

**OPEN CALL FOR PROPOSALS
EA_NORVEGALAP**

**Észak-Alföld Regional Development Council announces a call for proposals
procedure**

under the title

**Support for R&D co-operation in the area of agrarian innovation and
renewable energy resources in the Észak-Alföld Region
supported from the EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanisms and co-
financed by the National Research and Technology Office**



norwegian financial mechanism



2009.

Objectives of the fund

To develop regional innovation processes, encourage applied research and promote the practical application of research results by way of providing support for R&D focusing on renewable resources and agrarian innovation.

To encourage the setting up projects strengthening R&D and technological innovation in the Észak-Alföld Region at the region's knowledge bases and, more specifically, institutions of tertiary education (universities and colleges) and research institutions.

The projects should aim technical development activities which result in the improvement or development of new technology, products and services

Projects may be submitted as standalone or in consortium.

Eligible operations

Projects should pertain to the following priority areas:

- A. priority:** Supporting R&D co-operations in the field of renewable or alternative energy resources, especially geothermic and hydraulic power
- B. priority:** Supporting R&D co-operations in the field of agrarian innovation including organic agricultural developments; growing and breeding of indigenous plants and animal stocks; species innovation aiming at new utilisation purposes; development of animal and vegetable products; development of innovative food; development of environment friendly production technologies.

Sources of funding:

Sources of funding: EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanisms and Research and Technology Innovation Fund.

The funding shall be utilized as defined in article 8 section 1 point e) of Act XC year 2003 on Innovation Fund taking into account the principles of 146/2007. (VI. 26.) Governmental Decree and 242/2006. (XII.5.) Governmental Decree on implementation regulation of EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanisms as well as the principles of the Guides of EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanisms.

Total amount available for the open calls:

In order to achieve the objectives of the fund the total amount available for the open calls is 263.405.538 HUF, 85% of which is supported from the EEA & Norwegian Financial Mechanisms and 15% co-financed by the Intermediary.

Minimum and maximum grant amount per project:

The minimum amount of project grants is 12.433.000 HUF; the maximum amount is 49.732.000 HUF

Co-financing requirements:

Grant from the fund will not exceed 90 percent of total eligible project costs if the end-recipient is a budgetary public organization or its institutions with legal entity, or non-profit organisation with legal entity such as institutions of tertiary education, non-profit research institutes, foundations and public foundations. The remaining costs of the project shall be provided or obtained by the end-recipient.

Expected number of approved projects: 5-20

Type of funding: Non-refundable

Maximum duration of projects:

Maximum duration of sub-projects is 9 months.

Eligible applicants:

Applicants must have a head office or a branch registered in the Észak-Alföld Region of Hungary.

Eligible applicants are:

- institutions of tertiary education
- non-profit research institutes
- foundations and public foundations

in case it is a research organisation as defined in the Community guidelines of State aids for research, development and innovation (HL 2006/C 323/01).

Eligible activities:

- a. general innovation research and development activities,
- b. manufacturing of prototypes,
- c. documentation and dissemination of project results, (if it is related to industrial research activity),
- d. Purchase of equipment and machinery,
- e. purchase of devices and equipment for research and development,
- f. pilot systems, provision of test environments.

Exchange rate:

Fixed exchange rate: 248,66 HUF/Euro.

Contact details:

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Application form/user guide:

Information package (including the application form, user guide can be downloaded from www.eszakalfold.hu website under **Norvég Alap** menu.

Further information:

Call for proposals, general rules and regulations are available online on www.eeagrants.org and www.eeagrants.hu

Information days will be organized by the Agency, the date and location of which will be published on the website of the Agency after the launch of the call.

Deadlines and address of submission:

The submission of the applications should be done both in hard copy and electronically.

The applications -filled in Hungarian in A/4 format- should be provided in 1 signed original bound hard copy, in a closed package, in person or by courier, to the following address:

Észak-Alföldi Regionális Fejlesztési Ügynökség Kht.

4028 Debrecen, Simonyi u. 14.

Deadline of submission: 03rd August, 2009. 16:00 pm

The application can be also provided by mail for the own risk of the applicant.

The deadline of the date of the postal stamp is 03rd August, 2009.

An identical copy in electronic format of the application form and the work plan shall also be submitted to innovacio@eszakalfold.hu

The User Guide forms an integral part of the Application Form, and contains all requirements of the application.