

NILS SCIENCE AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMME CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING ABEL – IM – CM - AF

1. Objectives and motivation

The aim of this call is to provide additional financial support to beneficiaries of calls ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B, in order to perform additional stays, extended stays and / or additional activities within approved and ongoing project. This document regulates the call for the reallocation of funds remaining from measures 6 (Abel Individual Mobility of Researchers) and 10 (Abel Coordinated Mobility of Researchers), to ongoing projects funded within previous NILS Science and Sustainability programme calls of the above mentioned measures. This call must be read as complementary to the above mentioned calls. This means that for all points not developed in this text, the terms described in such calls is applicable.

2. Budget available

The budget available for this call is 106,350 euro. This amount may be increased before its closure date.

3. Beneficiaries, eligible institutions and requirements

Eligible applicants are beneficiaries of ongoing projects funded within NILS Science and Sustainability programme, in the frame of calls ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B. For being eligible, projects must have not reached the final date of eligibility of costs established in project agreements signed with the programme operator. **Ongoing project means that the date identified as the final date of eligibility of costs in the project agreement (signed by the project promoter and the programme operator) is later than the date this call is launched (9 March 2015).**

4. Minimum and maximum funding per project, eligible costs, implementation period

- a. Minimum and maximum funding amounts: from 1000 to 20000 euro.
- b. Eligible costs are the same as in the ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.
- c. Eligible cost of these activities shall be incurred within the eligible period of the project they are associated to. The eligibility period for expenditure starts the day after the awarding proposal is accepted according to point 6 e) of the text of this call. The eligibility period for expenditure ends the day identified as the ending date of the implementation of the project the activity is associated. The previously planned end date of the project may be modified according to the new activities funded within this call. This new date shall be reflected in the awarding resolution of this call as well as in the addendum as described in 9.
- d. Any project activity must be finished by 30 November 2015.

5. Compatibility

See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

6. Management of the call, evaluation of proposals and communication issues

- a. Administration, information and communication issues will be handled by UCM.
- b. The following phases shall apply to the evaluation of proposals: eligibility and administrative assessment by NILS Management service; evaluation by Abel Selection Committee; awarding decision by Steering Committee. Cooperation Committee shall act as observer.
- c. Evaluation criteria and their scoring shall be:
 - a. Level of accomplishment of the activity plan granted. Interim activity and financial reports shall be used for verifying such accomplishment. 50%.
 - b. Evaluation score obtained by the project within the call in which it was granted. 50%

- d. Abel Selection Committee shall be formed by experts appointed by the Steering Committee, with a minimum of three members, one of them not belonging to UCM.
- e. Awarding decision shall be communicated to beneficiaries who, within the following 10 days, may make any claim they may consider or express the acceptance of the grant. Provisional resolution may include a suggestion to reformulate the application as a pre-request for a final approval. The awarding proposal shall be considered accepted if within these 10 days the applicants does not communicate with NILS Management Service.

7. Submission of applications and further information

Applications are to be submitted to UCM, NILS Science and Sustainability Management Service. Application forms will be available in the website: www.nilsmobilityproject.es. Forms shall be fulfilled in English. Applications shall be sent both by regular mail (one original) and by email to the following address:

nilss@ucm.es.

Postal address:

Ciudad Universitaria –Moncloa
Facultad de Ciencias Matemáticas
NILS Science and Sustainability
Plaza de las ciencias, 3-250A
Madrid 28040, Spain

Any information request shall be addressed to nilss@ucm.es or telephone number +34 91 394 4385.

8. Deadline for the presentation of the applications

Application period starts on 9 March and ends on 7 April at 17:00 hours, Madrid local time. Such time will be understood as the time of the reception of the email with the copy of the complete application, as well as the time of sending the hard copies by regular post, which must be shown by the post entity or transport company's stamp on the document.

9. Grant agreement with UCM, Project partnership agreement between partners

Upon accepting the resolution, project promoters, partners and involved responsible researcher(s) shall sign an addendum to the project agreement signed for the project receiving the additional funds. This addendum to the project agreement shall become an annex to the partnership agreement signed by project promoter and partners.

10. Project management, justification, monitoring and control

See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

11. Publicity

See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

12. Communication to the Ministry of Finances and Public Administrations and to the EEA Financial Mechanism Office

See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

13. Applicable rules

- Protocol 38B of EEA Financial Mechanism (2009-2014) (available at www.eeagrants.org)
- Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 adopted by the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee pursuant to Article 8.8 of Protocol 38b to the EEA Agreement on 13 January 2011 and confirmed by the Standing Committee of the EFTA States on 18 January 2011. Including its annexes and guidelines. (available at www.eeagrants.org)

- Memorandum of understanding for the implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 among the Kingdom of Spain and Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway. (available at www.eeagrants.org)
- For Spanish institutions, Law 38/2003, of 17 November, general of public aids. Arts. 13, 14 and 36 to 43. (available <http://www.boe.es/boe/dias/2003/11/18/pdfs/A40505-40532.pdf>)
- The calls ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B.
- The text of the call and its related documents.

14. Type of grants

See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

15. Obligations of applicants

- a. To submit a proposal describing the activities to be performed in one or more host institutions during the proposed period of stay. For evaluation purposes, applicants might be required to provide additional details on their proposals within 10 days of being required for that purpose. Failure to comply may result in being discarded from the call.
- b, c, d, e, f points: See ABEL-IM-2013, ABEL-CM-2013, ABEL-IM-2014A, ABEL-CM-2014A, ABEL-IM-2014B calls.

16. Content of applications

- a. Application form. It shall include a description and a budget of the additional activities to be carried out within the ongoing project, as well as any impact on the aims and the planned results. It shall also include a brief description of the level of accomplishment of the activity plan described in the project agreement of the awarded project, including financial aspects.
- b. Formal declaration from the involved partner institution, supporting the additional activities and the additional funding request, signed by the researcher(s) involved in the proposal.
- c. Formal declaration signed by the legal representative of the project promoter supporting the additional activities and the additional funding request.

Madrid, March, 9, 2015
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