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## Essential UiB-info Preparing your application:

#### **Letter of intent**

- mandatory for UiB EU applicants EU Project establishment support -open deadline with cut-off-dates (PES)

- application form

## Other helpful links

**CORDIS** homepage

RCN (NFR) homepage

**UK Research office FP 7:** 

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(free registration for UiB employees)

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## Interview Christoph Heinze, UiBs most successful EU applicant



What: UiBs most successful EU applicant- Professor Heinze is currently participating in five FP7 projects and coordinates one of them: Carbochange

Who: Professor Christoph Heinze, Department of Geophysics & SFF Bierknes senter, UiB

When: Christoph Heinze became a profesor in Bergen in 2004, from 2005 he coordinated his first large scale EU FP6 research project Carboocean

What is your motivation to participate in EU projects? EU projects provide the possibility to work together with many interesting scientists throughout Europe. EU project

consortia can produce results, which hardly can be achieved by single scientists or groups from only one institute, especially in climate science. Further, EU projects contribute substantially to the funding of research.

Why would you recommend participating to your colleagues? Scientific work becomes essentially enriched through international collaboration, interdisciplinary links, and interesting discussions with scientists from other institutions. It is stimulating and enhances creativity. Participation in proposals and the projects themselves help you to get down to the point: What can we contribute? What can we achieve? What have we managed to do? Where are still open questions? You have to answer these questions continuously, which keeps you up to date. Funding from EU projects gives the opportunity to employ talented scientists and to enjoy working with them.

And why not? There is no reason why one should not participate in EU projects. Some investment of time and energy are necessary, however, also for the management part of the projects.

### New practical guide to EU funding opportunities for Research and Innovation

A new Guide provides potential recipients of EU funding for research and innovation with the practical information they need to access this funding. It also provides decision-makers with a full picture of all the funding opportunities available until 2013. The document can be found here.

## European Research Area (ERA) online consultation now open

Individuals, organisations and public authorities are invited to submit questionnaires or position papers to the ERA online consultation until November 30<sup>th</sup>. By establishing the ERA Europe wants to create the so-called fifth freedom of movement (free movement of researchers, knowledge and technology) as outlined in the 2020 vision for ERA (for more information see the ERA homepage). The consultation can be accessed here.

## ERC Advanced Grants 2011 national information and proposal writing event in Bergen

The European Research council (ERC) will announce the 2012 call for the ERC Advanced Grants on November 16<sup>th</sup>. The University of Bergen in collaboration with the

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Research Council of Norway will host a national proposal writing and information event on November 8<sup>th</sup> at VilVite (auditorium). Mark your calendar, we will return with more information on registration and program in due time. Outstanding senior researchers can apply for up to 2,5 million € over 5 years for groundbreaking research projects in all disciplines.

### Positioning funding for ERC Advanced Grant proposals significantly increased

Good news for scientists who plan to write a proposal for ERC Advanced Grants (the call will be announced in November 2011). The Research Council of Norway allows now to apply for a maximum of 75.000 kr to support preparatory work for the proposal which could include travel to collaborators, meeting attendance, consultancy services or hiring of a teaching replacement. Please use the PES form in the upper left column to apply.

## **European Commission adopts Recommendations on the JPI 'Oceans'**

The Joint Programming Initiative (JPI) 'Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans' seeks to enable collaboration and coordination in research in different areas related to the challenge of keeping seas and oceans healthy and productive. 16 member states are participating in the JPI so far. The Council will decide upon the establishment of the JPI 'Healthy and Productive Seas and Oceans' before the end of 2011. The European Commission invites the member states to develop a common strategic research agenda establishing medium to long-term research needs and objectives in the area of marine and maritime research and including an implementation plan. Member states will jointly implement the strategic research agenda via their national research programs and ensure coordination with other Union initiatives in this field. JPI Oceans <a href="https://example.com/homepage">https://example.com/homepage</a>

### Overview EU calls published on 20. July 2011:

Please contact the FunderFinder team if you have questions, our contact details can be found on the first page. Remember that project establishment funding (PES) is available at the Division of Research Management for UiB researchers participating in EU proposals.

European Research Council ERC- the call for the 2012 ERC starting grants are currently open Work programme

Marie Curie actions (People) work program- calls for Initial Training networks and staff exchange with countries outside of Europe are currently open. BONUS: A video explaining the new ITN schemes can be found here

Thematic programs - for a quick orientation please download the topic overview documents, general introduction

Health Quick overview of topics <u>number 1</u>, <u>number 2</u> and <u>work program</u>

Environment (including climate change) Topic overview one stage, Topic overview 2 stage and work program

**Energy** topic overview and work program please note that also this programs contains a thematically open FET section this year

**ICT** <u>topic overview</u> and <u>work program</u>- please note that his program contains the thematically open section future and emerging technologies

Social Sciences and Humanities topic overview and work program

Nano (NMP) topic overview and work program

Food, Fisheries, Agriculture and Biotechnology (KBBE) topic overview and work program

Space topic overview and work program

**Security** overview and work program

Transport overview and work program

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#### Capacities program

Research Infrastructures overview and work program

Science in Society overview and work program

Research for the benefit of SMEs overview and work program

See also full updated list of call deadlines including RCN (NFR) and other funding sources- link to list.

### **Guidance for researchers**

See also our updated list on other courses and information meetings below.

A First aid-document for UiB-researchers interested in FP7 can be found here

FP7 funding opportunities for your research partners outside the EU

Call specific guides for applicants will be made available under each call on the <u>EU participant portal website</u>. Please contact the FunderFinder Team if you need help finding the documents you need, we will gladly assist you.

# Upcoming information meetings and courses

12.10.2011 Conference on Future and Emerging Technologies in the ICT program in Brussels. More information <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>

21.10.2011 How to negotiate and administer FP7 grant agreements with Sean McCarthy in Oslo. Participation free of charge. Registration and information

26.10.2011 How to write a competitive proposal for Framework 7 with Sean McCarthy in Copenhagen. Read more here.

8.-9.11.2011 EU Conference on Space Policy in Brussels-Information and registration here

8.11.2011 National information day on ERC Advanced grants at VilVite auditorium, Bergen. More info soon.

### Other ongoing and upcoming calls

**Health:** Research funds for national programs UniCard, NevroNor and Alvorlege psykiske lidelser. Deadline 12.10.2011, more info here

**EU positioning funding for UiB researchers** 

NFR funding for coordinators in EUs Environment program

See also our complete list of funding opportunities and deadlines - link to list