

The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) published an announcement on the funding of international research associations as part of the National Bioeconomy Strategy.

Official announcement (in German): www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-3002.html

Eligible are

- » Research, development and innovation projects in international networks (without EU partners).
- » The thematic focus is "**biological knowledge as the key to bioeconomy**" (including plants, algae):
 - » Understanding and modeling of biological systems
 - » Research on and establishment of new production organisms
 - » Innovative biotechnological process concepts for bio-based production systems
 - » Research on the sustainable production of biogenic resources
- » Furthermore, technologies and interdisciplinary cooperation, research on limits and potential of bioeconomy, transfer into application as well as research on bioeconomy and society can be funded.

Applications can be submitted by

- » Universities, non-university research institutions, state and federal institutions with research tasks and companies in the commercial economy.
- » Applicants must act in international consortia. Projects with partners from Argentina, Australia, Chile, China, India, Canada, Colombia, Malaysia, Russia and Vietnam are particularly welcome. Consortia with partners from EU countries are not eligible.

Expected are

- » Applications from German partners in international consortia.
- » A reasonable financial contribution paid by economic partners of at least 50%.

Two-stage application process

- » Project outlines have to be submitted electronically at www.bioeconomy-international.de by **August 17th, 2020**.
- » In the second stage of the process, interested parties whose project outlines have been assessed positively are asked to submit a formal funding application for the final funding decision.

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