



New ERA-HDHL Joint Funding Action: Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security

Preliminary Announcement

The JPI HDHL, JPI OCEANS and FACCE-JPI partners are pleased to announce the launch of the ERA-HDHL 3rd Joint Funding Action (JFA) “Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security” expected on **29th of January 2019**.

With this new activity, JPI HDHL, JPI OCEANS and FACCE-JPI aim to establish a Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security. This Knowledge Hub provides the unique possibility to connect researchers with other existing initiatives and relevant stakeholders in the Food and Nutrition Security research area.

The Knowledge Hub will be implemented under the umbrella of the JPI HDHL 1st ERA-Net Cofund, named ERA-HDHL.

Aim of the Call

The overall aim of the Knowledge Hub on Food and Nutrition Security is to foster transnational and multidisciplinary collaboration and networking in order to accelerate, further characterize and to manage the impact of climate change on nutritional make-up of food, and to propose adaptive strategies/ measures to ensure food and nutrition security.

For this, participating funding agencies will bring together research groups from various disciplines to form an international consortium that will design and implement the Knowledge Hub. The network will carry out joint multidisciplinary activities aiming at integrating complementary expertise, knowledge, facilities and databases in relevant areas on Food and Nutrition Security. The activities of the network should address current cross-cutting challenges in the field through activities that may focus on:

- **Standardisation and harmonisation**
- **Data handling, knowledge and data sharing**
- **Addressing knowledge gaps**

Call Procedure

The KH will be implemented in a three-step procedure:

1. **Expression of Interest (Eoi):** Interested researchers should submit an Eoi. The Eoi should express the willingness and ability of the applicant(s) to join the Knowledge Hub as an active and contributing member. The pre-selection of members will be performed by the respective national funding organisations.
2. **Networking meeting:** After selection of Knowledge Hub members by Call Steering Committee, researchers and research groups will be invited to a Network Meeting during which the coordinator is elected and that sets the starting point for the development of the network and the joint proposal.
3. **Evaluation platform proposal:** The joint proposal will be evaluated by a scientific evaluation committee (SEC).

Participating countries and respective funding organisations

The following funding organizations intend to provide funding for activities of the Knowledge Hub. This list is not final - confirmed participating funding organisations will be published in the call text.

Country	Funding Organisation	Short name
Czech Republic	The Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports	MEYS
Denmark*	Ministry of Higher Education and Science	UFM
France*	Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique	INRA
Germany	Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture	BMEL
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine	DAFM
Italy	Ministero delle politiche agricole, alimentari, forestali e del turismo	MIPAAFT
Latvia	Ministry of Education and Science	IZM
Spain*	State Research Agency	AEI

** In addition of UFM, INRA and AEI funds, all relevant researchers from their respective countries can apply in kind*

General conditions for applications

Within the first stage of implementation of the KH, interested researchers or research groups will have to submit an Expression of Interest (Eoi) to join the Knowledge Hub before **4th of April 2019**.

The EoI focuses mainly on the scientific expertise, the motivation to participate in the network and the contribution the researcher or research group can make to the network.

The pre-selection of members will be performed by the respective national funding organisations and finally selected by the Call Steering Committee. Then, the successful researchers and research groups will be invited to a Network Meeting in June 2019 to start the development of one joint network proposal. The joint proposal needs to be submitted by September 2019 and will then be evaluated by the Scientific Evaluation Committee to reach a final funding decision.

Tentative Call Time Schedule

When	What
8 th of January 2019	Pre-announcement of the call
29 th of January 2019	Publication of the call and opening of electronic submission system for the EoIs
4 th of April 2019	Deadline for submission Expression of Interest
6 th of May 2019	CSC meeting selection network members
13 th of May 2019	Communication of selected network members + invitation to Network Meeting
7 th of June 2019	Network meeting and opening of electronic submission system for the proposal
5 th of September 2019	Deadline for submission joint network proposal
End of September 2019	SEC and CSC meeting for proposal evaluation
1 st week of October 2019	Opportunity for Rebuttal: Interview between Coordinator of Joint network proposal and SEC to discuss some unclear aspects of the proposal, if any
16 th of October 2019	Communication of evaluation to Network coordinator (revision of proposal or no revision required)
14 th of November 2019	Deadline for submission of an amended proposal, if requested by SEC
Mid-November 2019	Communication of final decision to platform coordinator

Please note: The content of the call described in this pre-announcement may be subject to changes and is not legally binding to the funding organisations.

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