

Before we start

- 1. First the presentation then questions and discussion
 - The presentation takes roughly 25 min after which we have time for questions and discussion

2. The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available online for two weeks – Q&A and discussion will not be recorded

3. You can write questions during the presentation in the Q&A



Background

- In order to strengthen long-term bilateral research collaboration between Finland and Sweden, the Swedish Government together with a group of private actors donated a gift to Finland's centenary of independence celebrations in 2017 a joint bilateral call for research projects, named Tandem Forest Values.
- Due to the success of the first call, Finland and Sweden funded also a second call in 2019
- The present call is thus the third in the bilateral programme Tandem Forest Values.



Participants

Sweden:

Research Council Formas

Finland:

- Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland
- Ministry of the Environment
- Walter Ahlström Foundation
- Academy of Finland, Research Council for Natural Sciences and Engineering



What can be applied for

- Funding applied by: consortium applying for funding for research team salaries and other project costs; consortium parties are from Finland and Sweden
 - At least one partner and maximally two from each country
- Maximum funding is 300,000 euros per subproject
- The projects last for two years
- Each funder has moreover, their own funding terms and conditions described in the call text.



Call themes

- The call aims to support research on new possibilities to use forest raw material for future and more sustainable value chains.
- The call encompasses all types of wood-based products, such as building components, furniture, textiles, packaging, and other new materials, but not bioenergy and biofuels.
- The research envisioned in the call is encouraged to, in addition to generating technological breakthroughs, include a holistic view of the value chain of the product in focus.



Who can apply

- In addition to a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) of the proposed project must also have other significant scientific merits. Usually the PI is a researcher at least at the docent level (adjunct professor).
 - These criteria also apply to subproject PIs in consortia.
- Also, consortium leader must have no more than ten years since their first doctorate



Preparing your application

- The applications are prepared and submitted in the <u>online</u> <u>services</u> of the Academy of Finland.
- Before you start preparing the application, please read carefully the <u>Consortium application guidelines</u>.
- Note that all project partners in the consortium need to create an account in the online services and fill in the joint consortium application for their own part.
- The consortium leader creates the application and adds the project partners.



Budget (1/2)

- Each project partner must have a separate budget. It should include all costs related to the project, including full overhead costs following the standards at each university or institute.
- The Finnish project partners will prepare their budgets according to the full cost model and apply for 70% of the total project costs of their subproject.
- The Swedish project partners will prepare their budgets so that 100% of the costs for their subproject is applied for from the funder.



Budget (2/2)

- Before you start: Please read the instructions provided for you on the tab in the online services before you start filling the table.
- Justify the funding to be applied for. The cost estimate must be realistic.
 - Finnish applicants also justify the PI's salary in the open field. No separate tab for PI's salary available.
- Consult the administration at your site of research when filling in budget details. Read more about the funding in the call text under 'Funding to be applied for and funding period'.



Commitment by site of research

- Make sure you have a commitment from your site of research (usually a university or research institute) to supporting the project. Read more in the <u>guidelines on the commitment by the</u> <u>site of research</u>.
- The commitment issuer is entered on the application in the Academy's online services.
- No physical signature needed this time.



Funding decisions

- Each funder will make its own funding decisions. The consortia
 will be jointly funded by the funding parties based on the
 review and the ranking of the applications. The funding
 decisions will be made taking into account the funding terms of the
 funders.
- Formas will fund the Swedish subprojects and the Finnish funders will fund the corresponding Finnish subprojects. A Finnish subproject may, moreover, be funded by more than one Finnish funder.
 - The project partners successful in the call will be invited to submit national application forms.



Important dates

- Call opens: 6 October 2021
- NOTE! The online services will be offline from Monday 29
 Nov 2021 to Tuesday 30 Nov 2021
- Call closes: 1 December 2021 at 16:15
- Funding decisions: Early summer 2022
- Expected start date for projects: 1 September 2022



Useful links

- The call text
- Consortium application guidelines
- The review forms and guidelines used by reviewers
- The <u>online services</u> of the Academy of Finland.



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KSLA is holding a webinar on the TFV programme:

Forest Friends Forever version II

Tandem Forest Values – what have we learned?

Time Monday 25th October, at 2 pm-4 pm (CET)

Venue Zoom

Registration No later than 21th October via this link or through the website www.ksla.se

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You are warmly welcome to participate!

