

Call Scope 2020 – Small Collaborative Projects

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The overall strategic aim of the new instrument for capacity building by EURAMET in the form of small collaborative projects with limited budgets 150 K€ and up to 18 months duration is to fund support activities targeted at emerging EURAMET NMIs/Dis.

Proposed topics should address one of the following topics:

- to support smart-specialisation through the coordination and sharing of resources and services across national borders,
- to build stronger links with stakeholders with the aim of determining needs for metrology services and cooperatively developing solutions for meeting them,
- to transfer knowledge to non-NMI/DI actors by building networks with stakeholders in metrology services,

The projects are expected to be sharply targeted, ideally with one specific objective (similar to one mentioned above), with a clear work and budget plan to achieve it and well-defined, objective-oriented deliverables (maximum 4). The projects are envisioned to have at least 3 emerging NMIs/Dis and 1 highly developed NMI/DIs as partners.

As it is proposed that the projects will be funded from national contributions to EMPIR, the application process would be single-step and the applications would be evaluated from the EMPIR Subcommittee Capacity Building according to criteria set by EURAMET. Outcomes would be monitored in terms of achievement of objectives by a team of reviewers. The EURAMET Capacity Building Officer would serve as the facilitator of the instrument.

A pilot implementation of the instrument is proposed for the year 2020 with a project application deadline in the summer of 2020, similar to the RMG application timing. Proposed project starts are foreseen in spring 2021.

Current available budget is 300 k€ and this means EURAMET can fund 2 projects. If the quality of proposals is very high, there might be another possibility to fund a third project. A repetition in 2021 might be possible and is up to discussion and availability of budget.