biofuel crop production
- How ? “Virtual pot with juste retour” funding model
Funding based on existing national rules
- Who ? 7 funders, 1,8 M€



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Management of a coordinated Call

- *Quite à tricky job !*
- **Call Steering Committee (C2SC)** : body responsible on behalf of the funding organisations for the execution of the call
- **Secretariat** : administrative support
 - UBA (De) : Jan 2009 – June 2010
 - SKB (NL) : Sept 2009 – 2013
- **Project boards** : in order to improve the transnational monitoring of the projects
- **Call Coordinator** : overall supervision !



Call Steering Committee

- One representative / funder
- Responsible for the execution of the call from the announcement to the approval of the final reports
- Funding recommendations



Call Secretariat

- Coordination of call advertising and promotion
- Contact point for the applicants
- Eligibility check of the proposals
- Organisation of the peer review process
- Administrative support to the CSC : meetings, funding confirmations, award letters
- **Contact points for all questions from researchers, project board members...**
- **Receive signed contracts and consortium agreements**
- **Monitoring ...**



Project boards (PB)

- One representative / funder involved in a project
- Chaired by the Funder responsible for the project coordinator's contract
 - To assist the CSC for the transnational monitoring of the projects and the evaluation of the dissemination plan
 - To inform the CSC, via the Secretariat, of any « special » event



Project boards (PB)

- To answer questions and resolve problems raised by the researchers which cannot be solved internally
- To approve any changes to the contracts
- To review progress and final reports
- To advise the funders and the CSC on the acceptability of the project outputs
- Through the PB chair, to present the collective views of the funders to the project coordinators




Project coordinator

- Is the single point of contact between the PB or the Secretariat and the researchers
- Compile and submit the reports on behalf of the research consortium
- Send electronically the transnational reports to the call Secretariat



SNOWMAN call 2 : bounds

- **Funders :**
 - 7 letters of commitment
 - 7 funding confirmation letters
- **Funders**  **researchers :**
 - 11 contracts between researchers and funders within each country, using
 - national contract models
 - **+ SNOWMAN conditions**
- **Researchers :**
 - 3 consortium agreements
 - **Joint responsibility for the delivery of the work**



SNOWMAN terms and conditions

- Roles of the CSC, Funders, PBs
- Commencement of the project
- Transnational monitoring, reporting requirements, approval of reports
- Payment conditions : final payment after transnational delivery



SNOWMAN terms and conditions

- Ownership of knowledge, rights of property
 - All the findings will be published
 - Sec, PB, CSC, Funders can use the results
 - The researchers must mention SNOWMAN's and each funders's financial participation in all produced documents
- Dissemination requirements
- Changes to contracts



SNOWMAN terms and conditions

When there is a conflict

- between national funder terms and conditions and
- these SNOWMAN terms and conditions,

the SNOWMAN conditions will take precedence !



Watch out !

- Synchronization of all the contracts of the same project :
 - Start date
 - Date for interim report(s)
 - Date for final report
- Meeting between chair of the PB and Research coordinator necessary
- Final payment : only after the delivery and the approval of the transnational outputs.



Questions from the researchers?

- Eligibility of costs, payments : to Funders
- Events, changes in work plan or budget, delay
:
 - from the researchers to the Project coordinator
 - The project coordinator contact the chair of the project board
 - The Secretariat is always kept informed

Questions from the PB members ?

- Please contact me or Hanny !





SNOWMAN Call 2 : already a long story !

- Preparation phase : May 2008 – Dec 2008
- Call open from mid January – end of March 2009
- **12 proposals**
- 2 rejected at the eligibility / fundability check
- International peer review, “Moderation meeting” 28/05/2009
- C2SC meeting 16/06/2009 : 3 projects recommended for funding with clarifications, one on the reserve list
- Clarifications : summer 2009
- C2SC meeting 30/09/2009 : **3 projects selected, 955 k€**
- Funding confirmation and award letters : Oct. 2009
- Contracting phase : mid Oct 2009 -mid Jan 2010
- Common start date : 15/01/2010
- Signature of consortium agreements by 31/01/2010
- Common kick off meeting : today !



**But that's not the end of the
story...**

**Just the beginning of exciting
transnational projects !**