

**Belmont Forum
Climate, Environment, and Health 2**

Annex for The Research Council of Norway

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| Duration of time: | From 36 to 48 months |
| Country/(ies) supported | <p>The RCN will support and fund coordinators and partners from Norwegian institutions in projects under this call, including their partners from Low- and Lower-Middle Income Countries (LLMICs) as defined in the OECD DAC list as "<i>least developed countries, low income countries, and lower middle income countries and territories which are not LDCs</i>". We <u>do not fund</u> partners from "<i>upper middle income countries and territories</i>".</p> <p>The RCN will only fund partners from LLMICs in projects where eligible Norwegian institutions are coordinators or partners.</p> |
| Description/qualifications of eligible participants | <p>The RCN will support Norwegian institutions eligible to receive funds through the RCN. This includes approved Norwegian research organisations (list of research organisations) and other Norwegian partners, e.g., relevant stakeholders from the private sector, public sector or NGOs.</p> <p>NOK 5 million is earmarked projects that involve partners from Low- and Lower Middle Income Countries (LLMICs) as defined above. The partnerships should be based on the following requirements for equitable partnerships:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • equitable sharing of funds and institutional costs with partner institutions in LLMICs; • equitable sharing of credits, e.g. scientific analysis, authorship, intellectual property rights and dissemination; • strengthening of both individual competence and institutional capacity in the collaborating institutions in LLMICs; • co-leadership of the proposed scientific agenda with investigators from LLMIC institutions. |

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| | Partners from LLMICs can be research organisations, or societal actors like public sector bodies and civil society organisations. Undertakings can be <u>R&D providers</u> . |
| Stipulations for the maximum number of researchers in the consortium | N/A |
| Type of contribution + amount of contribution (K€) | Monetary. The total funding available to Norwegian participants and their LLMIC partners for this call is up to NOK 15 million. |
| Maximum amount that can be requested per project or by researcher (K€) | The RCN will fund up to 350,000 Euro per proposal. In addition, the RCN may fund up to 150,000 Euro extra per proposal with a Project Manager (coordinator) from a Norwegian institution. |
| Restrictions for use of funds | <p>Information on eligible costs can be found on the RCN budget webpage.</p> <p>The state aid rules impose certain restrictions on funding for partners that are undertakings. The level of support permitted will depend on the undertaking's size and the type of activity that is carried out (basic research or industrial research).</p> <p>State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation Article 25 (the Commission Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014).</p> <p>The Research Council cannot award support to an enterprise that is defined as an "undertaking in difficulty" under the state aid rules.</p> <p>If the application is recommended for funding, we will request more information to ensure that our allocation is in accordance with the state aid rules.</p> <p>Please find more information here: Conditions for granting state aid</p> |
| Specific themes within the call | All themes of the call. |
| Capacity Building Activities Supported | |
| Where to submit proposal | <p>www.bfgo.org</p> <p>After funding decision, the Norwegian participant of funded projects must register through the portal on RCN's website. Further</p> |

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| | information will be provided to the relevant partners. Follow-up and reporting of the Norwegian part of the project will follow RCN guidelines and deadlines. |
| Additional information | Two or more Norwegian legal entities that participate in the same proposal are encouraged to align as one Norwegian partner. |
| Point of contact | The Research Council of Norway: Karine Kålsås kka@rcn.no and Lena Cappelen Endresen lce@rcn.no Applicants are advised to contact the RCN while preparing proposals. |