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Funding found – ERC Synergy Grant



What: ERC Synergy Grant ice2ice

(The research teams of four Principal Investigators work at a common goal)

Who: Kerim Nisancioglu (PI, UiB Department of Earth Sciences)

and his colleagues Eystein Jansen (PI, Bjerknes Center), Jens Hesselbjerg Christensen (PI, DK) and Bo Møllsøe Vinther (PI, DK)

When: The project negotiations will start soon

1) How did you choose your partners? We have had frequent contact with our collaborators at the University of Copenhagen and the Danish Meteorological Institute over the past years discussing common interests. In particular, the dynamics represented by joining the groups working on different fields of climate science made it clear that would be able to tackle a greater problem than could be achieved by any one group alone.

2) What will you do in your project. The main aim of our project ice2ice is to understand the impact of changes in Arctic sea ice on the climate and stability of the Greenland ice sheet using theory, models and observations. One main aspect is to reconstruct past changes in Arctic sea ice during periods of the last ice age when we know that there were very large changes in the climate on Greenland. However, the information we gain from studying the dynamics of the Arctic cryosphere will also be valuable in our understanding of potential future changes in the Arctic.

3) Do you have tips for other researchers who want to apply for an ERC grant? Ask your peers for help and start early! Never expect to succeed the first time around. Training for the interview is also very valuable, and can best be done in front of a critical panel of colleagues representing different disciplines (not necessarily experts on your scientific topic).

[A comment from the advisers: So far, 24 Synergy Grants have been awarded in the two FP 7 calls which together had over 1150 applications. The scheme is currently evaluated and we will update you if we hear about the outcome]

The next EU framework program Horizon 2020 has started!

Horizon 2020 mainly consists of three pillars. The Excellent Science pillar hosts bottom up projects open for all research fields, Industrial Leadership includes the former ICT, Space, Nanotechnologies and parts of the food and agriculture programs as well as funding instruments for medium and small enterprises (SMEs). The third pillar Societal Challenges offers projects related to challenges like ageing populations, food security, climate change and the growing demand for energy. There will be bi-annual work programmes instead of annual work programmes as in FP7.



Explore the new Participant Portal

For Horizon 2020 the [Participant Portal](#) has received substantial renovations to make work easier. You can now access the calls from the tab "Funding Opportunities" and the tab "How to participate" will lead you to manuals and information sheets about the framework program. "Work as an expert" leads you to your registration as a potential evaluator and "My personal area" brings you to all your project proposals and also the ongoing projects. You will not have to go through the complicated registration process for every single proposal once you have completed the initial registration and you can assign roles to others.

If you want to send a proposal from UiB we would like to remind you that for securing administrative help with partner handling and budget as well as quality checking it is mandatory to give Liv-Grethe

Gudmundsen at the Division of Research Administration the role of a coordinator contact for UiB coordinated projects by registering with the email address post@fa.uib.no. If you are a partner Liv-Grethe has to become a participant contact.

Become an evaluator for Horizon 2020

The new framework program is currently looking for evaluators for all programmes. Working as an evaluator will give you the chance to learn more about project proposal writing and how the EU evaluation system works. You can register yourself on the participant portal. Women are still underrepresented as evaluators, so this is an interesting opportunity for female researchers. You can sign up [here](#).

Follow the developments

If you want to follow the development of Horizon 2020, there are many national and international sources. RCN offers an EU newsletter, which can be ordered [here](#).

We can also recommend the news service from the UK research office, this is the Brussels representation of the UK research councils. You can register [here](#).

Swisscore Synopsis offers a [monthly overview](#) of current developments directly to your inbox.

The German organisation KOWI also [offers a newsletter](#) (active information service) in English that can be suited to your particular interests.

The Research Council of Norway introduces Electronic Project Contracts from January 2014

If you receive a grant from the Research Council of Norway the contract will now be on your personal page. You will receive an email about it. The contract can then be printed to have it signed by project partners. Also



consortium agreements should now be handled electronically through your personal page. You can read the news article from The Research Council [here](#) (in Norwegian)

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Overview of Horizon 2020 published in December 2013:

Please contact the FunderFinder team if you have questions, our contact details can be found on the first page. Remember that [project establishment support \(PES\)](#) is available at the Division of Research Administration for UiB researchers participating in EU proposals. Projects for the European Research Council (ERC), Marie Skłodowska Curie actions (MSCA) and FET open are thematically open for all scientific disciplines.

Unfortunately most guides for applicants have not been published yet, we will continue to monitor the participant portal to update this newsletter.

Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions- researcher mobility: As in FP7 it is possible to apply for Initial Training Networks (ITN) for doctoral education, individual post doc stipends (International Fellowships IF, calls will be issued in March) and exchange and innovation programs with other countries (RISE). MSCA [work program](#); ITN [Guide for applicants](#); RISE [Guide for applicants](#)

ERC: The European Research Council continues to offer ERC Starting Grants, ERC Consolidator Grants and ERC Advanced Grants with an even higher budget than FP7. Please contact the advisers before your application to check eligibility criteria. ERC [work program](#) The ERC StG guide for applicants will be published in week 4.

FET open This program to foster alternative ideas, concepts or paradigms of risky or unconventional nature in a collaborative effort is now open to all disciplines. FET [work program](#)

Infrastructures: A list of currently funded research infrastructures can be found [here](#). Information about future plans can be found [here](#). Infrastructures [work program](#)

Industrial Leadership:

Space [work program](#)

ICT [work program](#)

Nano- and Biotechnologies [work program](#)

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A **preliminary list of deadlines** can be found on the [UKRO pages](#) (requires registration).

Guidance for researchers

Those of you who work in the field of **Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH)** can now consult an overview of **SSH relevant topics in Horizon 2020 for 2014 and 2015** compiled by NET4SOCIETY, the network of National Contact Points working for the SSH domain. The document can be downloaded [here](#).

For those of you who work in **marine and maritime research** the Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) Oceans has compiled a list of calls in Horizon 2020. It can be found [here](#). You can subscribe to the JPI Oceans newsletter [here](#).

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

Call specific guides for applicants will be made available under each call on the [EU participant portal 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

20.1.2014 FET proactive information day, Brussels (NB: this will be about the FET proactive initiatives “Global Systems Sciences”, “Knowing, doing and being: cognition behind problem solving” and “quantum simulation” with some information on FET Coordination and support actions). [Information and registration](#).

31.1.2014 Information day on “Future Internet” (ICT 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 14 plus the joint calls with Japan EUJ 1-4) in Brussels, info and registration can be found [here](#). Registration closes January 22nd.

26.-27.2.2014 Achieving Impact in the Socio-economic sciences and Humanities conference in Athens. This is directed to researchers interested in SSH research in Horizon 2020. [Information and registration](#).

3.3.2014 Cutting edge decision making tools for entrepreneurs in Madrid, Spain. This one day seminar is also directed towards researchers in the field of medicine who are interested in marketing their research outputs. The organizers are APRE, a collaboration between the European Commission and the Italian Research Council. Please consult the [leaflet](#) for more information and registration to the event. Registration closes February 7th.

Other calls

Bergen Forskningsstiftelse Recruitment program- prequalification phase

The foundation supports the recruitment of excellent young researchers to all UiB faculties. The aim is to establish new research groups. The deadline for the prequalification proposal is March 14th 2014. Please note that the host department has to support the application with own funding, so candidates have to contact their respective host department before they can apply. You can look at the call homepage [here](#) and download the call text in English [here](#).

Bergen Medical Research Foundation – Recruitment of Young Researchers in Translational Medicine



This program supports young researchers in translational medicine for a period of three years. The applicants can be employed at UiBs Medical Faculty or Haukeland University hospital. Funds cover the applicants own position and operating expenses. You can read the call text [here](#) and look at the call homepage [here](#). Deadline is 3.3.2014

Czech-Norwegian research program, deadline 3.2.2014 More information about the call can be found [here](#).

Norway-Romania research program, deadline prolonged to 24.1.2014. Please note that this time only projects in the field of renewable energy; health and food safety; environmental protection and management as well as social sciences and humanities will be funded. [More information](#)

A **partner search database** for these calls can be found [here](#).

ERA Net EURO-NANO MED II Norwegian partners can join consortia within the fields of regenerative medicine, diagnostics and targeted delivery systems through RCNs Nano2021 program. Please consult [RCNs call pages](#) for information about participation and funding. The joint proposal has to be sent through the [ERA net pages](#), deadline 4.3.2014, 17:00

Innovative Medicines Initiative (IMI) 11th call with topics on osteoarthritis, Alzheimer's, cancer, zoonoses, tools for drug discovery, antimicrobial resistance, & environmental impacts of medicines. Deadline 8.4.2014. More [information](#)

ERA Net on Translational Cancer Research third call on Translational research on tertiary prevention in cancer patients, more information can be found on this [website](#), the deadline is February 3rd 2014

Norway-Japan programme: This program offers post-doctoral fellowships ([call](#)) or long term stays for experienced researchers in Japan ([call](#)). You need a Japanese host to apply, please read also the eligibility criteria for the call. Deadline 12.2.2014

E.ON stipends for economics and business administration, law and political sciences: mobility grants for students, PhD students and researchers to stay at a German institution. Deadline 12.2.2014. Link to the [call for proposals](#)

COST open call: [COST](#) funds networks in any field of science and welcomes proposals for new European networks. You should at least have four other partners. [Link to call](#) Deadline 28.3.2014
