

EU/EMIDA : call for projects

EMIDA (Emerging and Major Infectious Diseases of Livestock) is a Coordination Action funded under the European Commission's ERA-Net scheme within the 7th Framework Programme (FP7). An ERA-NET is a network of regional and / or national funding programmes with the aim to reduce fragmentation of R&D funding in Europe. EMIDA involves 26 partner organisations and four associated partners involved in funding or managing animal health research programmes in 19 European countries.

EMIDA aims to develop a durable focused network of national research funding organisations in Member and Associated States of the EU for the purpose of sharing information, coordinating activities and working towards a common research agenda and mutual funding activities for research on emerging and major infectious diseases of production animals including fish and bees and including those conditions which pose a threat to human health.

EMIDA has three main **overarching strategic goals**:

- Develop integrated animal health research policies and activities at the European-wide level.
- Optimise the research provision that underpins European animal health policy development and policy implementation, and the sustainability of the European livestock industries through the coordination of funding to develop improved tools for the control of the major infectious disease threats of livestock.
- Increase the capacity of European animal health science and research, in order to maintain and develop European expertise in this field and maintain Europe's competitiveness in the global Animal Health market.

First Joint Call

As part of the development of a framework for the coordination of transnational research, EMIDA has developed instruments for procuring, managing and appraising transnational animal health research activities. Furthermore, the EMIDA consortium has selected **four call topics** focusing on current research needs within the field of animal health. EMIDA has agreed to launch a joint research call with a total budget of approximately **20 Mio €** in September 2009 to build confidence in transnational funding and to enable joint transnational activities and funding of a future transnational animal health research programme.

The 1st joint call for transnational projects of EMIDA includes the following 4 topics:

1. Vector-borne Diseases
2. Zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance, excluding microbial safety of products
3. Major infectious diseases affecting production
4. Aquaculture

The maximum project **duration** is three years.

Project **consortia** must involve a **minimum of three partners** from three different (participating) countries. Eligibility for funding depends on the EMIDA partners' national regulations. Members from non-participating countries are welcome, but will have to fund their contribution to the research project themselves.

Proposals coming forward with support (financial or in kind) from **industry** or other non-EMIDA funding bodies are encouraged.

Pre-Proposal deadline is Nov 16, 2009.

Detailed information about EMIDA and the first Joint Call can be found on the EMIDA website (www.emida-era.net) and on the EMIDA proposal submission website (www.submission-emida-era.net).