

CORNET is a network of 20 ministries and agencies from 16 European countries and regions. Please check the CORNET website to see which of these countries are participating in the 7th Joint CORNET Call.

**Further information**

All relevant documents concerning the 7th Joint CORNET Call can be downloaded from the CORNET website. For specific questions please contact us per e-mail or contact your national/regional funding organisation.

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## for Transnational Collective Research Project Proposals

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## What is Collective Research?

Collective research is R&D performed for the benefit of a broad target group of firms and is typically initiated by groupings of enterprises with common interests, such as associations, professional federations, clusters, and trade associations. It is often carried out by specialised research institutes or technological centres which work on behalf of a particular industrial sector. The objectives of collective research are often pre-competitive and pre-normative, related for example to the development and preparation of (technical) norms and standards. Collective research may also involve the search for improved processes or materials of wide application in an industry. Collective research results are actively promoted and disseminated across the sector for exploitation.

## What is CORNET?

CORNET stands for COLlective Research NETworking. It is a network for information exchange and collaboration between national and regional programmes and schemes for collective research across Europe. The objective is to promote close cooperation of the national/regional ministries and agencies and to create

opportunities to set up transnational collective research with national/regional funding.

## CORNET Call for Collective Research Proposals

A number of ministries and funding agencies participating in CORNET are now jointly launching the 7th call for transnational collective research projects. There is no thematic focus in this call; all industrial sectors are invited to set up transnational project consortia and submit collective research proposals.

Since this call is organised and funded by the national and regional ministries and agencies through their funding programmes (without involvement or contribution from the European Commission), it is important for all project partners – not only the consortium leader – to consult their respective agencies during the preparation of the proposal to secure compliance with the applicable national and regional criteria. The list of participating agencies is available on the CORNET website [www.cornet-era.net](http://www.cornet-era.net).

## CORNET Rules for Participation

In order to take account of the international character of the projects, the organising ministries and agencies have jointly agreed

some CORNET-level rules, in addition to the rules that apply in the participating countries and regions. For detailed information on the 7th Joint CORNET Call, please consult the guidelines and other documents that are published on the CORNET website.

The main criteria for CORNET projects are:

- Eligible partners are only associations, federations, trade associations or other groups of enterprises with common objectives. These organisations typically subcontract the R&D work to relevant (collective) research centres and universities.
- The project consortium has to be composed of eligible partners from at least 3 CORNET countries or regions.
- Maximum project duration is 2 years.
- A SME Users Committee is obligatory.
- A transnational collaboration agreement is required.
- Dissemination activities should be European in scale. This includes information on dissemination activities in English.

## Consortium Building

To assist in the formation of transnational project consortia, the CORNET website will contain a section where candidate consortia can post preliminary project ideas (through their agency). These project ideas can be consulted by partners from other countries or regions who are considering joining one of these initiatives. Contacts can be established directly or through your national or regional ministry or agency.

## Submission Process

For the 7th Call the full proposal has to be submitted only by the submitting association electronically through the website [www.cornet-era.net](http://www.cornet-era.net) (choose: Calls for proposals - Seventh call - Proposal submission) with signatures of all participants.

In addition to the innovation purpose and the technical project description, the proposal should explicitly address all of the eligibility criteria mentioned in the Guidelines for the 7th Joint CORNET Call. Also a complete and detailed financial plan must be given.

In parallel, all partners will send a national/regional application form to their own agency, using the local template, referring to the CORNET project proposal. The same deadline applies for the national/regional submission: April 30, 2009, or even earlier, depending on the deadline of the national/regional calls. An overview of the agencies where these forms are to be submitted can be found on [www.cornet-era.net](http://www.cornet-era.net).

For the national/regional submission, the respective rules apply.

## Proposal Evaluation

The evaluation will be performed with the support of international external experts. Approved project proposals are expected to start in November 2009.

*The call opens on January 22, 2009.*

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*Please contact your national or regional funding organisation in an early stage.*