

EMPIR Work Programme Call Scope – Support for Networks (2020)

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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 support this contribution during their lifetime, in some areas there is a need for a long-term ongoing dialogue between the metrology community and relevant stakeholders. This dialogue should support the take-up of research outputs from the metrology community and the collection of needs from industry to inform future research. Joint Network Projects will enable this by funding activities such as:

- Foresight and common vision
- Developing a Strategic Research Agenda
- Knowledge sharing amongst researchers
- Mobility and training of researchers
- Planning the development of shared Research Infrastructures
- Stakeholder involvement
- Dissemination of research results
- Widening participation (activities related to extending cooperation with low performing RDI Member States and regions)
- Internationalisation (activities related to extending cooperation to third countries)

It is expected that these challenges would be successfully addressed within a typical timeframe of up to 3 years and with a budget in the region of 0.4 M€.

Proposed topics should address building and supporting networks in areas identified by EURAMET as of major strategic importance, with European dimension – the “European Metrology Networks (EMNs)”. Here Joint Network Projects should fund activities enabling the development of organisations that support the dialogue with stakeholders. They should be based on an existing organisation with the long-term aim of promoting the dialogue or plan to establish such an organisation. Measures in the proposal to support the long-term sustainability of this organisation will be a key aspect of the evaluation.