



Earth and Life Sciences

## **NWO requirements for Dutch applicants**

### **ERA-net COFUND CORE-Organic Call 2016**

## Introduction and purpose

As part of the FACCE-JPI related activities, the ERA-net CORE-Organic (Coordination of European Transnational Research in Organic Food and Farming Systems) is organizing European joint call for research proposals on four distinct topics within the field of organic food and farming. Dutch scientists can participate as part of international consortia. Applications are handled by the joint call secretariat of CORE-Organic.

The Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI) brings together 23 countries who are committed to building an integrated European Research Area addressing the interconnected challenges of sustainable agriculture, food security and impacts of climate change. FACCE-JPI provides and steers research to support sustainable agricultural production and economic growth. It aims to contribute to a European bio-based economy, while maintaining and restoring ecosystem services under current and future climate change.

FACCE-JPI regularly organises calls for proposals for pan-European research projects. The current call is organised as part of the ERA-net COFUND CORE-Organic under Horizon 2020 and aims at development of more sustainable organic food systems including farming practices, processing and innovative value chains.

## Who can apply

Funding can be applied for by associate, assistant and full professors or researchers with a comparable position who hold an appointment at a Dutch university or a research institute recognised by NWO (cf. Open Programme NWO-ALW). For this specific call, this includes TO2 and HBO institutes.

Specifically:

- Applicants must hold a doctorate and/or be professor.
- Applicants must have a paid appointment for at least the duration of the application process and the research for which the grant is requested.
- Employees who have a 'zero-hours' contract (0-aanstelling) or a contract as an unpaid guest researcher cannot apply.
- Applicants may not apply for a position for themselves (if required with the exception of senior researchers at TO2/HBO).

TO2 institutes are defined as TNO, Wageningen Research (research institutes of Wageningen UR), the National Aerospace Laboratory (NLR), Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN), Deltares and the Maritime Research Institute Netherlands (Marin). HBO institutes are defined as government funded HBO institutes as included in article 1.8 of the ['Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek](#) (WHW).

The Dutch applicant submits his/her application as part of an international consortium. An individual Dutch applicant may request funding for only one project (part of a consortium) in this call.

## What can be applied for

Applicants can apply for a grant to cover research costs such as the appointment of personnel (post-doc/senior researchers), material facilities (consumables, travel costs, etc.) and fieldwork. Each cost category should be explained separately in the application.

A single Dutch partner may request a maximum of 250.000 euro, consisting of max. 212.117 euro for personnel (post-doc/senior researcher) and max. 50.000 euro (max. 20% of the total budget requested) for materials (consumables, fieldwork and networking costs).

The maximum NWO funding is 250.000 euro per consortium. The maximum project duration is 3 years.

#### **Personnel costs**

- For the salary costs at Universities and research institutes recognized by NWO the VSNU contract '[Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek](#)' applies. For the Dutch Individual Project a grant can be requested for a postdoc researcher (maximum 3 years full time, per 1 July 2016: 212.117 euro). This amount includes a bench fee of 5,000 euro for individual costs for the purposes of the research of the post-doc (e.g. publication costs, congress visits, etc.).
- For the salary costs at TO2 and HBO institutes the VSNU contract '[Akkoord bekostiging wetenschappelijk onderzoek](#)' applies. In this specific call, TO2 and HBO institutes may request funding for a senior researcher (cf. post-doc salary scale 11 BBRA). The minimum appointment for a senior researcher on a project is 12 months 0,5 fte. A maximum of three different senior researchers may be appointed on a project.

#### **Material and networking costs**

For material costs (consumables, fieldwork, travel costs) and networking costs (consortium meetings, travel costs, communication) a maximum of 50,000 euro for the entire funding period can be applied for. Material and networking costs may not exceed 20% of the total budget requested.

#### **Non-eligible costs**

The NWO funding in this call does not cover costs for sub-contracting or overheads (other than included in the salary costs for TO2 and HBO institutes). Applicants cannot apply for a grant to cover the costs of tenured staff (with the exception of senior researchers at TO2 or HBO institutes), student assistants, analysts or technicians, general laboratory equipment and the costs for maintenance, insurance, congress visits and publications.

### **When can applications be submitted**

The deadline for the submission of preproposals (obligatory) is **March 1, 2017**, 10:00 hours (Central European time).

The deadline for the submission of full proposals is **July 3, 2017**, 10:00 hours (Central European time).

Proposals can be submitted electronically via the CORE-Organic online tool ([www.eracall.eu](http://www.eracall.eu)).

### **Conditions on granting**

The [NWO Regulation on Granting](#) and the [Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research](#) apply to all applications.

#### **Open Access**

All scientific publications resulting from research that is funded by grants derived from this call for proposals are to be immediately (at the time of publication) freely

accessible worldwide (Open Access). There are several ways for researchers to publish Open Access. A detailed explanation regarding Open Access can be found on [www.nwo.nl/openscience-en](http://www.nwo.nl/openscience-en).

### **Data management**

Responsible data management is part of good research. NWO wants research data that emerge from publicly funded research to become freely and sustainably available, as much as possible, for reuse by other researchers. Furthermore NWO wants to raise awareness among researchers about the importance of responsible data management. Proposals should therefore satisfy the data management protocol of NWO. This protocol consists of one step for this European call:

#### **1. Data management plan**

After a proposal has been awarded funding the researcher should provide a data management *plan*. The plan should be submitted to NWO via ISAAC within a maximum of 4 months after the proposal has been awarded funding. NWO will approve the plan as quickly as possible. Approval of the data management plan by NWO is a condition for disbursement of the funding. The plan can be adjusted during the research.

Further information about the data management protocol of NWO can be found at [www.nwo.nl/datamanagement](http://www.nwo.nl/datamanagement).

### **Nagoya Protocol**

The Nagoya Protocol became effective on 12 October 2014 and ensures an honest and reasonable distribution of benefits emerging from the use of genetic resources (Access and Benefit Sharing; ABS). Researchers who make use of genetic sources from the Netherlands or abroad for their research should familiarise themselves with the Nagoya Protocol ([www.absfocalpoint.nl](http://www.absfocalpoint.nl)). NWO assumes that researchers will take all necessary actions with respect to the Nagoya Protocol.

## **Submitting an application**

- The pre-proposal and the full proposal must be submitted correctly and completely before the respective deadlines via the CORE-Organic online tool ([www.eracall.eu](http://www.eracall.eu)) according to the application procedure and the guidance provided in the submission tool. Applicants should note that failure to comply with the submission rules will cause ineligibility of the project and therefore exclusion from the application process.
- The proposal must be written in English.

Each pre-proposal submitted correctly and on time will be checked for eligibility as a whole. This means that failure of one partner within the consortium to meet the criteria could cause the entire project to be rejected.

The above criteria apply to all partners. These represent the minimal requirements and do not exclude more specific criteria. Partners from countries/regions participating in the call must also meet the national/organisational criteria as outlined in the National Regulations. Details can be requested from the NCP.

## **Procedure**

The review process is carried out under responsibility of the ERA-net COFUND CORE-Organic. Eventually the accredited board within NWO will decide which Dutch proposals are to be awarded. This decision will be based on the ranking established by the ERA-net COFUND CORE-Organic.

Further information about the review process can be found in the call announcement available on the CORE-Organic website (<http://www.coreorganic.org>).

## Criteria

Proposals, included in a consortium, can only be submitted to the joint call secretariat of CORE-Organic, according to the instructions in the call announcement and using the application form issued by CORE-Organic.

For Dutch applicants, the proposed research should fall within the themes 1, 3 and/or 4. Theme 2 is excluded for funding from The Netherlands.

Within theme 1, The Netherlands will not fund research related to intensive olive production.

Within theme 1, The Netherlands will not fund research related to turkeys and ducks.

Dutch participation should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agenda of the economic priority area Agri&Food.

The assessment criteria for pre-proposals and full proposals are available in the call announcement.

All call documents are available on the CORE-Organic website (<http://www.coreorganic.org>)

## Contact details

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## Other information

This call is carried out in collaboration with the Ministry of Economic Affairs (EZ). NWO and EZ have set-up common rules for applicants, to make maximum use of the available funds. Please check the National Annex for The Netherlands in the call announcement for details.

Before submitting a pre-proposal, it is obligatory to contact the National Contact Point to discuss eligibility criteria and possible relevance to the economic priority area Agri&Food.

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