

WATER4ALL
PARTNERSHIP

« Aquatic Ecosystem Services » 2023 Joint Transnational Call Info / FINLAND

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What is Water4All ?

82 partners (34 research funding agencies, 15 sectoral ministries, 18 research organisations, 3 EU networks, 3 local authorities, 8 national / regional networks representing economic actors)

31 countries (23 Member States and 8 non-EU countries)

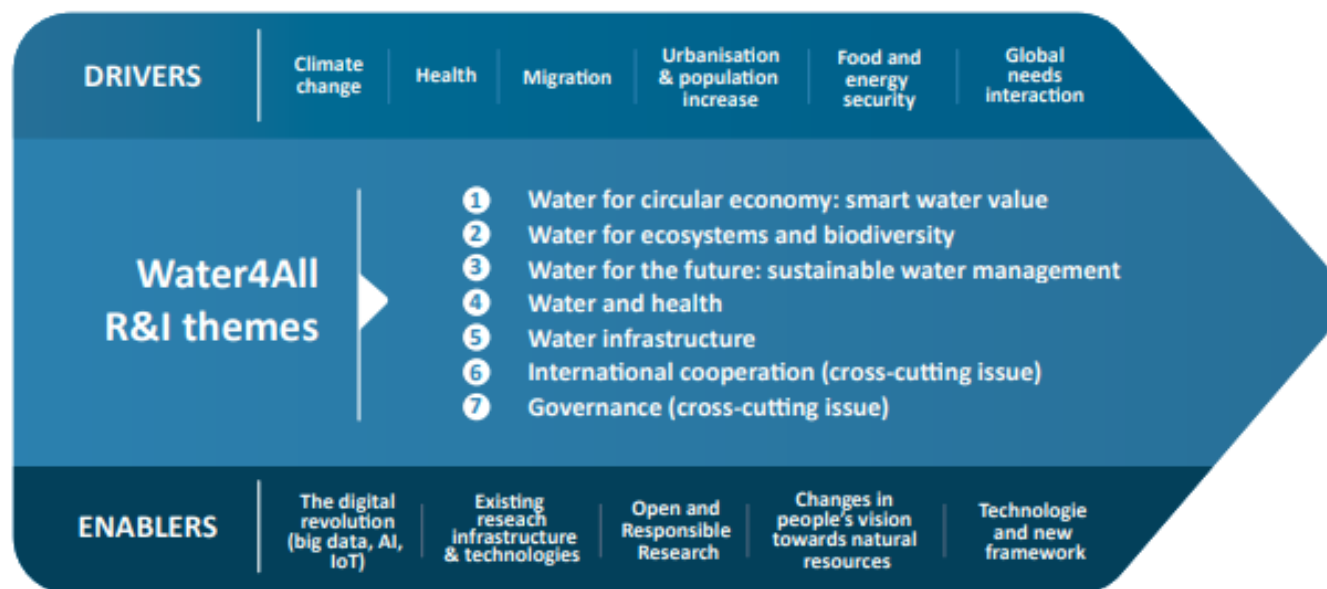
**June 2022 – May 2032, Phase 1 (86M€, 26M€ from the European Commission)
420M€ expected for the decade (126M€ from the EC)**

A “new” way of supporting Research

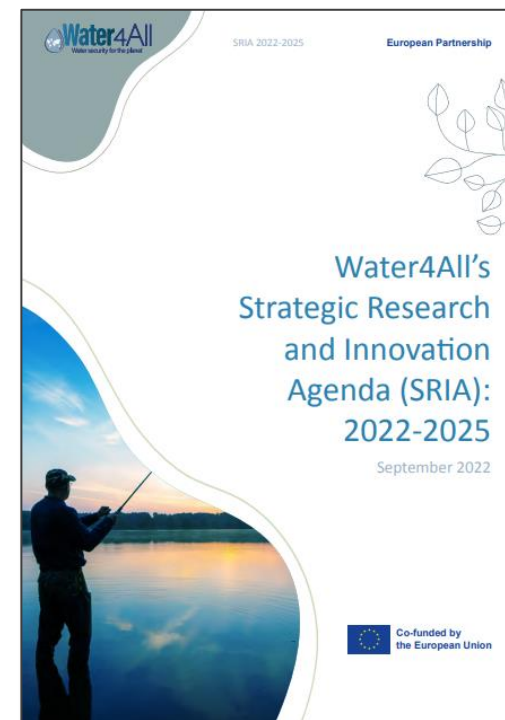
- Gathering our funds
- Cross-sectoral approaches (researchers, policy makers, citizens, economic actors)
- Continuum development to the transfer and practice to the actors from knowledge
- Accelerating the impact of Research on water management (EU, SDGs objectives, WFD and others EU regulations and laws ...)



Water4All RDI themes and Strategic Research Innovation Agenda



7 core themes and 25 sub-themes
Research gaps and Policy needs



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Published after a large consultation process

Ecosystem services with a comprehensive approach

- The general theme of the Water4All 2023 Joint Transnational Call is “Ecosystem Services”, with aquatic ecosystems as the focus, including inland surface water, groundwater, transitional and coastal water, and **having water security on top of the objectives.**
- The context for the general call topics is described in Theme II of the [Water4All Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda \(SRIA\)](#), “Water for ecosystems and biodiversity”.
- Themes VI and VII in the SRIA on “International cooperation” and “Governance”, respectively, must be considered as they are cross-cutting issues to all other themes.
- Applicants are encouraged to check links in the SRIA between ecosystem services and themes, subthemes, drivers and enablers. **This comprehensive approach must be reflected in the proposals.**

Call topics: at least one topic has to be covered

- **Topic 1:** Mapping, monitoring, and assessment for a better understanding of ecosystem services in a context of changes, from local to global change.
- **Topic 2:** Understanding and predicting multiple pressures (including anthropogenic pressures) - impact – response relationships in ecosystem services through advanced methods and techniques.
- **Topic 3:** New tools and solutions for better integration of ecosystem services into the management of water resources.

Read the [Call Announcement](#) document carefully, especially the Objectives and Description of the aims and themes!

Also, watch the [recording of the international webinar](#)

General eligibility (check full details from call documents!)

- Proposals must address at least one main topic, even though it is not compulsory to address all subtopics within a topic in the proposals
- Each consortium must be composed of at least a minimum of three (3) eligible partners that request funding from participating Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) from three different countries.
- The upper limit of eligible project partners per consortium is seven (7) (including 1 self-funded partner)

General eligibility criteria

- Consortium Coordinator in ECR: PhD less than 10 years prior to the call launch, other PIs in the Consortium do not need to be early career researchers
- The workload distribution within a consortium must be balanced, and no partner (including a self-funded partner) shall have more than 50% of person months.
- Partners from the same country shall not have, altogether, more than 50 % of person months
- The Transnational Projects duration must be 36 months.

National (AKA) eligibility criteria i.e. National Regulations

In this call the eligibility criteria is according to the Academy Project funding criteria:

- In addition to a doctoral degree, the PI of the proposed project must have other significant scientific merits. Usually the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level.
- If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute for the duration of the funding period, they must explain how their salary will be covered during the funding period.
- Only one application per researcher will be considered (incl. a consortium subproject) in this call.

National (AKA) eligibility criteria i.e. National Regulations

- Maximum amount per proposal: €250,000 per consortium partner (also if coordinator)
- If there are several Finnish partners in the same consortium, the maximum total commitment is €400,000 per consortium

National eligibility criteria i.e. National Regulations (AKA and YM)

- The call is implemented under the full cost model (national+EC funding is max. 70% of the full costs of the project)
- Funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (e.g. direct salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. costs for premises). Both types of costs are covered with the same percentage

National eligibility criteria i.e. National Regulations (AKA and YM)

- Only the submission of the joint proposal is required (via the Water4All online submission tool). Do not submit any documents directly to AKA or YM
- However, applicants are advised to contact AKA's contact point (Laura Forsström and Vesa Yli-Pelkonen) or YM's contact point (Laura Höijer) before submitting the proposal
 - laura.forsstrom@aka.fi
 - vesa.yli-pelkonen@aka.fi
 - laura.hoijer@gov.fi

National eligibility criteria i.e. National Regulations

Please check AKA's Regulations at:

- [Research Council of Finland's funding terms and conditions 1 June 2023-31 Oct 2023](#)
- [Research Council of Finland's Criteria for funding decisions 2022-2023 \(in Finnish\)](#)
- [Research Council of Finland's A-Z index of application guidelines](#)

Read more about YM's Regulations at:

- [Water4All: Call opened for applications for funding for research projects on Aquatic Ecosystem Services - Ministry of the Environment \(ym.fi\)](#)

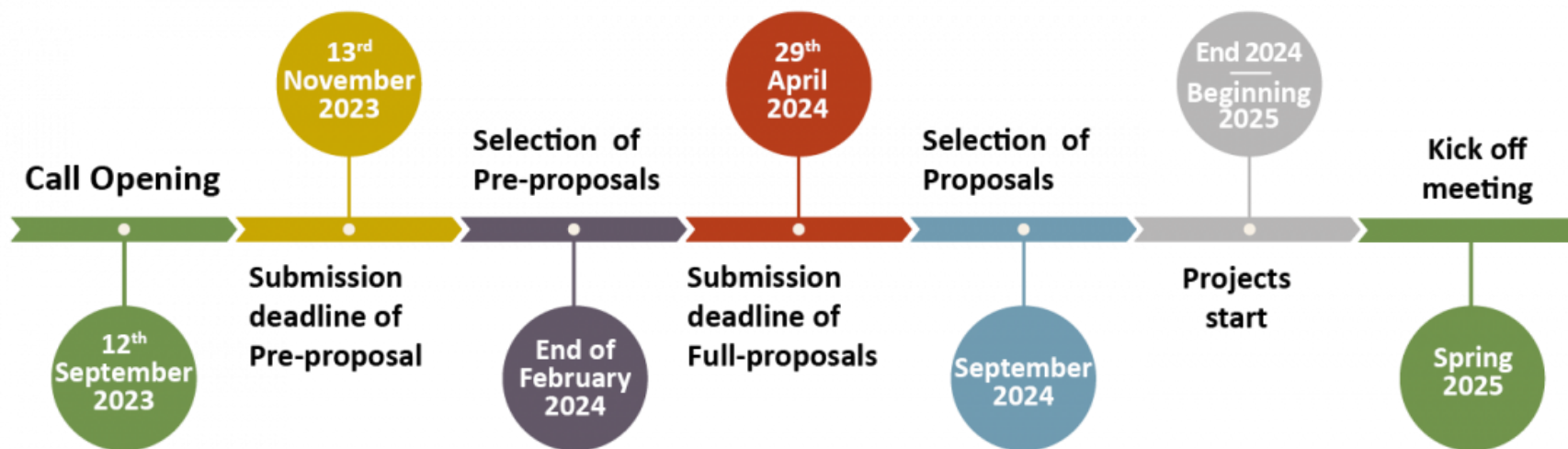
Funded modalities (FINLAND)

- Joint Transnational Call
- Early Career Researcher Call
- Water4All Knowledge Hub
 - Eligible costs for attending Water4All Knowledge Hub activities are as follows:

AKA only covers the travel costs (3.600 Euros) of knowledge hub expert group members for attending 3 workshops. The travel costs should be included in the travel cost category of project's general budget as a requested cost. The travel cost should **not** be included in the “financial data” part in the knowledge hub expression of interest section in EPSS.

Timeline and practicalities

- Applications are to be submitted by the coordinator
- You may submit the application multiple times before deadline – highly encouraged!
- Check all the call documents and familiarise yourself with the online submission tool in good time




EPSS – Online submission tool & Partnering tool

[Home](#) > [Water4All 2023](#) > [applicant's desktop](#) > [pre-proposal Water4All2023-369](#)

Pre-proposal Water4All2023-369 (SamuSirkka)

The content of the proposal should be written in English. Incomplete proposals or proposals that do not adhere to the general eligibility criteria and to the national/regional eligibility requirements will be rejected and will not be evaluated.

The proposal can be submitted by the Consortium Coordinator multiple times before the pre-proposal submitting deadline on 2023-11-13 15:00 CET (local time in Brussels, Copenhagen, Paris; however, the Call Secretariat can only ensure responses to email support requests up to 12:00 CET/CEST). Only the very last submitted copy will be used by the Call Secretariat. It is not possible to edit / submit the proposal after this deadline. Time remaining until the deadline in your time zone - time.is/1500_13_November_2023_in_Brussels 

Use the links below to edit / view different parts of the proposal. An incomplete proposal cannot be submitted by the Consortium Coordinator. Please note that nearly all fields in the proposal forms are required to be filled in, a very few fields that are optional are marked as such. Make sure you complete any missing parts and fix any detected problems well before the pre-proposal submitting deadline.

NB: You must choose either AKA or YM when filling in the budget.

However, after Step 1, the applicants may be shifted to the other FPO depending on the available budget and other criteria (to optimize the use of national funds).

1. [General information](#) - edit proposal title, acronym, project start date, keywords
2. [Add / edit / remove partners](#) - add or remove project partners, change partner type, change PI, nominate partner for participating in the Knowledge Hub
3. Partners' details:
 - o **Partner 1** - Laura Forsström <laura.forsstrom@aka.fi>
 - [Partner's details](#)
 - [Brief CV of the Principal Investigator](#)
 - [Budget](#)
 - [Preview this part of the proposal](#)
4. [Summary of the project](#) - summary of the project, priority area, scientific disciplines, sea-basins/ocean, preliminary data management information
5. [Short description of the project](#) - upload a PDF file with the description of the project
6. [Exclusion / suggestion of potential reviewers \(optional\)](#) - indicate experts who could review or should not be asked to review your proposal
7. [Ethics self-assessment and do no significant harm principle](#)
8. Preview the entire proposal - view the working copy of your pre-proposal **and submit it to the Call Secretariat**

EPSS – Online submission tool & Partnering tool

Water4All Call 2023 on "Aquatic Ecosystem Services"

If you are looking for a partner or for a project to join:

Submit new partner / project search

Filter entries by:

Those looking for: [a partner](#) [a project to join](#) [display both](#)

Private or public organisation(s): [private](#) [public](#) [display both](#)

Country: -- choose country --

Expertise topic: -- choose topic --

Keyword: -- choose keyword --

Description:

Contact	Looking for a	Country	Description
Associate Professor Gutierrez	project	Spain	Water monitoring with autonomous surface vehicles.
Dr Moreno	project	Spain	Broad water or agriculture thematic
Principal Scientist Pereira	project	Portugal	looking for a project to join where I can contribute in the area of water quality and treatment
Dr Lønborg	project	Denmark	I do currently not have a project but I would be interested in actively contribute to projects dealing with these topics: - Monitoring, and assessment for a better understanding of ecosystem services in a context of changes, from local to global change. - Understanding and predicting multiple pr...

Evaluation criteria – check the guiding questions!

Excellence Threshold 3/5	Impact Threshold 3/5	Implementation Threshold 3/5
Clarity and pertinence of the objectives, ambition, beyond state of the art	Credibility of the impact pathways, scale and significance	Quality, effectiveness, risk assessment, resources
Addressing the knowledge gaps	Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise impact: dissemination and exploitation	Capacity and role of participants
Soundness of methodology	Added value of transnational cooperation and networking	Appropriateness of the partners and justification of resources
Overall score threshold 10/15 – each individual criteria has to reach the threshold		

0 – LIMITED, 1 – POR, 2- FAIR, 3- GOOD: the proposal addresses the criterion well, but a number of shortcomings are present, 4 – VERY GOOD, 5 - EXCELLENT

Thank you and good luck with
your applications!

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