INFO & NETWORKING SESSION:
MEET LUXEMBOURG PARTNERS IN VIEW OF THE NORFACE ‘TRANSFORMATIONS TO SUSTAINABILITY’ (T2S) CALL 2017!

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Luxembourg National Research Fund
Programme

17:00 – 18:00: NORFACE T2S Info Session
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• New call T2S by Asael Rouby

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Luxembourg National Research Fund *FNR*

What we do

We are the **main funder of research activities in Luxembourg**.

Entrusted with an annual budget of 70 MEUR, we fund projects and people in all public research institutions and also support research cooperation with Luxembourg-based companies.
Our Mission

To set up a sustainable world-class research system in Luxembourg that will generate societal and economic impact in key strategic areas
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4-YEAR CONTRACT WITH THE GOVERNMENT:
- Strategy & Action Plan
- Financial commitment of the Government
- Multi-annual budget 2014-17 (250 MEUR)

GOVERNMENT (state budget) 97%

EUROPEAN COMMISSION 3%

OPERATIONS (Personnel & management) 5%

FNR 92%

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funding instruments
FNR Funding Schemes

- INTER
- KITS
- AFR
- PEARL
- CORE
- FNR AWARDS
- CORE PPP
- AFR PPP
- ATTRACT
- OPEN
- INTER-MOBILITY
- POC
- PRIDE
- RESCOM
- SCIENCE IN SOCIETY & PSP
International research cooperation
FNR’s international cooperation, budget in 2016: 9MEUR
budget in 2017: 14MEUR
INTER

Project funding in the framework of bilateral or multilateral collaborations built on joint research activities

• Luxembourg based researchers submit joint proposals with foreign colleagues
• Projects will be evaluated by the LEAD-AGENCY

⇒ in general no specific INTER call, but projects have to be submitted to the relevant calls for proposals

⇒ EU Co-funding: ERA NETs
  • NORFACE, HERA, MERANET, SYSMED, EUROSTARS
Transformations to Sustainability (T2S)
Ambition of the T2S programme

•...how societies can transform their relationship with the natural environment to achieve a sustainable future

•...investigate processes through which such transformations take place

...SSH more than ‘add on’ ...

Alliance of Belmont Forum with NORFACE, EC and ISSC

Building upon...
What is NORFACE?

- NORFACE is a collaborative partnership of national research funders in the area of social and behavioural sciences, constructed in 2004

- NORFACE stands for New Opportunities for Funding Agency Co-operation in Europe (in the Social Sciences)

- The NORFACE partners together provide funding for excellent, multidisciplinary research cooperation among research groups

http://www.norface.net/
NORFACE so far...

Five transnational research programmes of M€ 15-20 each, co-funded by the European Commission:

- Re-emergence of Religion as a Social Force in Europe
- Migration in Europe – Social, Economic, Cultural and Policy Dynamics
- Welfare State Futures
- Dynamics of Inequality Across the Life-course
- Transformation to Sustainability
What is Belmont Forum?

• A group of the world’s major and emerging funders of global environmental change research.

• 25 Member & Partner Organizations representing 18 countries

• Aim to accelerate delivery of the environmental research needed to remove critical barriers to sustainability by aligning and mobilizing international resources.

https://belmontforum.org/
Two major objectives:

1) To develop understanding of and promote research on transformations to sustainability which are of significant social, economic and policy concern throughout the world and of great relevance to both academics and stakeholders.

2) To build capacity, overcome fragmentation and have a lasting impact on both society and the research landscape by cultivating durable research collaboration across multiple borders, disciplinary boundaries, and with practitioners and societal partners. This includes facilitating the development of new research collaborations with parts of the world which are not often involved in large-scale international research efforts, notably low- and middle-income countries.
T2S Research Topics

1. Governance of societal transformations to sustainability

2. Economy and finance of societal transformations to sustainability

3. Well-being, quality of life, identity, and social and cultural values in relation to societal transformations to sustainability

+ Cross cutting issues:
  - Conceptual aspects of transformations
  - Methodological innovation
1. ‘Governance’

• To what extent can societal transformation be governed

• Role of state and non-state actors

• Multi-level and multi-scalar governance

• Temporal horizons of politics and economic processes in relation to sustainability

• Stimulating and hindering institutional factors
2. ‘Economy and Finance’

• Management of resources

• The relationship between growth and sustainability

• What new forms of economic framework conditions / mechanisms / instruments / modes of production and consumption can create incentives for changes in behaviour
3. ‘Well-being, quality of life, identity, and social and cultural values’

..whether and how human behaviour can be the driver of transformations...

– Individual and group identities linked to behaviours on sustainability

– Which assumptions underlie social representations of transformations and sustainability

– The social and cultural value ascribed to sustainability

– (Lack of) Rewards of certain types of behaviour
Cross cutting issues

• Conceptual aspects
  – What is the essence of societal change
  – The role of tipping points
  – Is change the solution for all environmental challenges?

• Methodological innovations
  – New tools and methods
  – New partnerships in knowledge production
Funders

•19 funding agencies and European Commission have joined forces
  –Europe:
    •Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Latvia, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom
  –Non-European partners:
    •Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Japan, the USA

Budget available is set at a minimum of 13 M€. EC support is also available for this programme.
Process (1)

- **At least three national** research teams, based in **three different countries**, eligible for the funding from **three different T2S funders** should take part.

- **Strongly encouraged** that consortia contain at least **two national research teams eligible** for funding from **two different EU member states or associated countries** and **at least one applicant from another country participating** in this call in order to be able to take advantage of the funds provided by the European Commission.

- Researchers from the following countries are encouraged to submit an application: Belgium (Flanders and Wallonia Brussels Federation), Brazil, Chinese Taipei, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, the Netherlands, Slovenia, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the USA.

- **Researchers from other countries and stakeholders are invited to participate as co-operation partner.**
Process (2)

- Consortia may consist of partners active **across several positions** within the research and development system (i.e. innovation, applied research, fundamental research) and across disciplines (e.g. natural sciences, social sciences and humanities, and engineering).

- Each consortium should be **led by a Main Applicant from social sciences/humanities (SSH)** and bring into being integrated teams of scientists from relevant other academic disciplines (e.g. natural sciences, technical and engineering sciences) as appropriate.

- The **inclusion of stakeholder or community-based partners** is considered to be critical to the process of societal transformation, and applicants are expected to demonstrate how they engage with stakeholders during the lifespan of the project.

- Eligibility according to national rules!
The total funding requested from must not exceed €1,500,000 across all participating partners.

All costs must be eligible according to the national eligibility rules available under “National Eligibility Requirements”.

Projects can be proposed that last up to 36 months.
Two stage procedure: Outline & Full proposals

• Deadline submission Outline Proposals is **5 April 2017, 17.00 Eastern Daylight Time (22.00 GMT)**

• The Outline Proposals should be submitted via the BFGO online portal (https://bfgo.org).

• Instructions to submit a proposal are published on the NORFACE and Belmont Forum website

• Applicants invited to the second stage will receive a notification by June 2017 inviting them to submit a Full Proposal

• **Deadline Full proposals 12 September 2017**
Thank you

- For more information, please visit [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu) and/or contact FNR.

- The T2S programme text, call for proposals, national eligibility requirements, outline proposal template and frequently asked questions are available online [www.belmontforum.org](http://www.belmontforum.org) or [www.norface.net](http://www.norface.net).
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