# Call Pre-announcement

FP7 ERA-NET **Sumforest:** "Tackling the challenges in sustainable and multifunctional forestry through enhanced research coordination for policy decisions"
For transnational collaborative research projects on
**"Sustainable forests for the society of the future"**

The FP7 ERA-NET Sumforest pre-announces the upcoming call for transnational collaborative research projects. The call is expected to open on the **21st March 2016 with a closing date for proposals on the 17th June 2016**.

## *Aim and Scope of the call*

The present call for proposals focuses on basic and applied research to inform policy decisions regarding multifunctional forestry and also addresses research issues spanning the whole value chain from forest management to product and service development. Proposals are expected to be transnational, and innovative forms of cooperation are encouraged. This includes interdisciplinary research and implementation across disciplinary boundaries of forest-related sciences, delivering meaningful cooperation between biophysical/ natural and social scientists.

The scientific scope of the present call for proposals addresses collaborative projects in three research areas which are incorporated into the following three topics of this call:

- Comparative assessment of the sustainability performance of renewable and non-renewable raw material-based value chains to inform policy decisions.

- Risk resilient forest management - Adapting forest management regimes which incorporate risk assessment related to potential climate change impacts to inform policy decisions.

- Investigation, appraisal and evaluation of trade-offs related to the provision of forest ecosystem services to inform policy decisions.

Proposals may cover one or several topics and focus areas.

## *Eligibility*

The call invites proposals for collaborative research and development of transnational consortia of research organisations and companies from at least 3 different countries participating in the call. The duration of proposed projects may vary between 18 and 36 months. National Regulations, including the potential eligibility of the private sector, e.g. SMEs, must be followed and will be published on the 21st March 2016 on www.sumforest.org/calls-research.

## *Application procedure and evaluation criteria*

A one-step application will be used in this call. Proposals (in English language) must be submitted electronically. An optional pre-registration until the **20th May 2016** is strongly recommended to ensure eligibility.

Instructions regarding submission, eligibility, evaluation criteria and other relevant information will be made available on the webpage:

www.sumforest.org/calls-research.

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| Anticipated time schedule | |
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| **Action** | **Date** |
| Launch of the Call | 21st March 2016 |
| Optional pre-registration for proposals | 20th May 2016 |
| **Closing date for proposals** | **17th June 2016 3PM CET** |
| Eligibility check | 20th June – 01st July 2016 |
| Latest date the funding decision is communicated to applicants | 14th October 2016 |
| Tentative start of projects 1. Call | 15th December 2016 till beginning of 2017 |