



## *Boosting Eco-innovation through joint cooperation in research*

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### *National Specification for R&D Call 1*

Germany    Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF)

The BMBWF (Federal Ministry of Education and Research) is a research funding organisation. With a total budget of 11.6 Billion € in 2011 Germany underlines its priority to keep a leading role as a knowledge-based economy in Europe and worldwide.

With the Framework Programme Research for Sustainable Development (FONA) the BMBWF strongly supports the research fields "Sustainable Management and Resources" and "Social Developments". Eco-Innovations play a key role for the development of a sustainable economy. Besides technological innovations, systemic changes in value chains and infrastructure are necessary to implement closed loop systems for materials and resources. A successful change can only be reached by new business models and changed consumer behaviour.

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#### Participation in ECO-INNOVERA call 1

Topics	Comments	
1 Paradigm Change	<b>YES</b>	With regard to topic2 and 3 only proposals with a close link to topic 1 are eligible for funding; see also details for topic 2 and 3 below.
2 Industrial	<b>YES</b>	
3 Recycling	<b>YES</b>	
Type of R&D		
Fundamental research	<b>YES</b>	
Industrial research	<b>YES</b>	
Experimental Development	<b>NO</b>	
Eligible applicants		
Public research labs	<b>YES</b>	Applicants from public or private research institutes and from industries, large or SMEs are eligible to apply.
Large Enterprises	<b>YES</b>	
SMEs	<b>YES</b>	
Non profit organisations	<b>YES</b>	
Budget		
Up to € 1 million		The BMBWF does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget. However, in general no projects with a budget smaller than 50.000 € per partner are funded.





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### Other specification

The focus of BMBF is on topic 1, Paradigm change. The following issues are of highest interest:

1. Projects should address the innovation landscape on Eco-Innovation in Europe to establish an atlas of existing eco-innovation and to identify future key innovation fields. The approach should take into account the whole innovation chain, including demand site aspects as well as an ex-ante assessment of innovation fields and the development of roadmaps for their support.
2. Identification of economic structures that support the development and implementation of Eco-Innovations in enterprises, especially in SMEs
3. New business models as initiators for Eco-Innovations and their impact on the environment, economy and society (systemic approach, addressing industry/economy and society)

Within topic 2, Sustainable industrial processes and products and topic 3, Recycling, funding is restricted to economic and socio-ecologic research that address systemic aspects (e.g. potential of systemic innovations for the recovery of resources, concepts for the adaptation of value chains and infrastructures to establish closed loops).

Projects of German partners addressing technological research or the building of (demonstration) facilities are not eligible for funding.

German applicants have to comply with the exigencies outlined in the German publication of the BMBF Call laying down the rules for the participation of German partners within the 1. joint call in ERA-Net ECO-INNOVERA (*Link will follow soon*). Applicants have to provide a translation into German of the project proposal to the Project Management Agency Juelich, that has to be send until the 30<sup>th</sup> of September by email to: [c.koziolk@fz-juelich.de](mailto:c.koziolk@fz-juelich.de). For details concerning the structure and the form of the project proposal see: *Link will follow soon*.

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### More information

- website specific ECO-INNOVERA call webpage with German annex