

INCOBRA

INCREASING INTERNATIONAL STI COOPERATION BETWEEN **BRAZIL** AND THE **EUROPEAN UNION**

BILATERAL COOPERATION
NETWORKS EU-BR
**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF
INTEREST**



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Main objectives of the call

- To **foster and strengthen the mutual cooperation** of Brazilian and European R&I actors
- To obtain a more focused and **sustainable cooperation** among BR and EU actors
- To **SELECT 5 bilateral R&I cooperation networks** (with members from both Brazil and Europe), either existing or newly formed.

Call features

- Involvement of BR and EU R&I actors/institutions wishing to engage in **mutual cooperation activities**.
- Assistance in defining **common R&I agendas** and priorities, as well as possibilities of pooling resources.
- Facilitation of the **creation of new partnerships** between R&I actors in the priority areas of mutual interests.
- Promotion of Brazilian R&I actors' integration in **European programmes** and of European R&I actors in **Brazilian programmes**.

Reminder: New H2020 Calls opening end of November 2017!

Who can apply?

Applications shall be submitted by

Legal public and private R&I organisations combined in groups, networks or consortiums:

- **Existing R&I networks** formed of European and Brazilian organisations operating in the identified R&I priority areas (Bio economy, Food security and sustainable agriculture; Energy; ICT; Marine Research; and Nanotechnology).
- **Past consortiums** (within the last 3 years) of BR-EU projects that would like to continue working together.
- European and Brazilian **organisations aiming to work together** and submitting project proposals for available funding.

What does the funding cover?

Working meetings: Each selected bilateral network

will have to organise a number of working meetings (at least 2) during the period of activity.

Travel grants: INCOBRA will cover the travel expenses to the meetings for max. 4 representatives per selected bilateral network.

INCOBRA will provide a Grant for the selected networks with the total amount of **19,500€** per network.

Eligible expenses:

- Travel costs (only economy class flights)
- Accommodation costs in max. 4 star hotels
- Per diem allowance
- Organisation of working meetings, logistics
- Consumables, printing costs

Non eligible expenses:

- Staff costs for the implementation of activities
- Physical resources, small equipment, etc.
- Honorariums or consultancy fees
- Research activity
- Venue rental

50% paid in advance

What does the funding cover?

Consultancy services:

- Training on EU and Brazilian **funding opportunities**
- Linkages and **matchmaking** between BR-EU R&I actors
- Information about relevant **events** and Helpdesk assistance
- Assistance on the creation and **coordination of agendas** – matchmaking of common objectives between networks.
- Assistance for the creation of a **communication plan** with recommendations for Network activities.
- Outline and structure for an activities report to highlight and give **visibility** to joint actions and initiatives.

Expected results

The grant and consultancy services provided by INCOBRA aims to create and/or foster a sustainable STI partnerships between Brazilian and European networks.

The expected results will be achieved by either:

- The joint submission of a proposal to any European, Member State or Brazilian funded programme.

And/or

- Consolidation of a long term cooperation framework: signature of a MoU, partnership agreement or other kind of formal agreement.

Plus

- Activity report with policy recommendations and description of needs and cooperation obstacles.
- Action plan for coordination of R&I initiatives.

Evaluation criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a committee comprised of members of the INCOBRA Executive Board and at least one external evaluator.

Evaluation criteria:

- The capacity and competence of the applicant
- The Excellence of the proposal
- The impact and sustainability of the project

Selection criteria

Priority will be given to:

- Networks or other initiatives working within one of the **BR-EU R&I thematic areas** mentioned previously.
- Networks including or supporting the **involvement of industry and private R&I** performers.
- Networks incorporating partners from regions/countries with **different levels of R&I performance**.
- Networks willing to present a proposal to **EU / BR programmes**.
- Networks incorporating researchers who benefitted from **mobility schemes** (e.g “Science without Borders”, “Marie Curie”, or other European mobility schemes could also be considered)

How to apply?

1. Read the Call document carefully
2. Access the online application form via the [link](#) you will find in the Call document (<http://tiny.cc/BilatCall>)
3. One organisation on behalf of the whole consortium will fill in the application form
4. Provide as much information as possible about your project idea and about the organisations forming the network
5. Contact INCOBRA team to resolve any questions about the call at helpdesk@incobra.eu

Make sure to complete your application prior to the deadline of 15th December!

Application and timeline

Deadline for submission: December 15th 2017

Eligibility check: December 30th 2017

Publication of the evaluation results: March 15th 2018

Launch of the selected networks' activities: March 2018

Activities time frame: 7 months

Results will be published on the INCOBRA website
www.incobra.eu

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