

# Funding for Norwegian Participation in the Planning of ESFRI Roadmap Projects

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**Application type:** Coordination and Support Activity

**Application deadline:** Open-ended

**Relevant thematic areas for this call:** [Research Infrastructure](#)

**Target groups:** Research organisations

**Funding scale:** NOK 10 000-500 000

**Project duration:** 1-24 months

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## Purpose

The aim of this call for proposals is to provide support for planning of potential Norwegian participation in the establishment of research infrastructure on the *European Strategy Forum for Research Infrastructure (ESFRI) Roadmap*.

## Call for proposals

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## About the call for proposals

**Under this call for proposals, funding is available for planning of potential Norwegian participation in the establishment of research infrastructure on the *ESFRI Roadmap*.**

[Please also refer to the ESFRI Roadmap website.](#)

The Norwegian consortium participating in the Preparatory Phase with funding from the European Commission may apply for funding to establish necessary national networks, design/case studies for further development of technical/scientific concepts, and clarification of potential Norwegian participation in the ESFRI projects.

- Up to NOK 500 000 is available for participation in the Preparatory Phase.
- Projects may have a duration of up to two years, and only documented costs may be covered.
- Grant applications must be submitted by the top management of the institution heading the Norwegian consortium.

The Norwegian consortium may apply for support for further participation in the European-level planning phase after the European Commission funding has concluded. Such support may be awarded to Norwegian consortia that have participated in the Preparatory Phase.

- The Norwegian consortium may receive up to NOK 250 000.
- Projects may have a duration of up to two years, and only documented costs may be covered.
- This type of support may only be sought once after the conclusion of the Preparatory Phase project funded under the EU Seventh Framework Programme and before a decision regarding Norwegian membership has been taken.
- Grant applications must be submitted by the top management of the institution heading the Norwegian consortium.

The Norwegian-language call for proposals is the legally binding version.

## Who is eligible to apply?

[Approved research organisations](#) as well as publicly funded administrators of research infrastructure that cooperate closely with Norwegian research organisations may apply on behalf of:

- Norwegian consortia participating in the Preparatory Phase with funding from the European Commission;

or

- Norwegian consortia that have participated in the Preparatory Phase and are applying for support for further participation in the European-level planning phase after the European Commission funding has concluded.

## Who can participate in the project?

### Requirements relating to the Project Owner

Grant applications must be submitted by the top management of the institution heading the Norwegian consortium.

The institution must be listed as the Project Owner in the application form and must have authorised you to submit the grant application.

### Requirements relating to the project manager

The project must have a designated project manager, whose CV must be attached to the grant application.

## What can you seek funding for?

- Funding for establishing necessary national networks, design/case studies for further development of technical/scientific concepts, and clarification of potential Norwegian participation in the ESFRI projects.
- Approved project costs must comply with the general requirements and guidelines stipulated for projects with funding from the Research Council.
- Only documented costs may be covered.

This support is to be reserved for the organisation's non-economic activity, and as such therefore does not constitute state aid. The Research Council requires companies to keep separate accounts for the economic activities and the non-economic activities.

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## Relevant thematic areas for this call

Research Council funding for research infrastructure is available for grant applications within all subject fields and thematic areas. The National Financing Initiative for Research Infrastructure (INFRASTRUKTUR) is a national, competitive arena designed to ensure a good interface between the funding of research infrastructure and other research funding.

The term *research infrastructure* refers to advanced scientific equipment and large-scale equipment facilities, electronic infrastructure (e-infrastructure), and scientific databases and collections. Research infrastructure must be of national importance to be eligible for funding. This encompasses infrastructure that:

- is of widespread national interest;
- lays a foundation for internationally cutting-edge research;
- will be available in only one or a few locations in Norway, as a general rule;
- will be made accessible to relevant researchers and industries.

The National Financing Initiative for Research Infrastructure (INFRASTRUKTUR) also provides funding for Norwegian participation in Nordic, European or other international cooperation on research infrastructure, including Norwegian participation in the Preparatory Phase and Implementation Phase of projects on the ESFRI Roadmap.

## Research Infrastructure

### Requirements for this application type

- The project description and all attachments must be submitted in English.
- All attachments must be in PDF format.
- All the templates for attachments are available for download at the end of this call for proposals.

#### Mandatory attachments

- a project description, using the designated template;
- CV for the project manager.

Grant applications that do not satisfy the above requirements may be rejected.

Links to websites and documents, as well as other attachments than those specified above, will not be included in the application review process. There is no technical validation of the content of the attachments you upload, so please make sure that you upload the correct file for the selected type of attachment.

### Administrative procedures

Grant applications will be processed administratively and assessed on the basis of both relevance to this call and in relation to strategic and national priorities. Feedback on application processing will be given on an ongoing basis.

- The applicant/Project Owner must come from an eligible category of institution.
- The grant application must lie within the thematic area/scope of this call.
- The funding amount sought and the expenses to be covered, as well as any own financing, must be in keeping with the framework of the call.
- The budget must be formulated correctly to clearly indicate what the funding will cover.
- The application form must be fully completed.
- The required attachments must be included using the designated templates.
- The description of the project must be in keeping with the text of this call.

Applicants must complete all items in the designated template for the project description. Responses should be as concrete and specific as possible.

#### Download templates



ESFRI Network Template for project description.docx



CV-mal/CV template.docx



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