

**Annex I: Information on funding and regulations of the Funding Parties (FP)**  
*(Annex I will be finalised by CS after receiving completed documents by all FP)*

of the MoU of the CS4RRA Group of Funding Parties  
for the joint implementation of the Call for Proposals

**Joint Call “Climate Services for Risk Reduction in West Africa (CS4RRA)” 2025**

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**CONTENT**

1. The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

**Feil! Bokmerke er ikke definert.**

## a) National Funding Requirements (will be published in pt-outline)

<b>Contribution <u>in cash</u> to finance selected research projects</b>	<p>Up to NOK 40 million</p> <p>The total funding available for this call is up to NOK 40 million to Norwegian research organisations and their partners from organisations which are located in one of the 16 West African countries, as given in the UN definition (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo; excluding United Kingdom Overseas Territory: St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha).</p> <p>Funding to successful applicants will be disbursed in Norwegian kroner (NOK).</p>
<b>Contribution <u>in-kind</u> to finance selected research projects</b>	<p>No</p>
<b>Eligible entities</b> (if different than specified in the call text)	<p>Only approved Norwegian research organisations are eligible for funding from the RCN. <a href="#">See the list of approved research organisations</a>. A Norwegian research organisation must be Project Owner when applying through the RCN portal (see section on documentation at national level in this annex).</p> <p>Norwegian enterprises registered in Brønnøysund Register Centre are also eligible for funding as partners in a project consortium.</p> <p>The RCN can only fund African partners in consortia where Norwegian institutions are included.</p> <p>We can extend funding to all West African countries and these types of institutions/entities based in those countries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- research institutes,</li> <li>- universities,</li> <li>- technical colleges (polytechnic)</li> <li>- public sector,</li> <li>- non-governmental organisations</li> </ul> <p>Foreign enterprises/businesses, i.e. enterprises outside of Norway are <i>not</i> eligible for funding from the Research Council of Norway. Social enterprises and similar entities are considered as enterprises. If such enterprises are located outside of Norway, they are not eligible for funding from the RCN.</p> <p>Funding from the RCN will be reserved for Norwegian and African partners. European and other non-African partners are not eligible for funding from the RCN.</p>

<p><b>Eligible costs (for project beneficiaries)</b></p>	<p>Information on eligible costs can be found on the RCNs Budget Website: <a href="https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/how/budget/">https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/how/budget/</a></p> <p>The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to NOK is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: <a href="https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/exchange-rate-infocore_en">https://commission.europa.eu/funding-tenders/procedures-guidelines-tenders/information-contractors-and-beneficiaries/exchange-rate-infocore_en</a></p> <p>Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services in a given market.</p> <p>Applicants defined as an undertaking must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules: <a href="https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/state-aid/">https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/state-aid/</a></p> <p>State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects. To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility criteria</b> (in addition to those specified in the call text)</p>	<p>Specifications: See eligible entities.</p>
<p><b>Submission of proposal, documentation at national level</b></p>	<p>Norwegian applicants <i>are not</i> required to register proposals in stage 1 and stage 2 in the RCN portal (My RCN Web).</p> <p>All proposals that include Norwegian applicants must be delivered through ESEP PT-Outline (<a href="https://ptoutline.eu/app/users/login/AFR-EU_Call_CS4RRA">https://ptoutline.eu/app/users/login/AFR-EU_Call_CS4RRA</a>).</p> <p>If funded, the Norwegian research organisations must register their part of the project consortium through the RCN portal. If there are several Norwegian partners in the same consortium, one of the participants may be the Project Owner for the other participants. The Project Owner will receive funding and report on behalf of the other Norwegian companies.</p> <p>The maximum funding disbursed to RCN eligible entities per consortium is NOK 8 million, this is regardless of how many eligible entities participate in one consortium.</p> <p>Further information will be provided to the relevant partners. Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis following RCN guidelines and deadlines. The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for Research projects or for R&amp;D Projects (<a href="https://www.forskningsradet.no/siteassets/generelle-krav-og-vilkar-for-foi-prosjekter/generelle-vilkar-01012021-eng-ny.pdf">https://www.forskningsradet.no/siteassets/generelle-krav-og-vilkar-for-foi-prosjekter/generelle-vilkar-01012021-eng-ny.pdf</a>).</p>

<b>Maximum funding per selected partner</b>	<p>The total cash funding applied from the RCN cannot exceed NOK 8, 000, 000 per consortium where eligible entities as defined by the RCN participate (see section on eligible entities in this annex).</p> <p>The funding period is a maximum of 36 months.</p>			
<b>Maximum funding percentages</b>	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Academia, associations without economic activities, public authorities
<b>Fundamental &amp; Basic research</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	100%
<b>Industrial/ applied research</b>	50%	50%	50%	100%