



European Research Area  
for Climate Services



## ERA-NET Cofund for Climate Services

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The ERA-NET Consortium “European Research Area for Climate Services”, so-called [ERA4CS](#), has been designed to boost the development of efficient Climate Services in Europe, by supporting research for developing better tools, methods and standards on how to produce, transfer, communicate and use reliable climate information to cope with current and future climate variability.

## Launch of the European ERA4CS Joint Call for Transnational Collaborative Research Projects

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*1st of March 2016 was the big day for the JPI Climate flagship project ERA4CS, with the publication of our call as preannounced at the beginning of January. All relevant information can now be found on the new ERA4CS website [www.ERA4CS.eu](http://www.ERA4CS.eu).*

### **ERA4CS Joint Call on Researching and Advancing Climate Services Development by (A) Advanced co-development with users, (B) Institutional integration**

The overall objective of this call is to enhance user adoption of and satisfaction with Climate Services (incl. adaptation services). Improving the quality of Climate

Services is also within the scope of this call. At the same time ERA4CS aims to improve the scientific expertise on Climate Change risks and adaptation options, and to connect that knowledge with decision-making, e.g. by developing and assessing climate adaptation strategies and pathways at different scales (regions, cities, catchments, vulnerable sectors, etc.).

To improve user adoption of and satisfaction with CS, the overall aim is to research and advance CS development by supporting scientific research for developing better tools, methods and standards on how to produce, transfer, communicate and use reliable climate information to cope with current and future climate variability and change across national boundaries.

The present joint call will be financed by ERA4CS partners from 18 countries, contributing either by cash funding or by in-kind re-sources, plus co-funding from the European Commission (Grant Agreement reference 690462). A total budget of about **72 Mio €** has been provisionally allocated for this call **to support 3 years research projects.**

**Proposal should address only one of the following Topic (A or B), if compliant with eligibility:**

**Topic A- Advanced co-development with users, supported in cash by 13 national [Research Funding Organisations](#) (RFOs)**

A.1: Research in support of the development and deployment of Climate Services

A.2: Integration and application of Climate Science for decision making

A.3: Research for co-development of advanced Climate Services

**Topic B - Institutional integration between 30 predetermined [Research Performing Organisations](#) (RPOs)**

B.1: Development of new methods and tools

B.2: Impacts studies and models

B.3: Localisation of climate information and evaluation of uncertainties

**For more details:**

- [CALL FOR PROPOSALS](#)
- [GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS](#)
- [ASSESSMENT](#)
- [ANNEXES FOR TOPIC A](#)
- [ANNEXES FOR TOPIC B](#)

**Timeline:**

- Opening Date of the Call: 1 March 2016
- Launch Event of submission portal at Adaptation Futures Conference: 10 May 2016
- Closing date for step-one proposals for Topic A: 15 June 2016
- Closing date for step-one proposals for Topic B: 15 July 2016
- Step-two invitation: 15 September 2016
- Closing date for submission of step-two proposals: 15 November 2016
- Communication of final results: February 2017
- Start of projects: Spring 2017
- End of projects: Spring 2020

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**"How to respond to climate change related risks  
in the value chain of your business?"**

**Side event at Adaptation Futures Conference 2016**

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The impacts of climate change will sooner or later affect many business sectors. Even if your company may not yet be affected directly, your suppliers may already be. The essence of good business management is to be future oriented and transform challenges into opportunities. As such, strategic concepts to adapt business to changing operating conditions have always been the basis for a long term success.

At the occasion of the start of ERA4CS, [JPI Climate](#), an intergovernmental initiative of major European research funding bodies cordially invites you to a workshop on the potential contribution of climate science to risk management strategies in the private sector.

**Date:** 9 May 2016

**Time:** 13:30 - 17:00

**Location:** Rotterdam, The Netherlands

**More information:** [Save the date and Agenda](#)

The aim of this event is to strengthen the dialogue of business leaders with scientists and other stakeholders in the view of identifying needs for better risk management to which science can contribute. Following introductory presentations by company leaders on the importance of resilience in businesses (including a perspective on access to finance) a series of questions will be elaborated in interactive discussion groups. These include:

- Do you know who can help you with climate risk management strategies?
- How are you integrating climate change risk in your investment portfolio?
- What are the costs and benefits of building resilience to climate change into your supply chain?
- How are you integrating climate change risks in your investment portfolio?
- What climate risk management consulting does your company provide?
- What knowledge should science provide to be effectively integrated in your climate risk assessment strategies and could climate services play a role in

your risk management strategies?

With the support of the [Dutch Ministry of Infrastructure & Environment](#) as well as the World Business Council of Sustainable Development ([WBCSD](#)) as partner.

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## New ERA4CS website

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The newly [ERA4CS website](#) will be an entry point to access the information of the developments of the JPI Climate's flagship project "European Research Area for Climate Services" (ERA4CS), including the large scale Joint Transnational Call.

The ERA-NET Consortium "European Research Area for Climate Services" (ERA4CS), under the umbrella of JPI Climate, has been designed to boost the development of efficient Climate Services in Europe. ERA4CS officially started on the 1st of January 2016 and first activities of ERA4CS start with the launch of a large scale Joint Transnational Call for research proposals with cash and institutional funding from at least 16 countries and co-fund support of the European Commission.

The new website features information on the project, including the [objectives](#) and [who](#) is participating; the [activities](#) that we will conduct, majorly the [Joint Transnational Call](#) and its procedures to apply; and also public [documents](#) produced by the consortium.

You can also subscribe to our [newsletter](#) if you wish to be kept updated on important news and events related to ERA4CS.

Problems and suggestions with regards to the new website can be reported to:

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