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A Special Issue on the last two rounds of calls for proposals in FP7

As you might know, most **EU Framework 7 work programmes with many different funding opportunities** will be published in July. We hope that you have saved the date for our EU FP 7 information day 24th May that will reveal some of the content in the work programmes and for our popular FP7 proposal writing course with Sean McCarthy May 6th (register here <https://registrer.app.uib.no/framework7>).

But how do topics get into work programs and what role could you play in all this?

The Brussels Connection, Erik Sandquist



What: Research Adviser at RCNs (NFRs) Brussels office

Who: Erik Sandquist. Erik has an education from the UiB Faculties of Social Sciences and Humanities. From 2006 he worked first as a contact person for international students and then mainly as a research adviser at the Department of Clinical Dentistry.

When: Erik started his work in Brussels in 2009 and will most likely return by the end of this year

What are your tasks? Currently I spend most of my days as part of the secretariat developing the Joint

Programming Initiative “Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans” (www.jpi-oceans.eu) that has been proposed by Norway, Spain and Belgium. The secretariat facilitates the development of a vision document, terms of Reference and a mapping of marine and maritime research spending in the member states that will form a baseline for the Management Board. Before I got involved with the JPI I mainly followed the EU policies in the fields of researcher mobility as well the developments linked to ERC. The RCN office in Brussels is also often involved in developing a program for groups visiting Brussels as well as holding presentation to groups interested in EU research programmes and policy. We also spend a lot of time participating in seminars and meetings in Brussels and writing reports back to Norway.

How can you / NFRs Brussels office help scientists at UiB? As I always do, when asked this question, I would like to point out that scientists at the University of Bergen have the EU advisers at the Division of Research Management on their side. They are your most important source of information and principal advice, as I see it. Together with the Norwegian National Contact Points (NCP’s, more than 30 specialists at the RCN), they should be your key administrative partners when monitoring, preparing and implementing participation in FP7. My main assistance would be to advice on relevant EU policy developments, like the current Europe 2020 strategy, and how a proposal should show impact on this policy to succeed in the evaluation as well as to understand where funding will be available in future calls. In my own newsletter, currently in Norwegian, I have tried to focus on this more policy oriented approach. The RCN office also helps out with finding contacts in the European institutions as well as providing meeting rooms and office space for Norwegian participants and applicants in FP7.

Do you have any useful tips or hints for scientists who would like to communicate with Brussels? I think the most important thing you can do when communicating with



Brussels is to think European challenges when addressing representatives of the EU institutions. How can your knowledge, networks and experience help them solve the Grand Challenges they have been asked by the European Council and Parliament to address? My impression is that Commission people are always interested in discussing with scientists. Working as an evaluator will also give you access to the Commission staff. Remember also that the Commission representatives are present at conferences, so look for them outside of Brussels as well.

EU FP7 2013 calls: Suggest a Topic in the thematic programs

2013 will be the last year of the 7th framework program. Many people in Brussels and elsewhere in Europe are already busy planning the last work programmes. If you would like to try and position **your topic in one of the 10 thematic areas**, please send us your suggestions on the form you find [here](#) by April 27th. **Please note:** All EU work programs contain overarching themes/headings that your topic must refer to. Please contact the advisers, if you need guidance. We will forward your suggestions to the relevant National Contact Points.

The cooperation program consists of these thematic areas: Health / Food, agriculture and fisheries, and biotechnology / Information and communication technologies / Nanosciences, nanotechnologies, materials and new production technologies / Energy/ Environment (including climate change) / Transport (including aeronautics) / Socio-economic sciences and the humanities/ Space / Security

EU FP8 - Competition to give it a new name

A new name for the next EU Research and Innovation Programme starting in 2014: Create a catchy name for the next EU research and innovation programme! The new programme will support researchers and innovators in Europe, boost excellence and ensure that good ideas reach the market and generate real economic growth and new jobs. This needs to be reflected in a name. Make your proposal by midnight on 10 May using the form on the website linked [here](#). It should be easily associated with research and innovation, while also being original, memorable, either useable in a wide range of languages or easily translatable, and easy to pronounce and spell.

EU 2012 calls: Exclusive insider knowledge infomeeting 24.5.2011

The EU office of the Research Council of Norway will offer a special service: Researchers at UiB can learn about the EU FP7 2012 calls on May 24th - that is 2 months before the official publication dates in July 2011!! The **meeting** will take place at **Vilvite** with several sessions to give researchers the opportunity to discuss the new calls with the NFR advisers. We offer sessions on **Marie Curie** and **ERC** and the collaborative programmes **Health, Food and Agriculture, Environment, Energy, ICT and SSH**. Should you be interested in other programmes, please contact us. Please click [here](#) for more information and [here](#) for registration.

Registration FP 7 proposal writing course with Sean McCarthy 6. May 2011 - Vilvite

We are happy to have Sean back in Bergen for one of his popular courses "How to write a competitive proposal for Framework 7" **Friday, May 6th 2011** at **Vilvite** in collaboration with the Institute of Marine Research, NHH and HiB. If you have been to one of his courses you know that this is a day to look forward to! So register now: <https://registrer.app.uib.no/framework7> Learn more about the course and Sean McCarthy [here](#).

Registration Info-Seminar on EUs Marie Curie Individual fellowships and networking actions

Our team has invited Judith Litjens, adviser at the UK Research Office (UKRO), UKs national contact point for Marie Curie actions to a seminar in Bergen which will take place **June 16th at Vilvite** seminar rooms C and D. Everyone is welcome, please register [here](#). We could also offer a proposal clinic that day, if you are interested in this to improve your Marie Curie individual fellowship application draft, please send an email to Anja.Hegen@adm.uib.no with the words "MC proposal clinic" in the title to facilitate planning.

New Gateway to Research Funding programs around the world

Do you have research partners in Australia, Brasil, China, India, Canada, New Zealand, Mexico, Russia, South-Africa, South Korea or the US? Then have a look at a new database of funding opportunities that eleven so-called AccessFor EU projects have created. Search for countries or research topics. Link to [database](#).



Two possible new ERC schemes

- 1) Proof of Concept (PoC) is a new funding instrument for **ERC grantees** who would like to put a research idea nearer to the market. The PoC project must be related to the ERC grant, but does not have to be the same as the ERC grant. The outcome of the PoC grant is expected to be a 'package' that can be presented to venture capitalists, or some work towards this. The PoC proposal must be led by the Principal Investigator (PI) of an ERC grant. They must have at least some involvement in the PoC project, although the bulk of the work in the PoC project can be carried out by other people. The first call came in March 2011 with cut-off dates in June and November 2011. Link to [call](#).
- 2) ERC+ (a call will most likely be published in October 2011) is a multi-PI consortium of 2-4 excellent PIs with their groups focussing on new ideas and new approaches at the interface of disciplines. Each consortium can apply for max 15 Million € for six years

Learn more about the European Technology Platforms at a comprehensive website

European Technology Platforms (ETPs) are industry-led stakeholder fora charged with defining research priorities in a broad range of technological areas. Many of them operate in the sectors Energy, ICT and food and agriculture and can be joined by researchers / research and higher education institutions. EU work programmes are sometimes strongly influenced by ETPs work priorities. You can now more easily obtain relevant information about the individual platforms or find a contact person. New ETP [website](#).

To all UiB applicants in NFRs free programs (FRIPRO) If you want to apply for free projects (collaboration projects) from NFR this June please list only those partners in the internet form that you want to include in your consortium agreement.

Overview EU calls with deadlines in 2011 published on 20. July 2010:

Please contact the FunderFinder team if you have questions, our contact details can be found on the first page. Remember that project establishment funding ([PES](#)) is available at the Division of Research Management for UiB researchers participating in EU proposals.

Cooperation programme: Currently no open calls, new calls will be published in July 2011. **Please contact us if you are interested in suggesting new topics (see above).**

People ("Marie Curie") programme Individual Fellowships for experienced researchers, deadline 11.8.2011

The European Commission has published a new call for the Marie Curie Individual Fellowships. The fellowships provide funding for a research stay for one to two years at a host institution in another European country or a country outside of Europe (Third Country). Researchers with a PhD or at least four years of research experience are eligible. Funding comprises the salary of the fellow as well as a mobility allowance and a contribution to the research costs. There are calls for three different types of fellowships:

- Intra-European Fellowships (IEF): Funding of a research stay in Europe (EU-Member State or Associated Country); [Link to call](#)
- International Incoming Fellowships (IIF): Researchers of any discipline from non-European Third countries can finance their research stay in an EU Member State or Associated Country; [Link to call](#)
- International Outgoing Fellowships (IOF): Funding of a research stay in a non-European Third Country (for example USA, Japan, Australia, etc) with a one-year reintegration phase in Europe; [Link to call](#)

[Work Programme / Information](#)

See also full updated list of call deadlines including RCN (NFR) and other funding sources– [link to list](#).



Guidance for researchers

See also our updated list on other courses and information meetings below.

A **First aid-document** for UiB-researchers interested in FP7 can be found [here](#) plus

FP7 Guides for applicants - recommended reading- for:

- [Collaborative projects](#)
- Cooperation and support actions ([supporting](#))
- Cooperation and support actions ([coordinating](#))

Call specific guides for applicants will be made available under each call on the [Cordis](#) website. Please contact the FunderFinder Team if you need help finding the documents you need, we will gladly assist you.

Upcoming information meetings and courses

13.4.2011 Information day about international stipends for young researchers with masters degree and upwards in Oslo. More information [here](#).

2. - 5. 5. 2011 Conference on Wind Energy and Wildlife impact in Trondheim. More info [here](#)

6. 5. 2011 Sean McCarthy: How to write a competitive proposal for Framework 7, UiB, Vilvite. Register [here](#).

12. - 13. 5. 2011 Conference on FP7 Space Research, Budapest [Info](#)

24. 5. 2011 EU FP 7 exclusive information on 2012 EU calls, Vilvite and other auditoriums at UiB in collaboration with the EU office at the Research Council of Norway. Register [here](#).

16. 6. 2011 Infoseminar and workshop about the Marie Curie Individual fellowships with expert Judith Lietjens, UK Research office (UKRO) at Vilvite. Register [here](#).

Other ongoing and upcoming calls

SFF III 2011. The Research Council of Norway has published a new call for “**Senter for Fremragende Forskning**”. The **deadline** will be June 8th 2011. Applicants from UiB who would like to coordinate a proposal must contact their respective faculty. Information about the call can be found [here](#).

Erasmus Mundus 2011 call for proposals. [Erasmus Mundus](#) is a cooperation and mobility programme in the field of higher education that aims to enhance the quality of European higher education and to promote dialogue and understanding between people and cultures through cooperation with third countries. In addition, it contributes to the development of human resources and the international cooperation capacity of Higher education institutions in third countries by increasing mobility between the European Union and these countries. If you would like to establish joint Master or PhD programs with other Universities, you can participate in Action 1A: Erasmus Mundus Master Courses (EMMC) and/or Action 1B: Erasmus Mundus Joint Doctorates (EMJD).
Deadline 29.4.2011

NFRs Aurora Program for Exchanges with France. The Aurora program supports short research stays of researchers from Norwegian institutions to France. You should develop new research projects with your French colleagues who can apply for funding from the French counterpart Egide. More information [here](#).

See also our complete list – [link to list](#)



From the FunderFinder office

Unfortunately we have to announce a personnel change in our team: our lovely colleague and team leader Anne Marie will leave us just before Easter to start exiting new work at the Norwegian State Railway. We wish you good luck, Anne Marie!! Those of you working in the faculties of Social Sciences, Humanities, Law or Psychology can contact the other team members with questions about external funding until a new colleague is on board.