# **Expression of Interest Application**

**Support for initial development of North/South proposals under the next Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) call**

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## Description

InterTradeIreland (ITI) in partnership with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) in Northern Ireland and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) in Ireland, proposes to make available support for the first critical steps of proposal development for North/South consortium applications to the next Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) call expected in 2023 <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/open-calls-proposals>.

A North/South application is defined as one where the lead partner/coordinator is based in Ireland or Northern Ireland and the proposal must contain another partner in the application based in the opposite jurisdiction (Ireland or Northern Ireland) to provide for a North/South collaboration.

Support is to be provided substantially by 31 December 2022. Support will be provided by ERINN Innovation.

This support can be used to work on the first critical steps of proposal development in the submission of North/South proposals under the following call actions:

• Innovation Actions[[1]](#footnote-1)

• Innovation Actions – Flagship1

• Research and Innovations Actions[[2]](#footnote-2)

This support is expected to enable upskilling of partners from Ireland and Northern Ireland in how to:

* Select an appropriate call topic
* Define the main concept of the proposal and
* Explore the recruitment of core partners.

The ultimate aim of the support is to lead to the submission of quality North/South proposals to the next CBE JU call.

## Call for Expression of Interest Applications

Expressions of interest (EOI) for this support are invited from eligible entities[[3]](#footnote-3), ensuring a North/South application is achieved (as described above), planning to submit a proposal as either an Innovation Action, Innovation Action – Flagship or a Research and Innovations Action, to the next CBE JU Call.

Applications will be evaluated and reviewed against the marking criteria set out in sections two and three of the EOI form. Following the evaluation process, approval will be provided to successful applicants to avail of support provided by the approved ITI supplier including and up until 31 December 2022.

## Closing Date for Receipt of EOI.

Completed EOI forms must be received by InterTradeIreland no later than **1pm on 9th December 2022**. The response should be submitted by email to: grainne.lennon@intertradeireland.com

**Please note that as staff may be remotely working, correspondence should not be sent in hardcopy via post.**

## Clarification Questions

Any questions or enquiries about this Expression of Interest should be emailed, no later than **1pm on 2nd December 2022**, to: patrick.barrett@agriculture.gov.ie, Elaine.groom@afbini.gov.uk and grainne.lennon@intertradeireland.com

## **Expression of Interest Form**

**Please complete all sections**

To avail of this support, you must confirm that you are seeking a partner(s) from and/or willing to collaborate with a partner(s) from the opposite jurisdiction (Ireland or Northern Ireland).

**Yes/No\*** – please select

If you have selected, ‘No’, you are not eligible for this support, please do not continue.

If you are based in Ireland and need help with identifying potential partners in Northern Ireland or to discuss your suitability for this support, please contact patrick.barrett@agriculture.gov.ie

If you are based in Northern Ireland and need help with identifying potential partners in Ireland or to discuss your suitability for this support, please contact elaine.groom@afbini.gov.uk.

### Section 1: Applicant Details

Title:

First name:

Last name:

Email address:

Organisation Name:

Position:

Address:

Telephone:

### Section 2: Relevant Experience (20 marks)[[4]](#footnote-4)

* Principal Area of Research and expertise of the Applicant and relevance to CBE JU. The Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, which can be accessed here: <https://www.cbe.europa.eu/strategic-research-and-innovation-agenda-sria> (max 100 words)
* Have you applied for funding from national sources for bioeconomy projects, CBE JU (formally BBI) or other EU Framework Programmes (HEU/H2020/FP7) before? (5 marks)

**Yes/No\*** – please select

* Were you successful in applying for funding/were you a partner in national funding programmes for bioeconomy, a previous CBE JU (i.e. BBI JU) or EU Framework Programmes (HEU/H2020/FP7)? (10 marks)

**Yes/No\*** – please select

**If Yes, provide the name of the most recent and pertinent project(s) and the funding programme(s) and whether or not they were successful applications (max 2 projects)**

* For the CBE JU, have you engaged with a Northern Ireland Contact Point (NICP) or the CBE JU National Contact Point (NCP) for Ireland[[5]](#footnote-5)? (5 marks)

**Yes/No \***- please select (If yes, please provide their name)

### Section 3: North/South Collaboration, Scientific Excellence (80 marks)

* Are you considering participating in the next CBE JU Call as the lead partner or a participating partner? (10 marks)

 **Yes/No \*** - please select

* Indicate if you have already engaged with or are open to seeking a potential partner(s) from the opposite jurisdiction (Ireland or Northern Ireland) with a view to exploring north/south collaboration in the Circular Bioeconomy area (maximum 10 marks)

**Yes/No \*** - please select

**If Yes, please provide partner contact details (contact name, position, organisation, address, email, telephone)**

**For verification purposes, you may be asked to make an introduction to ITI to your partner – please confirm agreement to this condition – Yes/No\*** - please select

**What role might your partner play in the consortium? (max 100 words)**

* Proposals must align to one of the following three priority areas (20 marks):

 Agriculture bioeconomy **Yes/No\*** - please select

 Forestry bioeconomy **Yes/No\*** - please select

 Marine bioeconomy **Yes/No\*** - please select

If the answer above is ‘Yes’, please briefly outline the proposal concept (max 150 words)

**Industry Participation**

The mission of the CBE JU as a public-private partnership is to advance the competitive bioeconomy for a sustainable Europe. This public-private partnership brings together the EU Commission and the Bio-Based industries consortium. InterTradeIreland as the cross-border trade and business development body want to encourage industry participation for this support. Please outline how significant industry participation will be addressed in your proposal. Industry led consortia are encouraged to participate. (Maximum 20 marks)

Marks will be awarded as follows:

Proposal led by industry, or clearly involving industry and addressing industry needs/priorities (20 marks)

Clearly explained industry participation (10 marks)

Poor or no significant participation by industry (0 marks)

Please outline industry participation

* Provide an overview of why you wish to avail of support for proposal development in advance of the next Circular Bio-based Europe Joint Undertaking (CBE JU) call. (Max 100 words) (10 Marks)
* Outline the current stage of consortium development e.g., level of engagement with partners (Max 100 words) (10 marks)
* If you have queries relating to preparing your proposal as a lead or partner in a consortium, please list them here.

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**Feedback & Data Protection**

* By availing of this support, you must agree to being contacted by InterTradeIreland to provide feedback on the support provide and to advise on whether the proposal was successful i.e. secured funding

Do you agree with this statement? **Yes/No\*** - please select

* In order to progress your application InterTradeIreland will be required to hold and process some of your personal data and we have detailed policies in place to do so. You can find our Privacy policy and Data Retention Policy on our website *https://intertradeireland.com/site-pages/privacy-policy*

 Please tick that you agree to InterTradeIreland holding and processing your data for business purposes in line with our data policies.

 Please tick here if you would like to receive our E-zine to update you about our business supports, free events and news that m[[6]](#endnote-1)ay interest you.

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1. Innovation Actions (IAs) scale up activities from prototype to product validation and market replication. Flagships, an important and specific type of IAs, in particular to deploy a first-of-its-kind innovation on the European market. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Research and Innovation Actions (RIAs) establish new knowledge or explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service, or solution. These may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing, demonstration, and validation [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. In order to be eligible [CBE\_JU), the applicants/consortium (beneficiaries and affiliated entities) must:

	1. Be legal entities (public or private bodies)
	2. Be established in one of the eligible countries, i.e.:
	* EU Member States including their outermost regions and linked overseas countries and territories (OCTs)
	* non-EU countries: Countries associated to Horizon Europe (AC) Low and middle income countries: See [HE Programme Guide](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/guidance/programme-guide_horizon_en.pdf); Other countries when announced in the call or exceptionally if their participation is essential
	* Specific cases: Affiliated entities established in countries eligible for funding; EU bodies; International organisations (IO); international European research organisations are eligible for funding; Other IO are not eligible (only exceptionally if participation is essential; IO in a MS or AC are eligible for funding for Training and mobility actions and when announced in the call conditions.
	1. Consist of at least two other independent legal entities each established either in a different Member State or an Associated Country
	2. The lead coordinator must be established in in Ireland or Northern Ireland and must contain another partner in the application based in the opposite jurisdiction (Ireland or Northern Ireland). *In exceptional circumstances, support may be provided to proposals which are not led in Ireland or Northern Ireland but the consortium includes a substantial partner contribution from both jurisdictions* [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Marks awarded for ‘Yes’ response [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. InterTradeIreland is working closely with the National Support Network in Ireland and the Northern Ireland Contact Point Network to maximise the opportunities for North South collaboration in CBE JU and Horizon Europe.  By completing and returning this form, you agree that this information can be confidentially shared within the network for the purposes of achieving this objective. For Ireland, the contact point is Patrick Barrett, DAFM and for Northern Ireland, the contact is Elaine Groom, AFBI.

\*delete as appropriate [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. \*delete as appropriate [↑](#endnote-ref-1)