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1 At a Glance

1.1 *Target*

Target of the AirTN Call 01/2013 is to support innovation and competitive research by funding projects with challenging application aspects and a substantial commercial impact in aeronautics. Austria, Ireland, Italy, Spain, and Sweden wish to take the opportunity of the parallel timing of their national calls to stimulate transnational projects and give e.g. small transnational research teams the chance to tackle common challenges together, trying to keep the administrative burden as low as possible.

1.2 *Participating Countries*

Participating countries in the call are:

- Austria
- Ireland
- Italy
- Spain
- Sweden

1.3 *Target Groups*

Target groups of the call 01/2013 are according to the national rules.

1.4 *Timeframe*

The AirTN Call 01/2013 has been launched on 1.07.2013. The submission of proposals via the AirTN website will be possible from 1st September on. Deadline for submission of proposals is 15 October 2013, 12:00 CET. The final funding decision is expected for March 2014.

1.5 *Budget*

The AirTN Call 01/2013 is being combined with the national calls in Austria, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Sweden. For details see national call guidelines.

2 The ERA-Net AirTN – Initial Situation and Objectives

The ERA-Net AirTN was established under FP6 as a network of Member States whose ministries and agencies manage public funded national research activities and programmes in Aeronautics and Air Transport.

AirTN in FP6 has completed the first steps of the ERA-NET instrument through the systematic exchange of information, mutual learning between Member States and the identification of possible areas for co-operation. The results from these work packages are prerequisites for the implementation of joint activities to enhance co-operation and coordination of national and regional research programmes.

AirTN in FP7 will strengthen this coordination and strive for long lasting co-operation. It will bring added value to the foundation of the European Research Area and the development of a European Research Policy, especially in relation to aeronautics and air transport. The focus will be on Implementation of Joint Activities of the ERA-NET instrument and funding of transnational research.

3 Purpose of the AirTN Call 01/2013

3.1 Objectives

The strategic objective of the AirTN Call 01/2013 is to support innovation and competitive research by funding projects with challenging application aspects and a substantial commercial impact in aeronautics.

3.2 Eligible Organisations

National rules concerning eligible organisations have to be taken into account.

3.3 Call Topics

The topics being announced in this call cover a wide range of aeronautics related topics incl. aviation. Please refer to the respective national call for more details on the topics.

3.4 Composition of Consortia

Taking into account the respective national rules for the composition of the consortia following additional rule has to be fulfilled to apply within the AirTN Call 01/2013: project partners from at least two of the participating countries (Austria, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Sweden).

Partners from countries not participating to this call may participate into a project in addition to the minimum number of participants required. They cannot be funded by the participating countries and must declare their willingness to support their own costs.

3.4.1 Responsibility of the Project Coordinator

The project coordinator will lead the consortium throughout the application procedure and is fully responsible for the overall project coordination. In case of any questions concerning the call/process the AirTN national contact persons (see chapter 8) are there to help you at any time. By the time of submission, AirTN will only communicate with the project coordinator.

Accordingly, the project coordinator has to share all information provided by AirTN with the other consortium partners. The project coordinator has to make sure that all partners fulfil both AirTN and national/regional requirements and criteria and participate actively in the proposal preparation, by doing their best to guarantee the project eligibility and quality. The project coordinator, in building the consortium, should make sure which type of funding (loans/grants) is going to be provided by his own national agency/ministry and that/those of his international partner/s.

The overall project coordinator may differ from the national coordinator. In each participating country a project coordinator has to be installed which is responsible for respective national application, funding, reporting and communication with the national research funding agency. It is strongly recommended, that all partners contact their national agency to resolve any questions at an early stage.

3.5 Budget & Funding Modalities

The AirTN Call 01/2013 is being combined with the national calls in Austria, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Sweden. The budget for transnational projects comes out of the national call budgets. Funding of project partners is provided by the participating national agencies/ministries according to national regulations.

3.6 Eligibility Criteria

Following eligibility criteria have to be fulfilled:

- AirTN common proposals have to be submitted before 15 October 2013, 12:00 CET via the AirTN website
- Project partners from at least two participating countries
- In addition, national eligibility criteria may differ from country to country and have to be taken into account (for details see national call regulations).

All consortium partners must prove sufficient financial stability to conduct the project properly. National agencies/ministries will check the financial status of their countries' partner. The project coordinator has to make sure that all consortium partners provide the necessary information and formalities as requested from the agencies/ministries to ensure the eligibility of the project.

3.7 Eligible Costs

Eligible costs are according national rules.

3.8 Intellectual Property Rights

The IPR gained through the projects are owned by the consortium.

A Consortium Agreement between the project partners with specific focus on IPR is not needed at the moment of proposal submission, but will be required by national/regional agencies/ministries in case of funding.

3.9 Legal Basis and EU Conformity

Projects have to fulfil the specific national requirements, regulations and legal basis in each country.

4 Submission and Evaluation Process

4.1 Submission of Proposals

The submission process of the AirTN Call is single-phased. A common proposal has to be submitted electronically to the AirTN website www.airtn.eu. The submission of proposals via the AirTN website will be possible from 1st September on. Common proposals have to follow the form provided by AirTN (see chapter 7 Call Documents). Submission deadline is 15 October 2013, 12:00 CET. The proposal has to be written in English. By receipt of a common proposal by the AirTN Call Office you will get a confirmation E-mail.

In addition, a further proposal is required by national agencies/ministries (see national format templates for application) and has to be submitted to the respective national agencies/ministries according to national rules and deadlines.

The national deadlines are:

Country	Deadline for pre-proposal	Deadline full proposal
Austria	-	25.09.2013, 12:00 CET
Ireland	13.09.2013, 12:00 CET	15.10.2013, 12:00 CET
Italy	-	15.10.2013, 12:00 CET
Spain	15.10.2013, 12:00 CET	
Sweden	-	Week 6, 2014 (preliminary call schedule)

4.2 Eligibility check

On receipt by the AirTN Call Office, proposals are registered. The proposal eligibility check will be carried out by AirTN through the AirTN members' agencies/ministries and will address formal compliance with the (1) AirTN criteria that are applied in all member countries, and the (2) national requirements that are applied exclusively to the applicants from these countries. During the eligibility check the involved agencies/ministries may ask for additional information. Proposals which do not fulfil the AirTN eligibility criteria or national requirements will not be subject to evaluation.

4.3 Evaluation of the proposals

The evaluation of projects is conducted by each of the national agencies/ministries of the project partners according to national regulations and evaluation systems. Projects that are evaluated positively in the involved countries will be recommended for funding by the AirTN consortium. These results will be presumably available between February and April 2014 (depending on the participating countries in each project) and will be communicated to the project coordinators through AirTN Call Office/national agencies/ministries.

4.4 Confidentiality

AirTN will treat applications with confidentiality according to national rules and laws. Your AirTN common proposal will be read by the national agencies/ministries involved, by international experts – if needed for evaluation - and be handled by the AirTN Call Office.

5 Contract Negotiation

The contract negotiation is conducted by each national agency/ministry of the project partners according to the national regulations.

6 Reporting and Monitoring

Reporting and monitoring of funded projects is conducted by each of the national agencies/ministries of the project partners according to national regulations and individual contracts/agreements between the beneficiaries and their respective agencies/ministries. Additionally, the project coordinator has to complete the 'AirTN final project report form' which will be provided by AirTN at the end of the project.

7 Call Documents

Document	Link
Common AirTN Proposal Form	www.airtn.eu
National guidelines and proposal forms	Austria: www.ffg.at/takeoff Ireland: For Irish national guidelines for 3rd level go to http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Funding-Supports/Researcher/Funding-to-Commercialise-Research/Commercialisation-Fund.html , and contact the Irish AirTN representative. For companies interested in working with European partner companies or 3rd level involved in this call, please contact the Irish AirTN representative directly for the appropriate funding scheme. Italy: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/eranet-e-sa/airtn-fp7.aspx Spain: http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=7&MS=20&MN=3 Sweden: www.vinnova.se
Checklist	www.airtn.eu
Partner Search Facility	www.airtn.eu

8 Contact

For individual questions and information on the specific national regulations and requirements each funding agency has nominated AirTN contact persons.

For this call these are:

Country	Programme	Agency	Contact person
Austria	TAKE OFF	FFG	Vera Ellegast +43 5 77 55 5062 Vera.ellegast@ffg.at
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Sweden	NFFP	VINNOVA	Vilgot Claesson +46 8 473 3056 vilgot.claesson@VINNOVA.se

The only official communication line for the AirTN call is between the AirTN office and the project coordinator. The project coordinator is the only contact person informed by the AirTN office in all relevant questions during the application procedure, so he/she must provide this information to the partners.

For general questions please contact the AirTN Call Office: call-july2013@airtn.eu.

For further assistance and to download the application forms please visit the AirTN website (www.AirTN.eu).