

Call for participants in "best practices" research projects

Subjects:

- Proposal 1: Member states' *ecosystems / landscapes* of environmental technology research organisations (*RTO's*) and their interaction with other stakeholders, including policy.
- Proposal 2: Historical examples where **RTO's** showed to be powerful technological **"translators"** of EU environmental policy at the member state or regional level.
- Proposal 3¹:

Content:

- Examine RTO/policy cases in Spain, Italy, France, Germany, Belgium, Estonia, Sweden, ...
- Each RTO/country can choose one or more environmental domains in which EU policies were implemented with the support of the national/regional RTO
- Case studies consist of e.g. literature review of (national, regional, European) policy papers, research papers, and/or interviews with RTO staff, administration, policy representatives
- Contains past best practices, positive and negative results
- Focus on (past, proven) own results of ENERO member in this member state / region but also possible to include results from other national and regional RTO's
- Conclude with RTO's expected future role

<u>Output:</u>

- Report consisting of chapters per member state / region (see above) and a general abstract & concluding chapter
- Presentation of this report on a ENERO Workshop
- Presentation of general findings on e.g. EARTO conference and/or other European conferences
- Member RTO's are free to spread the report in their country
- Press releases by member RTO's

Expected impact:

- Joint research project contributes to a common "ENERO feeling"
- Output convinces our national/regional governments of the importance of RTO's
- Output convinces EC of the role of RTO's in European funding and regulatory process
- Research project budgetary requirements are in line with ENERO bank reserves (mainly literature research & may use data gathered in other RTO projects)
- A "review"- study is consistent with a network of > 25 years old
- Consistent with ENERO membership profile based on 1 member per member state
- Output can stimulate new members to participate to ENERO

¹ Other subjects may be proposed by ENERO members



Organisation:

- Every actual RTO member of ENERO is free to participate
- At least 3 ENERO RTO's candidates are needed before a project can be funded (besides coordination)
- RTO's participating receive an ENERO grant of 10.000 EUR (50 % bank transfer after agreement of GA, 50 % after submission of report chapter)
- ENERO grant of 10.000 EUR for ENERO RTO volunteering to coordinate (and to write the general abstract & concluding chapter)
- Past or new candidate ENERO member can also participate but with smaller ENERO fee
- Research and writing of the chapter by RTO staff , PhD student, consultant, ... (free to choose by RTO)
- Participating RTOs may provide additional funding from their own budget (or other cofounding sources) to expand the available budget

<u>Timing:</u>

- Agreement on maximum budget of 100 kEUR (Autumn 2018)
- Proposal of two possible subjects (Bologna meeting, May 2019)
- Call for participation (Juni-July 2019)
- Deadline for submission of candidates (first round): September, 2019
- Agreement to start the project (mail consultation of GA, if sufficient number of candidates) : September, 2019
- Start of the research project: October, 2019
- First progress report (Brussels meeting, November 2019), 50 % of grant to participants
- Draft report on General Meeting of Spring 2020 (Liège)
- Payment of second 50 %
- Distribution e.g. ENERO Workshop (Autumn, 2020)

Procedure:

- Submission of candidates and short description of proposed contribution (before 31/08/2019)
- Agreement in principal of GA on projects selected (September 2019)
- Presentation of first progress report (Brussels meeting, November 2019) and agreement of GA to pay 50 % of grant to participants