



The EUREKA Cluster for Low-Carbon Energy Technologies

Press Release

EUROGIA+ Fourth CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS opening on Dec. 4th , 2009

Brussels, Dec. 4th, 2009 – EUROGIA+ is extending an invitation to Europe's high tech industry to participate in its 4th Call for project proposals.

This 4th Call **opens on December 4th , 2009** and addresses ALL technology domains described in **EUROGIA+ White Book**.

Deadline for submitting Call 04 Projects Outlines: February 5th , 2010.

Based on a diligent evaluation and projects selection process, **projects labelling** is planned to be completed **by end of May 2010**.

EUROGIA+ is the the first programme dedicated to developing Low-Carbon Energy Technologies for the whole energy mix, from fossil to renewable sources. **EUROGIA+** proposes a systemic approach, inclusive of trans-sectoral R&D cooperation, to cope with the huge challenges the world is facing today:

- Energy demand's continuous growth,
- Greenhouse gases emissions' reduction,
- Transition from fossil fuels to renewable energies while continuing the decarbonisation of the energy chain, and ultimately migrating towards the hydrogen economy.

Starting with any given energy source (Oil & Gas, Biomass, Wind, Solar, Geothermal...), **EUROGIA+** invites for **industrial innovation** that will address part or all of any path between the source and end-user(s) via an energy vector (combustible, electricity or heat). The project must result in minimising the carbon footprint AND optimising the market value of the resulting product/process or service.

As a EUREKA Cluster programme, our approach is intergovernmental, bottom-up and industry-driven, which allows a project idea **to attract funding from participating countries**. 15 EUREKA member countries have committed financial support to **EUROGIA+** labelled projects and **EUROGIA+** is open to partners from large industrial companies, small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), as well as research institutes and universities. According to the EUREKA rules, projects must involve at least two companies from two different countries.

Call process

Our Calls for projects proposals implies a two-step procedure with continuous involvement of the relevant national funding authorities.

- ✚ First, short Project Outlines (**POs**) are submitted and evaluated during and following a hearing.
- ✚ For the approved POs, the next step is to contact the concerned Public Authorities-eligibility test for financial support- and submit a Full Project Proposal (**FPP**) for a thorough technical evaluation.
- ✚ FPPs are evaluated and, if approved, given the **EUROGIA+ label** – EUREKA endorsed.

Project participants can then apply for public financial support from their respective countries.

Information and guidelines for the preparation of project proposals are available from the **EUROGIA+** web pages: www.eurogia.com , tab **Submit your project**, section **Current Call**, where the **EUROGIA+ White Book**, which forms the working basis for cluster projects, can also be downloaded.



EUROGIA+ (Cluster for Low-Carbon Energy Technologies) has been labelled in 2008 by the EUREKA programme for a five-year period aiming at a Technological Leadership for a competitive European energy industry. It addresses the energy mix, i.e. all types of energy (except coal & nuclear) from O&G to renewable energy sources. **EUROGIA+** is a network of technology providers that encompasses all scientific and technology disciplines of relevance to energy. This variety leads to cross fertilisation between those sectors and in turn accelerates innovation.

As a **public/private R&D partnership**, **EUROGIA+** aims at accelerating investment in sustainable energy technologies.

The "**EUROGIA+**" EUREKA label is supported by 15 countries:

Austria, Belgium, Croatia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Monaco, Poland, Slovenia, Spain and Turkey.

Call 03: NORWAY is providing a significant financial support to the **CO2Fieldlab** project (labelled on July 1st, 2009)

Activity Summary:

Call N°	PO received	Total Bdgt	FPP received	FPP Labelled	Total Bdgt	Financial Support & Comment
01	10	23 M€	2	2	5.3 M€	
02	10	27 M€	4	3	17.0 M€	
03	15	55 M€	6	5	18.60 M€	

**Technology Domains
(Calls 1 to 3 submitted proposals)**

Critical technologies

Domain	N° of Projects
Oil & Gas	3
Biomass	5
Solar	4
Wind	4
Hydro	2
Geothermal	2
CO2	2
Hydrogen & Fuel Cells	2

Enabling technologies

Domain	N° of Projects
Materials	
ICT	2
Processes	1
Tools Fabrication & Installation	
Energy Efficiency	2
HSE	2

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