

**ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production**  
**- SusCrop –**



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**Pre-announcement**  
**Transnational Call for Proposals**

## Background and general information of this call

The ERA-NET-Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production (SusCrop) is a new ERA-Net Cofund under Horizon 2020 that will announce the first transnational Call in the field of sustainable crop production. **The main purpose of the co-funded Call is to improve the sustainability and resilience of crop production within the European Research Area (ERA) by supporting transnational research projects on this topic.** Joint projects must have a **minimum of three eligible partners** applying for funding from a **minimum of three different SusCrop partner countries**.

The Call will open on **January 15, 2018** and the submission deadlines of this two-stage Call are:

- **Pre-proposals: April 4, 2018, 13:00 h (CEST)**
- **Full proposals: August 31, 2018, 13:00 h (CEST)**

## Aim and scope of the joint Call

The aim of the Call is to support excellent, transnational research projects that contribute to the improvement of sustainability and resilience of crop production.

The submitted proposals must be multidisciplinary and should address **at least one** of the following topics:

- I. **Enhancement of predictive breeding technologies and development of new genotypes leading to new phenotypes and crop varieties for improvement of plant health, protection, production and resilience**
- II. **Development and exploitation of novel integrated pest and crop management methods and practices**
- III. **Improvement of resource-use efficiency of crops and cropping systems**
- IV. **Systemic research on agricultural crops as part of an ecosystem including interactions between plants and other organisms (“the plant as a meta-organism”)**

The SusCrop co-funded Call will support **basic** and **applied** crop research.

The indicative total Call volume is ~€17.2 million and 23 funding organisations from 18 countries are involved. More detailed information will be available shortly on the SusCrop webpage and the submission webpage.

SusCrop webpage: <https://www.suscrop.eu>

SusCrop Submission Webpage: <https://www.submission.suscrop.eu/>

Furthermore, the national/regional contact persons for the co-funded call listed at the end of this document can be contacted.



## Indicative Call timeline

<b>December 15, 2017</b>	<b>Call Pre-Announcement</b>
<b>January 15, 2018</b>	<b>Call Announcement</b>
<b>April 4, 2018 (13:00 CEST)</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of pre-proposals</b>
<b>Mid-June 2018</b>	<b>Letters to applicants / invitation to submit full proposal</b>
<b>August 31, 2018 (13:00 CEST)</b>	<b>Deadline for submission of full proposals</b> (only for projects that pass the pre-proposal phase)
<b>October 1-7 2018</b>	<b>Rebuttal</b>
<b>Mid-December 2018</b>	<b>Communication of the evaluation outcome to the applicants and start of grant negotiations</b>
<b>Between March - July 2019</b>	<b>Initiation of funded projects</b>

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