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3th JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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BACKGROUND

The Marine Biotechnology ERA-NET

(**ERA-MBT**) is a consortium of national funding agencies seeking complementarities between national activities by pooling resources to undertake joint funding of transnational projects in the area of Marine Biotechnology. The activities will support the development of the European bioeconomy.

During the life-time of the project, **three thematic calls** will be launched to generate joint European research and development activities in marine biotechnology.

CALL FOCUS

The aim of the third Joint Call is to target research towards marine metagenomes and their microbes, with a view to **identifying new enzymes, metabolites, and metabolic pathways with biotechnological potential**. Studying this diverse microbial resource relies heavily on multi- and inter-disciplinary research teams and access to a range of tools and methodologies that are generally described as “-omics” technologies or “-omics” based approaches. ERA-MBT’s mission is to help develop these tools within projects willing to pursue both a scientific goal and an ambition to expand the toolbox, making it possible to gain new knowledge with potential for new innovations.

ELIGIBILITY

- Transnational consortia eligible for funding must consist of a **minimum of three partners** from at least **three different countries** participating in this call.
- Eligible organisations from other countries (not involved in the call) can participate as long as they provide their **own funds**.
- Applicants must refer and adhere to the **specific regulations** of the national/regional funding organisations.
- The general scope and limitations of the call are discussed in more detail in the **call documents** at www.marinebiotech.eu/third-transnational-call

FUNDING COMMITMENT

An indicative budget of around € 6.03 million is available for the third Joint Call. Each participating funding organisation will finance the beneficiaries located in their own country/region. The call text will include details of individual budget allocation.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Submissions of proposals will be in one stage: all **proposals** should be submitted through the ERA-MBT **online submission system**:

www.submission-marinebiotech.eu

Project partners can use the **partnering platform** within the submission system to enter offers and requests for project ideas and build up a project consortium.

TIMELINE

Official Call Opening	13 December 2016
Deadline for submitting proposals	7 March 2017 (15:00 CET)
Peer Review Panel meeting	June 2017
Communication of funding recommendation	July 2017
Start of projects	November 2017

