

PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT OF A JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The ForestValue Research Programme announces the upcoming call for joint European research projects with an indicative total public funding budget of over 7 million €. Projects are supposed to start late 2021/early 2022.

The call for proposals is expected to open in January 2021.

The **ForestValue** Joint Call 2 will support basic and applied research and is focussed on solutions how forests and forest-based activities could best contribute to reaching the Sustainable Development Goals. This joint transnational call will address the whole forest-based value chain and will produce knowledge to support the best possible use of forests and forest resources as well as to provide multiple benefits for society and the economy. **The precise topics are to be defined by the participating funders**; however, the topics will be broad and crosscutting and the call will aim to encourage and make best use of cross-sectoral, coherent and integrated perspective (nexus approach).

At this stage, the following funding organisations/ programme managers have expressed a preliminary interest to participate in the call:

- Finland:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM), Academy of Finland (AKA); Ministry of the Environment (YM)
- France:** The French National Research Agency (ANR)
- Germany:** Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL); Agency for Renewable Resources (FNR)
- Ireland:** Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)
- Latvia:** Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (LAAFS); State Education Development Agency (VIAA)
- Poland:** National Science Centre (NCN)
- Slovenia:** Ministry of Education, Science and Sport (MIZS)
- Sweden:** The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS); Swedish Energy Agency (SWEA); Swedish Governmental Agency for Innovation Systems (Vinnova)
- Norway:** Research Council of Norway (RCN)

Please note that the information above is provisional and subject to change in the official call announcement being published with the call opening.

The full call information package will be published in January 2021. Please follow <https://forestvalue.org/news-events/>.

The administration of the call is being led by the **ForestValue Joint Call 2 Call Office** (Carina Lemke, FNR; Mika Kallio, MMM) on behalf of all the funding partners. General enquiries about this call should be addressed to the Call Office: call.office@forestvalue.org.