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**GENDER-NET Plus**  
Promoting gender equality in H2020 and the ERA

# **GENDER-NET Plus**

## **Joint Call for Proposals 2018**



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# GENDER-NET Plus Joint Call 2018

## General Facts

- GENDER-NET Plus ERA-NET Cofund launched September 15, 2017 and will run until 2022.
- Pooling national and European funding: 16 committed organisations in 13 countries plus the EC
- €10.9m available for research integrating a gender dimension into projects relating to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including over €3m EC Cofunding.
- Supporting excellent collaborative research across borders and beyond the state-of-the-art and knowledge exchange with non-academic audiences.

# Joint Call Topics

- GENDER-NET Plus invites applications that address and explore interactions and interdependencies explicitly between SDG 5 Gender Equality and one or more of the following SDGs: SDG 3 Good Health and Well-Being, SDG 9 Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure and SDG 13 Climate Action.
- Applicants may address one or more of the outlined topics. For any chosen topic, an interdisciplinary approach is needed, addressing the interplay between society, technology, culture. Research that addresses the social gender dimension is strongly encouraged.

# Joint Call Topics

## **SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being**

- Topic 1.1. Gender-Based Violence.
- Topic 1.2. Sex, Gender and Aging.
- Topic 1.3. Sex, Gender and Health.

## **SDG 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure**

- Topic 2.1. Gender and New Technologies.
- Topic 2.2. Gender in Entrepreneurship and in the Innovation System.

## **SDG 13: Climate Action**

- Topic 3.1. Gender Dimension in Climate Behaviour and Decision Making.

# Proposal Preparation and Application Process

## Important Documents:

- Announcement of opportunity: call topic details.
- General eligibility requirements and Funding Organisation Rules.
- Evaluation procedures and timeline
- FAQ: submitted to [gendernet@research.ie](mailto:gendernet@research.ie)
- Application template and submission guidelines.

All documents are available online at <http://gender-net-plus.eu/joint-call/cofunded-call/>

# Proposal Preparation and Application Process

## Additional Checks

- Project leaders should register early for, the online submission system EPSS: <http://gender-net-plus.eu/joint-call/submission-platform/>
- Note: national funding organisations have specific requirements i.e. disciplines, budgets, PI requirements. Please see the general eligibility requirements and Funding Organisation Rules for detailed instructions.
- Please consult the FAQs on the [GENDERNET Plus website](#), these are regularly updated while the call is open.

# Partner Search Tool

A GENDERNET Plus Partner search tool is available through Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR):  
<http://gender-net-plus.eu/joint-call/partnering/>.



# General Eligibility

- Pre-proposals must be submitted before the deadline of Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 at 17:00 CET (Central European Time).
- Min. three eligible Principal Investigators (PIs) from min. three eligible countries: Austria, Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation), Canada, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, France, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Norway, Spain or Sweden. There is no limit on the number of partners. Project Coordinator (main applicant) should also be from one of the 13 listed countries.
- Maximum budget per project (across all partners): € 1 M
- Project duration: Between 24 to 36 months.
- Projects must start by 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019 and finish by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021 at the latest.



# IRC Eligibility Requirements

- For all Irish partners together, the maximum budget is €300k (in total for all years). If the entire project is coordinated by an Irish partner, the maximum budget for all Irish partners together is €400k (in total for all years) which is inclusive of overhead.
- Please note that applicants are advised to submit their proposed budget to the IRC for review prior to the submission of their proposal. Please aim to submit your budget a week in advance of the outline proposal submission deadline (5pm, Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February).
- IRC eligible costs can be found here: <http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Funding-Organisation-Rules-3.pdf>

# Principal Investigators

- At least 3 PIs from 3 different eligible countries.
- Each PI leads research activities at his/her institution.
- Each partner must have a PI considered eligible for funding by the GENDER-NET Plus funding organisation in that country, see Funding Organisation Rules.
- Each PI must be eligible according the rules of his/her national funding organisation.

# Project Coordinator

- Each Collaborative Research Project (CRP) is to have a designated Project Coordinator (PC) who is one of the PIs in the project.
- PC is a senior researcher with solid experience of managing collaborative research projects.
- Take equality and diversity dimension issues into consideration i.e. where possible include early career stage researchers and female researchers.
- PC submits the proposal on behalf of the whole project consortium and is the contact point for the project.

# Associate Partners

- Associate Partner (AP) - a partner that will participate in the research but will not be funded by the GENDER-NET Plus. The AP is not considered in the minimum number of three partners mentioned above.
- AP provides a formal declaration to have secured its own funding for participation in the CRP. A letter of commitment must be submitted by the AP which specifies the contribution of the partner to the CRP. The contribution of these partners to the CRP's knowledge exchange potential should be well integrated in the work plan.
- CVs of Associate Partners can be, but need not be, included in the proposal.

# Description of the Project (max 5 pages)

- What **research question(s)** does the CRP seek to answer?
- In what way is the project **original** and/or innovative?
- What are the **objectives** of the CRP?
- By what **methods** will the research question(s) be tackled?
- How are the **skills of the partners** complementary?
- What is the **added value** in tackling your research question(s) from a European trans-national perspective?
- How will partners work together? What **management** and coordination structures are proposed?
- What is the **significance of the research question(s)**? How will these contribute to the call topics?
- To what extent will the research outcomes **add value inside and/or outside of academia**?
- How will the CRP engage in **knowledge exchange** or active dissemination or exploitation of results?

# Research Integrity

Researchers are expected to adhere to the rules of good research practice as outlined in The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity

See: <http://www.allea.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/03/ALLEA-European-Code-of-Conduct-for-Research-Integrity-2017-1.pdf>



# Open Access

All GENDERNET Plus projects will be required to follow the guidelines on Open Access for the Horizon 2020

programme:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-dissemination\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/open-access-dissemination_en.htm)



# Gender Equality Principles

All GENDERNET Plus projects will be required to follow the Gender Equality Principles for their research teams.

See:

[http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/gender\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/docs/h2020-funding-guide/cross-cutting-issues/gender_en.htm)






# Selection Process: Two stages

- Two-step selection process, Pre-Proposal Phase and Full Proposal Phase.
- Pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted (in English) by the Project Coordinator electronically via the [Electronic Proposal Submission System \(EPSS\)](#).
- Evaluation of proposals submitted under the call will be carried out by an international Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC).
- External reviewers may be consulted to perform scientific reviews of proposals requiring specific expertise at both the pre-proposal and the full proposal phases.

# Outline Proposal Submission



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**Log in to GENDER-NET Plus Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS)**

If you do not yet have an account, please [Sign up for an EPSS user account](#) first.

- please note that for the project partners their EPSS account is created automatically when their project coordinator invites them to participate in the proposal.

E-mail address:  Password:  [Log in](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

For call details and requirements, please refer back to the call home page [gender-net-plus.eu](http://gender-net-plus.eu)

For further general questions regarding the call details, please contact the Call Secretariat [gendernet@research.ie](mailto:gendernet@research.ie)

For any technical issues, please contact the EPSS help desk [epss.gender@g.etag.ee](mailto:epss.gender@g.etag.ee)

See instructions: [http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Pre-proposal-submission-guidelines-2018\\_01\\_10.pdf](http://gender-net-plus.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/GENDER-NET-Plus-Pre-proposal-submission-guidelines-2018_01_10.pdf)

Only the PC can submit an application for the CRP.



# Timeline

20 December 2017	Launch of the call and Announcement of opportunity published
1 March 2018	Deadline for submitting pre-proposals
Mid-March to End of May 2018	Eligibility check and evaluation of pre-proposals, followed by decision on which pre-proposals to invite to the full proposal phase.
First week of June 2018	Invitation to submit full proposals
Mid-July 2018	Deadline for submitting full proposals
End July to end of September 2018	Eligibility check and evaluation of full proposals
Mid October 2018	Final Funding Decisions
One month before start of project	Signing of Grant Agreement for funded projects
1 March 2019	Latest start of funded projects
31 December 2021	Latest closing of funded projects

# Review Panel

- A minimum of 16 SEC members will participate in the evaluation and selection of pre- and full proposals under the Joint Call. The members of the SEC will be internationally recognised experts in gender and in the topics selected for the Joint Call.
- Conflict of Interest guidelines are applied throughout the selection process.
- The names of the SEC members will be published after the Call for Proposals is launched.
- All questions about the selection should be directed to [gendernet@research.ie](mailto:gendernet@research.ie)

# Selection Criteria for Pre-Proposals

In the outline proposal phase, the SEC will select proposals by applying the following criteria:

## Research excellence

- How well the proposal addresses the call topics
- Sound concept and quality of objectives
- Progress beyond state of the art
- Quality and effectiveness of the research methodology

## Potential impact

- Extent to which the research outcomes are likely to be of value inside and/or outside of academia
- Appropriateness of measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of results
- European Added Value (including Canada)

# What should you do to succeed?

- Read all the guidance documentation published on the GENDERNET Plus website: <http://gender-net-plus.eu/joint-call/cofunded-call/>
- Verify the eligibility of the applicants and budget items according to the National Eligibility Requirements.
- Contact your National Contact Point, if you have questions.
- Make sure you understand the evaluation criteria.
- Describe your project idea (e.g. objectives, methodology, collaboration and potential impact) within the given word/page limits.
- Arrange face-to-face or virtual meetings with your project partners when writing the proposal to ensure coherence of ideas.
- Use clear and straightforward language.
- Upload your proposal well ahead of the submission deadline.  
Register in time.

# For more information:

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