



Invitation for expressions of interest

Working Visits in Europe and Chile to elaborate project proposals and establish twinning mechanisms between institutions

About CEST+I

The Chile-EU Science, Technology and Innovation Initiative (CEST+I) is a bilateral project to promote science, technology and innovation cooperation between the European Union, its member states and associated countries, and Chile.

The project thereby contributes to the implementation of the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (JIRI) between Latin America and the Caribbean and the European Union.

The specific objectives of the project are to develop policy dialogue on science and technology between the EU and Chile, to promote the creation of networks and the development of joint research projects, and to disseminate opportunities for cooperation between Chile and the EU.

CONICYT's partner institutions in this project are [DLR](#) (Germany), [IDOM](#) (Spain) and [IRD](#) (France).

Details of this invitation for expressions of interest

As an integral part of its work plan, CEST+I is committed to foster the establishment of networks between Chilean and European researchers.

As part of this work, CEST+I has a limited amount of financing available to support working visits by EU researchers to Chile, and vice-versa, with the aim of –

- (i) preparing joint project proposals for calls under the European Commission's Horizon 2020 or other relevant bilateral instruments (supporting joint research between Chile and EU Member States)
- (ii) establishing twinning mechanisms between research institutions (i.e. specific cooperation agendas between universities, departments, laboratories or other established research teams)

This call is administered jointly by CONICYT and IRD.



Proposals from all disciplines are welcomed, from researchers working in all types of organisations (public and private sector), and their evaluation will be guided by excellence and the potential for the development of a solid joint research project shown by each application.

However, particular weighting will be given to proposals that –

- (i) are from teams that can demonstrate a track record in EU-Chile cooperation (either institutionally or individually, through team members), as well as the identification of concrete H2020 calls towards which the working visit will be oriented (where appropriate).
- (ii) fall within the thematic fields of the CEST+I project (including Antarctic research; mining; renewable energies; astronomy; biotechnology; seismology and technology in earthquake-resistant construction), and / or within the priority working areas of the EU-CELAC Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation (ICT; energy; biodiversity and climate; bioeconomy; health and medical sciences)

In this call in 2014, financing will be given to a maximum of eight expressions of interest.

Selection process

Expressions of interest will be evaluated by an ad hoc selection committee made up of representatives from CONICYT and IRD, and external experts, as appropriate. Successful proposals will be informed by 27 June 2014.

Financing

Successful proposals will typically receive finance to support the travel costs of one or (a suggested maximum of) two researchers from the EU to Chile, or vice versa.

In the case of two researchers travelling, this could include two researchers on the same trip, or two separate trips (one EU-CH, one CH-EU, for example). Alternatively, it could include two researchers from different centres (in Chile, or in the EU) looking to participate as partners in the same project with European / Chilean counterparts.

This financing will include travel costs (economy class, point to point), and a *per diem* allowance of €200 per day up to a maximum of €1000 per travelling researcher.

How to apply

Expressions of interest should be submitted in English (proposals will be evaluated by a joint EU-Chile committee) jointly to IRD (francois.tremege@ird.fr) and CONICYT (msheldon@conicyt.cl), and should include –

- The attached application form (completed) – including details of the ‘home’ institution of the researchers, and the ‘host’ institution to be visited in the EU / Chile
- A covering letter (of no more than 750 words). Details of the points to cover in this letter are included in the box below – these directions should be closely attended to.
- A draft programme (agenda) for the proposed visit
- Curriculum Vitae of the participating researcher/s

Successful candidates will be asked (in addition) to provide photocopies of the (highest) degree certificates of participating researchers, and photocopies of their passports or national ID cards, as well as relevant bank details (in order to process the allocation of funds).

Covering letter – points to cover

Please include the following –

- The purpose of the working visit (to develop a project proposal for H2020, a project proposal or for another call, or to develop a new institutional twinning mechanism)
- In the case of a project proposal, please identify a specific call and (for H2020) partners for the prospective project consortium – and the potential project structure (overall objectives, sponsoring institutions, specific areas of study, duration and outputs)
- In the case of a new institutional twinning mechanism, please set out a background and objectives for the twinning mechanism (stating clearly how the EU and Chilean institution will benefit), and a programme of activities to be carried out over at least a 12-24 month period (identifying other sources of funding to be used, where appropriate) – and how the working visit(s) funded will fit into this
- Background on the individual researchers involved – why their individual participation is important, and how they have been selected (as appropriate) from the respective institutions



Commitment from participants

Successful candidates will be required to provide the CEST+I project team with a detailed report of the activities undertaken, and the next steps for the proposed project / twinning mechanism, within two weeks of the completion of the activity. A template for this report will be provided.

Submission of applications / further questions

Applications should be submitted via email, with supporting documentation in PDF format, to IRD (francois.tremege@ird.fr) and CONICYT (msheldon@conicyt.cl) by 13.00 (Chilean time; 18.00 French time) on Wednesday 4 June 2014.

For any further questions regarding this invitation, or regarding the details of applications, please contact Matt Sheldon (msheldon@conicyt.cl or +56 (2) 23 65 44 55) or François Trémège (francois.tremege@ird.fr +33 (0) 4 91 99 93 73).