



**ERA-NET AirTN**  
**Guidelines for Applicants**  
**Call 01/2012**

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# **1 At a Glance**

## **1.1 Target**

Target of the AirTN Call 01/2012 is to support innovation and competitive research by funding projects with challenging application aspects and a substantial commercial impact in aeronautics. Austria, Ireland, 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
- Spain
- Sweden

## **1.3 Target Groups**

Target groups of the call 01/2012 are according to the national rules.

## **1.4 Timeframe**

The AirTN Call 01/2012 has been launched on 24.05.2012. Deadline for submission of proposals is 24.09.2012, 12:00 CET (for Irish participants, 05-09-12, 12.00 GMT). The final funding decision is expected for 01.2013.

## **1.5 Budget**

The AirTN Call 01/2012 is being combined with the national calls in Austria, Ireland, Sweden and Spain. 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 ERANET instrument and funding of transnational research.

## **3 Purpose of the AirTN Call 01/2012**

### **3.1 Objectives**

The strategic objective of the AirTN Call 01/2012 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**

Following topics are being announced within this call:

- Flight physics
- Aerostructures
- Propulsion
- Aircraft Avionics, Systems & Equipment
- Flight Mechanics - Stability and Control
- Flight Mechanics – Performance
- Integrated Design & Validation (methods & tools)
- Maintenance and Overhaul
- Air Traffic Management
- Airports
- Human Factors
- Innovative Concepts & Scenarios

### **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: Project partners from at least two of the participating countries (Austria, Ireland, Spain, Sweden).

### **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. AirTN will only communicate with the project coordinator. Accordingly, the project coordinator has to share all the 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.

### **3.5 Budget & Funding Modalities**

The AirTN Call 01/2012 is being combined with the national calls in Austria, Ireland, Sweden and Spain. 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 proposals have to be submitted before 24.09.2012, 12:00 CET (for Irish participants, 05-09-12, 12.00 GMT).
- Project partners from at least two 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 call office [call-May2012@airtn.eu](mailto:call-May2012@airtn.eu). Common proposals have to follow the form provided by AirTN (see chapter 7 Call Documents). Submission deadline is 24.09.2012, 12:00 CET (for Irish participants, 05-09-12, 12.00 GMT). 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 their rules within the same time limit.

For Spanish partners, a pre-proposal will also be required by the national agency.

### **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 available by about 01.2013 and be communicated to the project coordinators through AirTN Call Office/national agencies/ministries.

### **4.4 Confidentiality**

AirTN ensures complete confidentiality to applicants, i.e. your proposal will only be read by the national agencies/ministries involved, which handle according to national rules and laws, 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 the national regulations and the individual contracts/agreements between the applicants 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	<a href="http://www.airtn.eu">www.airtn.eu</a>
National guidelines and proposal forms	Austria: <a href="http://www.ffg.at/takeoff">www.ffg.at/takeoff</a> Ireland: <a href="http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Funding-Supports/Researcher/Funding-to-Commercialise-Research/Commercialisation-Fund.html">http://www.enterprise-ireland.com/en/Funding-Supports/Researcher/Funding-to-Commercialise-Research/Commercialisation-Fund.html</a> Spain: <a href="http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=15&amp;MS=642&amp;MN=3&amp;r=1280*1024">http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=15&amp;MS=642&amp;MN=3&amp;r=1280*1024</a> Sweden: <a href="http://www.airtn.eu">www.airtn.eu</a>
Checklist	<a href="http://www.airtn.eu">www.airtn.eu</a>
R&D Profile Form – Partner Search Facility	<a href="http://www.airtn.eu">www.airtn.eu</a>

## 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
<b>Austria</b>	TAKE OFF	FFG	Vera Ellegast +43 5 77 55 5062 <a href="mailto:Vera.ellegast@ffg.at">Vera.ellegast@ffg.at</a>
<b>Ireland</b>	Commercialisation Fund Technology Development	Enterprise Ireland	Paul Butler + 353 61 777049 <a href="mailto:paul.butler@enterprise-ireland.com">paul.butler@enterprise-ireland.com</a>
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<b>Sweden</b>	Open call & NFFP	VINNOVA	Vilgot Claesson +46 8 473 3056 <a href="mailto:vilgot.claesson@VINNOVA.se">vilgot.claesson@VINNOVA.se</a>

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 further assistance and to download the application forms please visit the AirTN website ([www.AirTN.eu](http://www.AirTN.eu)).