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WoodWisdom-Net+ Joint Call closed on 30th April – in total 80 pre-proposals submitted

Altogether 80 pre-proposals were submitted during the first phase of the WoodWisdom-Net+ Call for Proposals. The total costs of all the pre-proposals are 124.7 million euros.

Most of the pre-proposals are coordinated from Finland (33), and each of the participating WoodWisdom-Net+ countries is involved in one or more proposals. Furthermore, there are participants from 15 third countries, too. Most of the participants come from Germany (involved in 65 pre-proposals), followed by Finland (59) and Sweden (43). Among other type of participants (research organisations, universities, others) there have been listed over 300 industry partners, 200 of them being SMEs. For more precise information, please see the below figures.

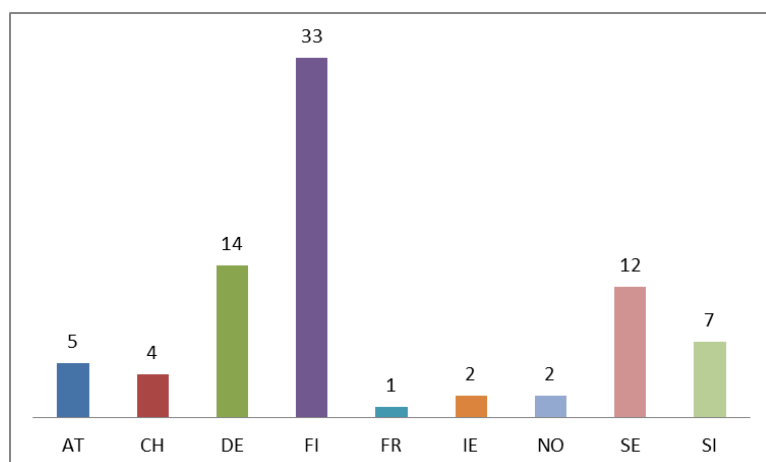


Figure 1. Amount of coordinators per country

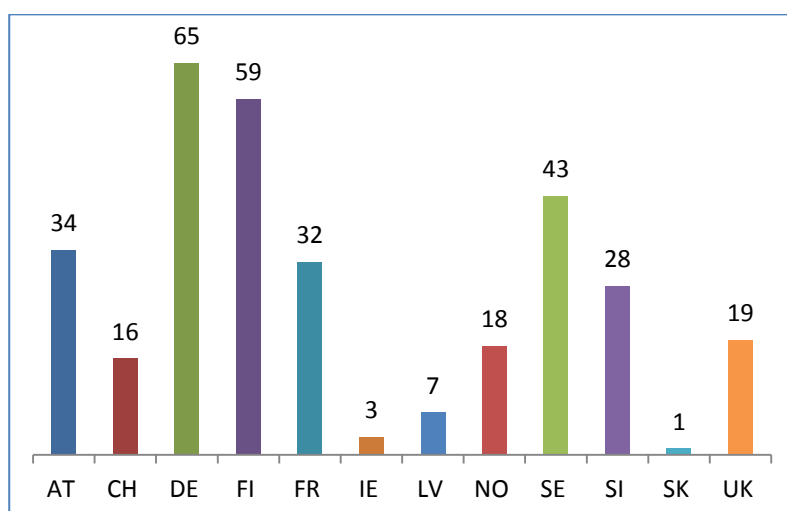


Figure 2. WoodWisdom-Net+ countries in the proposals

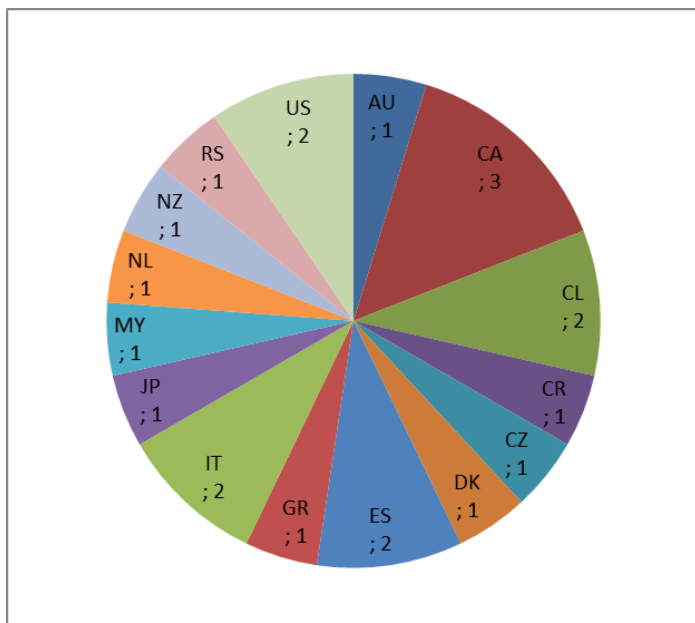


Figure 3. Participating third countries

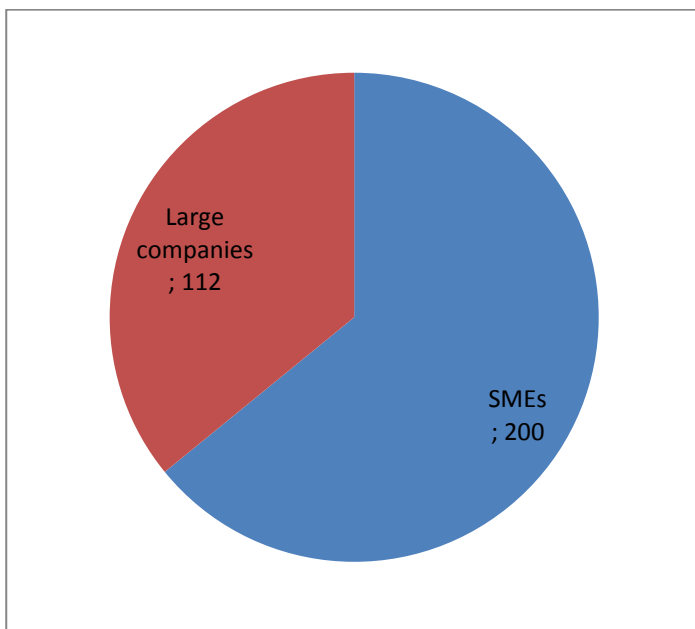


Figure 4. Amount of SMEs and large companies as partners in the pre-proposals

The participating WoodWisdom-Net+ funding organisations will now check the eligibility of the pre-proposals and their suitability for national funding. The pre-proposal assessment results will be communicated to the applicants on June 17, 2013. Applicants who pass this first stage are then invited to submit a full proposal until 16 September 2013.

In step two, the full proposals are submitted through the online submission system and evaluated centrally by a joint and independent international peer review. This step will result in a ranked list of proposals, which determines the proposals recommended for funding. In December 2013 the full proposal assessment results will be communicated to the applicants, and the projects are expected to start early 2014.

The overarching aim of this 4th Joint Call (WoodWisdom-Net+) under the trans-national WoodWisdom-Net Research Programme is to support the innovative transformation of the European forest-based sector and to enable it to increase its resource efficiency and to develop an innovative products scope, while adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change and securing biodiversity.

The main approach in WoodWisdom-Net+ is the substitution of non-renewable resources (e.g. materials or fossil fuels), by renewable forest-based solutions to reduce carbon emissions and waste. The joint trans-national call will address all forest-based value chains in four areas. These are: 1) the sustainable management of forest resources through 2) their efficient utilisation in industrial processes to 3) value added products and 4) competitive customer solutions.

As an ERA-NET Plus action under the ERA-NET scheme of the Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission the partner organisations have agreed on an initial commitment of 24 MEUR (including a top-up funding of 8 MEUR from the European Commission) for the years 2014-2017.

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