

CALL ENTERS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH SELECTED PROPOSALS

Infravation
An Infrastructure Innovation Programme

NEGOTIATION OF GRANT AGREEMENTS SET TO RUN UNTIL AUGUST; LIST OF FUNDED PROJECTS DUE BY SEPTEMBER

The ERA-NET Plus Infravation 2014 Call for proposals on 'Advanced systems, materials and techniques for next generation road infrastructure' has reached the end of the selection process. All applicants have been informed about the status of their proposal and Rijkswaterstaat, the Project Coordinator, is currently in the grant agreement preparation with the successful proposals. The list of the funded projects will be known at the end of this process, which is expected by September 2015.

Infravation started 18 months ago as a trans-national pooled research fund to develop transport infrastructure innovations which address the challenges identified in the European Commission (EC) White Paper on Transport: Smart, Green and Integrated transport. Its objective is to enable a high-quality infrastructure offering high service levels to the user/economy/society through solutions for both new and existing infrastructure.

This Call, launched on 3rd March 2014, aimed at cost-effective advanced systems, materials and techniques in road infrastructure construction and maintenance, including repair, retrofitting and revamping and generated more than 100 proposals. Proposers then followed a two-step submission and evaluation procedure. The light proposal stage, which concluded at the end of June 2014,

saw the formation of consortia and developing of ideas and the evaluation of the submitted light proposals ended at the end of September. Coordinators of the favourably evaluated light proposals had until the end of November 2014 to prepare and submit their full proposals, which were then evaluated by international independent experts on road infrastructure innovation between December 2014 and April 2015. This included a joint consensus meeting on 23rd-24th March 2015 at the Rijkswaterstaat Brussels Office where these independent evaluators came together to assess and rank each of the proposals with the facilitation of the Infravation Management Group (members of Rijkswaterstaat, TUV and FEHRL), followed by the final decision on funded projects taken at the Infravation Steering Group consensus meeting on 15-16th April 2015.

The Call has an available budget for co-financing of €9.025 million and falls under the scope of SST.2013.1-3 (ERA-NET Plus 'Advanced systems, materials and techniques for next generation infrastructure').

PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2015

A joint kick-off meeting for all funded projects will be organised on 12-13th November 2015 at the Diamant Center in Brussels, Belgium. This will give the involved consortia the opportunity to get to know the other funded projects, exchange information, establish contacts and join forces. The kick-off meeting will also enable the Infravation Scientific Panel members to start liaising with the funded projects. The Scientific Panel brings together technical experts who will support and connect the funded projects and review their progress.



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