

The ERA-Net Cofund on Biotechnologies is a new ERA Net Cofund Action under Horizon 2020 that will build upon the achievements of ERA-IB2 (ERA-Net for Industrial Biotechnology 2), ERASysAPP (ERA-Net for Applied Systems Biology) and ERASynBio (ERA-Net for Synthetic Biology).

ERA CoBioTech launches a call for joint transnational research projects in the field of biotechnologies on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016. The aim of the call is to contribute to transforming the global economy from a dependence on fossil raw material to a sustainable bio-based economy.

Since we have found your expertise within the field of expertise to those proposals we expected to receive in this call, we would like to ask you to participate as evaluator in the pre-proposal and full proposal evaluation process and to attend the International Evaluation Panel (IEP) meeting(s). The travel expenses and accommodation for attending the physical meeting(s) will be covered by ERA CoBioTech.

Each proposal will be reviewed by at least 3 evaluators. The evaluators will be required to submit written assessments/evaluation reports in both steps (in case your expertise is still needed in the second step). Pre-proposals will be available for review after on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017. The aim of this first step in the review procedure is to select the best pre-proposals to be invited to submit full proposals. In a second step the full proposals will be reviewed after on 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2017. The best proposals will be recommended for funding.

To give an idea of the workload, it would try to allocate no more than 20 pre-proposals (limited to 5-6 pages per proposal) for evaluator in the first stage and 10 full proposals (limited to ~30 pages per proposal) in the second stage.

	<b>For attending IEP meeting(s)</b> <i>(Madrid, Brussels or Berlin, to be confirmed)</i>	<b>Dates of IEP meetings</b>	<b>For review</b>
<b>Pre-proposal stage</b>	Up to €200	May 8-9	Up to €30 per proposal
<b>Full proposal stage</b>	Up to €300	September 25-26	Up to €100 per proposal

We would really appreciate your commitment to support us with your expertise. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are interested in this task and available on these dates.

**Important: Please take into account that participation as an evaluator will exclude from applying for funding within this call.**

Sincerely yours,

COBIOTECH Consortium