

EMPIR Work Programme Call Scope – Support for Impact (2018)

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In order to contribute to the achievement of objectives from the European Metrology Research programmes (iMERA-Plus, EMRP, and EMPIR), a new instrument was introduced for EMPIR under the name "Support for Impact".

The EU intends that EMPIR will make a significant contribution to economic growth in Europe and has set targets both in terms of increased turnover in European companies and the interaction between the metrology and standardisation communities.

While the Joint Research Projects should plan to make this contribution during their lifetime, sometimes an opportunity for further significant exploitation and stakeholder uptake occurs after the research is complete. Support for Impact Projects (SIP) can fund this further exploitation.

Such further exploitation may include:

- An identifiable contribution to a documentary standard in response to a request from a Technical Committee or Working Group of a European or International standards developing organisation.
- An identifiable contribution to a regulatory process in response to a request from a European or International regulatory body.
- Transfer of specific technology or knowledge to a commercial business in response to a request to progress their innovation activities (e.g. product or process development).

SIPs are coordination and support actions. Research and development activities are not eligible to be funded in SIPs, instead SIPs have a clear focus on dissemination and exploitation activities.

A key requirement is an external request for the work from an organisation ready to take up the outputs of the project and move them on to impact outside the metrology community. The organisation making this request is called the "Primary Supporter". Without such a willing recipient expressing support for the proposal and identifying the actions they will take with the outputs of the project, the proposal would have no evidence of the route to impact and should not be funded.

SIPs must be based on research outputs from a completed iMERA-Plus, EMRP or EMPIR Joint Research Project – the "Related JRP".