

FORESTPathways (Joint Call 2026) Information Webinar

**Building Knowledge and Solutions for Resilient Forests
and Sustainable Forest-Based Futures**

European Partnership for Forests, forestry, and the forest-based sector: Research and innovation for a Sustainable Transition (FOREST)

The Partnership FOREST

A Horizon Europe co-funded partnership for forest research and innovation

96

beneficiary organisations

Partnership began
1 June 2026

A long-term programme of
coordinated European
research investment

WHAT IT BRINGS TOGETHER

National ministries and funding organisations work with research bodies and the forest-based sector around shared priorities.

HOW IT WORKS

The Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda guides joint calls, foresight and analysis of the European research portfolio.

FIRST STEP

FORESTPathways is the Partnership's first Joint Call.



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FORESTPathways: the first Joint Call Proposals are invited under four topics

01 Climate-Resilient Forest Systems
“How forests function and respond to climate change”

02 Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems
“How forests should be managed under changing conditions”

03 Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products
“How wood is transformed into innovative products”

04 Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance
“How forest-based sectors, markets and governance are organised”

Applicants should consult the Call Announcement and the relevant national or regional annexes.



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Today's webinar

1	WELCOME & CONTEXT DAFM	5 min
2	JOINT CALL OVERVIEW Call Office / FNR /EKFM	10 min
3	ESES SUBMISSION SYSTEM PTJ	20 min
4	QUESTIONS & ANSWERS Call Office	25 min

Aim A clear understanding of the opportunity and the practical steps needed to participate

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**Please make sure to READ
ALL CALL DOCUMENTS
before reaching out to ask
the call office!**

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PARTICIPATING FUNDERS/COUNTRIES (aka „Call Steering Committee - CSC“)

- Austria: BMLUK/FFG
- Belgium: FNRS & FWO
- Brazil: CONFAP
- Bulgaria: BNSF
- Croatia: MZOM
- Czech Republic: TA ČR
- Estonia: ETAG & MoC
- Finland: MMM & AKA & BF
- France: ANR
- Germany: BMFTR/FZJ-PtJ
- Hungary: NKFIH
- Ireland: DAFM
- Italy: MASAF & BOZEN
- Latvia: LZP & LAAFS
- Lithuania: LMT
- Moldova: ANCD
- The Netherlands: LVVN
- Norway: RCN
- Poland: NCBR
- Romania: ANC
- Slovakia: CVTI SR
- Slovenia: MESY
- Spain: AEI & CDTI
- Sweden: SWEA & VINNOVA & FORMAS
- Switzerland: SNSF
- Türkiye: TUBITAK
- UK: DEFRA

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GENERAL RULES (complete list found in call announcement)

- Project duration 36 months
- Check for balanced cooperation
- MULTI-STAKEHOLDER-APPROACH: variety of stakeholders, geographic areas, Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary cooperation

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ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (complete list found in call announcement)

- *Failure of one Partner or Associated Partner to meet any of the eligibility criteria, including the individual RFOs eligibility criteria, will result in the rejection of the entire proposal.*
- E.g. in English, on time, into submission system, complete..
- Project consortia must include:
 - at least three independent legal entities,
 - from at least three different EU Member States or associated countries participating in the Joint Call,
 - including at least two countries eligible for EU funding
- **National/regional Funder Regulations apply (specific rules, limitations)**
 - All Partners must read carefully the “Funder Regulations” (Annex IV)
 - Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their respective RFOs no later than **17th November 2026**, to ensure that funders have sufficient time to respond to eligibility confirmation requests.

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TIMETABLE (2-step procedure)

15.09.2026	Call Announcement
06.10.2026	Online networking webinar / partnering workshop
02.12.2026	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals
12/2026 – 03/2027	Eligibility check and evaluation of pre-proposals
23.03.2027	Coordinators receive pre-proposal evaluation results incl. possible invitation to compose and submit full proposals
02.06.2027	Deadline for submission of full proposals
Jun – Sep 2027	Eligibility check and evaluation of full proposals
21.09.2027	Coordinators receive full proposal evaluation results; Start of national/regional contract negotiations
12/2027-04/2028	Projects start

CHANGES between Pre-proposal and Full Proposal (complete list found in call announcement)

No change of scientific content, objectives and main consortium composition possible

Possible changes

1. BUDGET / ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES
2. ADDITION OF PARTNERS FROM UNDERREPRESENTED COUNTRIES (ONE per consortium)
3. ADDING/REMOVING ASSOCIATED PARTNERS (more than one)
4. REQUESTED CHANGES (by RFOs or IEP)

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INTERNATIONAL EXPERT PANEL (complete info found in call announcement)

- Researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders, with recognised expertise and skills in the research topic areas and overall objectives of the Joint Call
- Balanced composition in terms of nationality, gender and disciplinary background
- Independent, impartial and objective, and will sign a “Confidentiality Agreement”, perform a Conflict-of-Interest (Col) check and sign a respective “Declaration on Conflict-of-Interest”
- Each eligible proposal will be evaluated individually by three IEP members
- On the basis of the evaluation results, **four separate ranking lists established as reference for the selection of (a) pre-proposals to be invited to submit a full proposal, and (b) Full proposals selected for funding**
- Full proposals identified as raising ethics issues through the ethics self-assessment, or evaluation process may be referred to the **FOREST Ethics Advisor**

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SELECTION (complete info found in call announcement)

- **Pre-proposals to be invited to submit a full proposal**
- Joint decision taken by the CSC, **following the order of the 4 ranking lists**, based on:
 - national and/or regional funding requests not exceeding 3x the available budget of each RFO
 - broad participation of the countries involved in the Call;
 - appropriate balance between topics, in terms of the number of proposals invited to second stage.
- **Full proposals selected for funding**
- Joint decision taken by the CSC, **following the order of the 4 ranking lists**
 - within the limits of the available budgets of the participating RFOs and EU contribution

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CHECK Annexes I – VI !!

European FOREST Partnership: Joint

ANNEX III – FUNDERS CO

Country	Org.	Name
FI	MMM	Tatu TORNI
AT	BMLUK/ FFG	Johannes BO Maria BÜRGERMEIS MÄHR
BE	FNRS	Florence QUIS
BE	FWO	Toon MONBAL
BG	BNSF	Milena ALEKSANDRO
BR	CONFAP	Maria Zaira TU
CH	SNSF	Clémence CO

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Annex IV: Funder regulations

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ESTONIA (ETAG, MoC)	14
FINLAND (AKA)	16
FINLAND (BF)	17
FINLAND (MMM)	18
FRANCE (ANR)	20

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NATIONAL INFO WEBINARS

Country	Organised by	Date	Time
Belgium	FWO (Flanders) and FNRS (Fédération Wallonie Bruxelles)	17.09.2026	11:15
Germany	BMFTR	17.09.2026	11:15
Spain	AEI/FECYT, CDTI	17.09.2026	11:15
Moldova	ANCD	17.09.2026	11:15
Czech Republic	TA ČR	17.09.2026	11:30
The Netherlands	LVVN	21.09.2026	10:30
Slovenia	MIZM	21.09.2026	13:00
France	French National contact point for Cluster 6 (Bio-Environment) and ANR	22.09.2026	10:00
Latvia	LAAFS	28.09.2026	16:00
Sweden	Formas, Vinnova and the Swedish Energy Agency	29.09.2026	11:00
Hungary	NKFIH	02.10.2026	10:00
Finland	Business Finland, MMM, Research Council of Finland	08.10.2026	14:00

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ESES submission system

URL

<https://submission-forest.ptj.de/jointcall2026>

ESES Technical Support

ptj-forest-calls@ptj.de

Live presentation

- Registration of Coordinator
- Invitation of Partners
- Project Data
- Selection of Funding Organization
- Upload of documents
- Etc.

The screenshot shows the 'FOREST' submission platform interface. At the top, there's a header with 'FOREST' in large green letters and 'PJ Submission Platform' in a smaller green box. Below this is a navigation bar with 'PARTNERING' and a 'FOREST PATHWAYS CALL 2026 - SUBMISSION' banner featuring a forest image. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column has a 'CONTACT' section with email addresses for the Call Office and Technical Support, and a 'SUBMISSION PLATFORM' section with links for 'COORDINATOR REGISTRATION', 'COORDINATOR LOGIN', and 'PARTNER LOGIN'. The right column has a 'WELCOME' section with a detailed message about the ESES system, instructions for submitting a proposal, and a list of steps: 1. Go to 'Coordinator Registration' to register as a coordinator. 2. Once registered, access the 'Coordinator Login' section to invite partners. 3. The pre-proposal is composed of project data, which the coordinator and partners provide online. It also includes a link to the joint call documents and a note about technical questions being directed to the ESES Technical Helpdesk.

