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WoodWisdom-Net+ Call: 23 proposals selected for funding

The 4th joint call for proposals within WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme was launched in spring 2013, this time under the ERA-NET Plus Scheme of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission. The call for pre-proposals resulted in 80 proposals, and after the eligibility and suitability check for national funding altogether 33 proposals were asked to submit a full proposal until the 16th of September 2013.

After the judgement of an international Expert Panel, the WoodWisdom-Net+ Steering Committee has now selected 23 projects for funding. The total budget announced in the selected projects is more than 32 MEUR, out of which the total amount of requested public funding around 23 MEUR.

In total, the proposals include 255 different partner organisations: SMEs (28%), large companies (19%), research organisations (21%), universities (20%), and others (12%; incl. co-funding companies, industrial associations etc.).

The projects cover all the thematic research areas of the call. Most projects are focusing on research issues related to Theme 2 “Value added products” (10), Theme 2 “Industrial processes” (7), and Theme 4 “Competitive customer solutions” (5), while only one proposal stated that its main thematic research area is under Theme 1 “Sustainable management of forest resources”. However, all proposals indicated that their research is connected to more than just one of the listed research areas.

The proposals selected for funding involve partners from 13 different countries including third countries such as Belgium, Canada and the United States. The coordinators of the projects come from eight countries (Austria, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland), most of the proposals having either a Finnish (8) or German (6) coordinator.

The results have been communicated to the coordinators of the proposals. The projects accepted for funding will be published in detail on the WoodWisdom-Net website (www.woodwisdom.net/) after the respective funding organisations have taken their final funding decisions. This is expected to happen at the end of January 2014.

The official kick-off of the projects will take place at the 5th WoodWisdom-Net Programme seminar on 9-10 April, 2014 at KTH Royal Institute of Technology in Stockholm, Sweden. More information on the seminar will follow early 2014.

The WoodWisdom-Net+ consortium has established a Call Secretariat on behalf of all of the funding partners. General enquiries about the call should be addressed to:

WoodWisdom-Net+ Call Secretariat

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