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## URBAN ENVIRONMENTS

# Environmental Systems Research

# Pilot Call 2017







Full Proposers'
Day
April 4, 2017
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# **Agenda**

- "Environmental Systems Research: Urban Environments"
   Pilot Call Full Proposal Phase
- **Q&A**

## **ESR Pilotcall 2017: Focus and key facts**

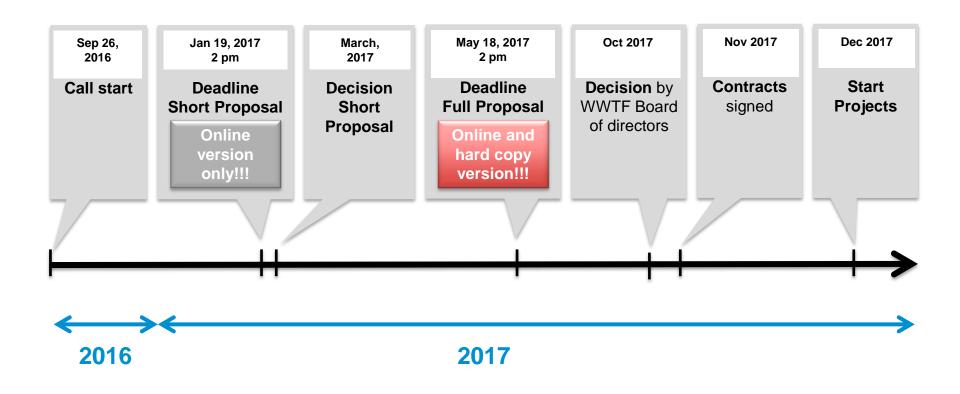
- Budget for this call: 4 Mio. €
- Funding range per project: 200.000 to 650.000 €
- Project duration: 24-48 months
- Short proposals had to be submitted by 19 January 2017, 2pm
- Invited Full proposals have to be submitted by 18 May 2017, 2pm
- Researchers at universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna, including those moving to Vienna as a result of this call
- Max. funding for non-personnel costs: 25% of total budget
- The main project activities should take place in Vienna. Up to 20% of the funding budget may be allocated outside Vienna

## Characteristics of successful projects

- Top class research projects which examine the urban environment in a holistic way in an interdisciplinary manner:
  - Expanding current views and knowledge
  - Principle Investigators (PIs) and collaborators: strong experience in interdisciplinary research/ methodology
- Tackle clearly identified research questions that focus on state of the art scientific questions and address different environmental "-spheres" in urban areas
  - Have profound research questions with societal relevance (long term)
- Include predictive modelling approaches (strongly encouraged)
  - Should come forward with project designs that should go far beyond monitoring



## Schedule of the current pilot call



## **Full Proposal Submission and Peer Review**



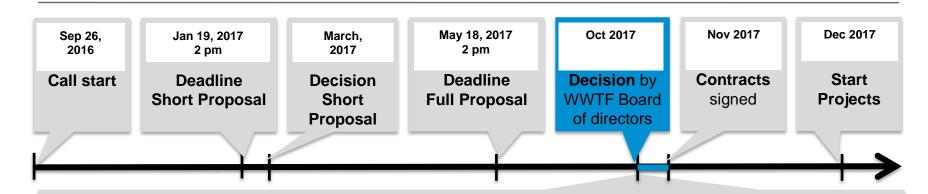
#### **Full Proposal Submission and Peer Review-Process**

- Full proposals to be submitted electronically and hard-copy version!!!
- Hard copies (including all signatures) directly to WWTF office or via mail service post stamp counts and is accepted up to May 18, 2017

#### Peer Review:

- A minimum of three reviews per proposal
- Reviews completed only by international reviewers; anonymous
- Reviews form the basis of the jury discussion

## Main evaluation criteria



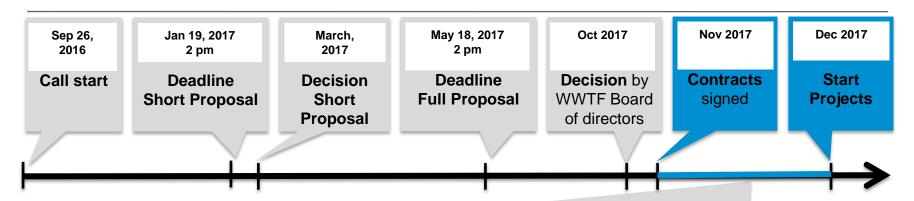
#### Jury recommendation

- Main evaluation criteria:
  - Scientific quality: international scientific standards; originality, excellence
  - Hypothesis-driven: clear and concise research questions
  - Fit to call: urban problems, interdisciplinarity,...
  - **Innovative** character
  - Societal relevance
  - Collaboration and expertise of the consortium
  - Feasability of the working plan

#### **Decision**

- Formal decision by the board of directors
- All applicants
   receive a decision
   letter (rejections
   and acceptances)
   with anonymous
   reviews

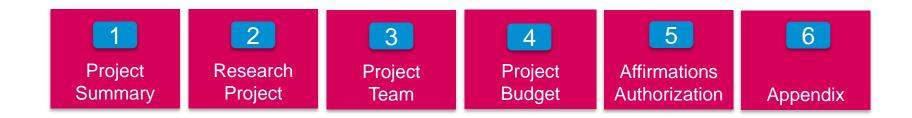
## Contracts signed and project start



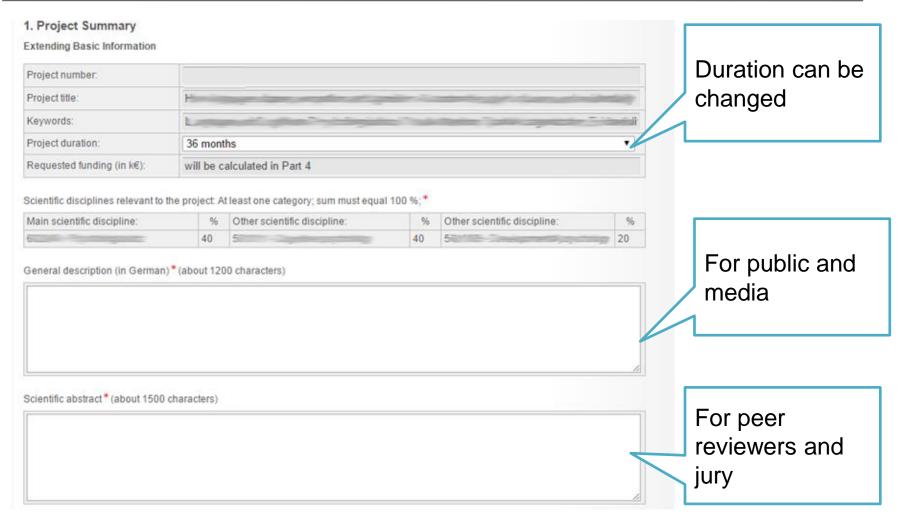
- Funding contract between WWTF and the coordinator's host institution (§ 27 according to UG2002 for universities)
- Coordinator has scientific and financial responsibility for the project
- During project duration:
  - Funding rates every six months in advance to the coordinator's home institution;
     Coordinator has to allocate to partners
  - Short annual reports to WWTF as prerequisite for the release of installments
  - Site Visit by WWTF
- After project completion:
  - Comprehensive final report
  - Ex-post Evaluation



# Submission system <a href="https://funding.wwtf.at">https://funding.wwtf.at</a>



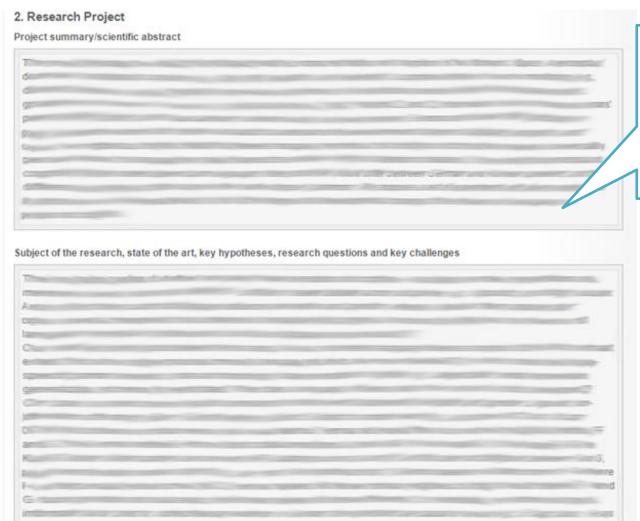






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Text from short proposal – for your information and reviewers. Cannot be changed







#### Research Project (Word template) max. 15 pages

### I. Project description (about 4 pages)

- a. Subject of the research
- b. State of the art and key scientific challenges
- c. Research questions and hypotheses

### II. Objectives and expected outcomes (about 1 page)

- a. Objectives of the project
- b. Expected results and outcomes
- c. Dissemination (academic and non-academic)

### III. Innovativeness and relevance (about 2 pages)

- a. Contribution and relevance of the work to the field of urban environmental systems research
- b. Innovative aspects of the proposal
- c. Interdisciplinary aspects





## IV. Methodological approach (about 5 pages)

- a. Methodology
- b. Research plan (including Gantt chart)
- c. Feasibility and risk management
- d. Potential ethical aspects

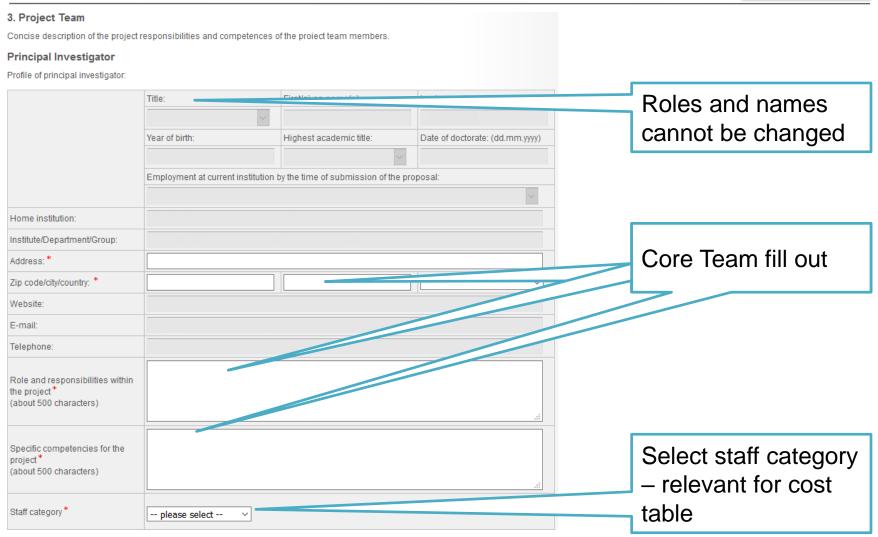
## V. Roles of personnel (about 1,5 page)

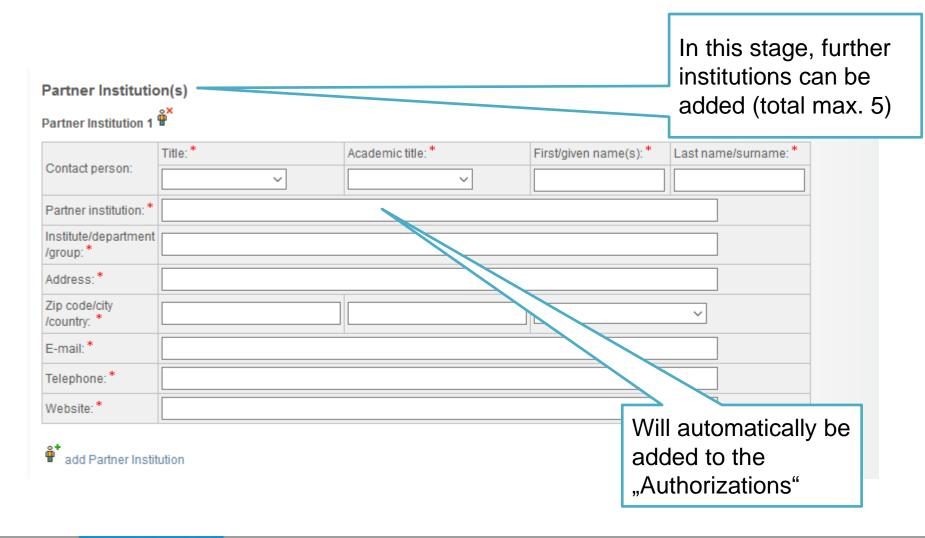
- a. Interdisciplinary collaborative aspects
- b. Project management
- c. Research environment

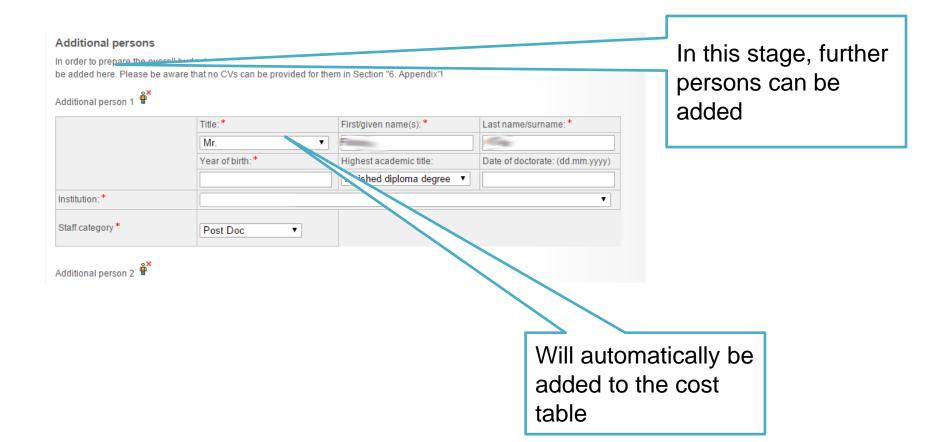
VI. Key references (about 1,5 pages)

Highlight max. 10 of most relevant literature









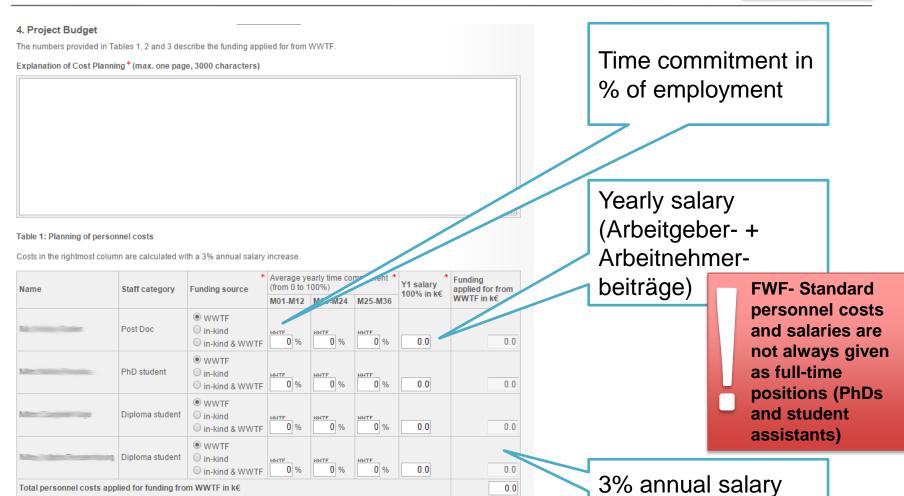




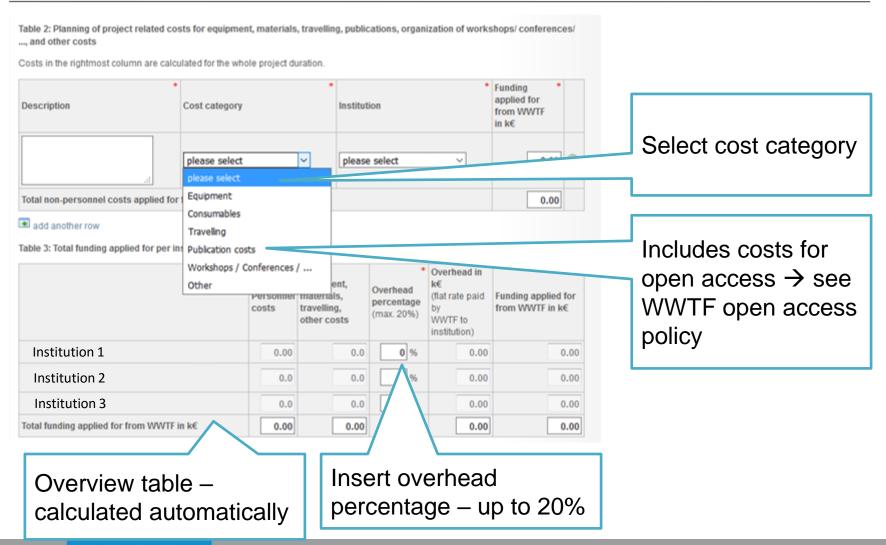
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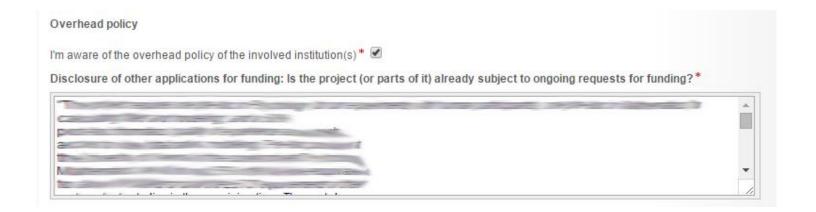
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#### 5. Affirmations and Authorization 5a. Affirmations

In signing the application form, all persons involved (project manager, partners) undertake that the information provided in the application form is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. They confirm the following:

- · All relevant material changes will be promptly communicated to WWTF.
- All persons agree not to exploit intellectual property as individuals, but, if in any way possible, within the set of rules of their Home institutions. All publications have to mention WWTF as a funding institution.
- The persons involved will ensure compliance with all legal and procedural requirements regarding safety, ethic issues, notification requirements and any other relevant regulations.
- The persons involved confirm that the work plan submitted for WWTF funding is currently not subject to third party funding (like FWF, EU-funding, any other regional, national or international funding).
- The persons involved pledge to disclose if they intend to apply / have applied for funding for the same work plan at other funding sources.



#### 5b. Authorization

In signing the application form, the institution (i.e. the institutional level authorised and responsible for signing, if not legally identificant) undertakes that the information provided in the application form, is to the best of their knowledge and behavior and complete. It is hereby confirmed that

- The institution agrees to the use of space, equipment, personnel and other resources as stated in the application agrees to provide its own contribution as described in the application.
- The institution is willing to co-operate with WWTF, in an appropriate way, and its chosen partners really the application and
  protection of intellectual property arising from the project to be funded.



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#### 6. Appendix

We only accept PDF-format (preferable pdf version 1.4 without any encryptions) for your uploads.

You are allowed to update the individual CV files. Either to include recent developments or to provide additional contextual information like employment intensity or educational/maternity leave accounting for gaps in publication, etc.

#### Upload of Biographical Sketch(es)



A new version of the CV can be uploaded

## Key facts at a glance

- Keep applications short and precise!
  - Use a language aimed at the scientific community
  - Ambitious but feasible
- Signatures of the authorized persons!
  - PI(s) + Project Core Team → Affirmations
  - PI(s) Institution + Core Team Institution(s) + Partner Institutions → Authorization
- Contact the research service at your institution in advance!
- Electronic submission by May 18, 2017, 2 pm + Hard copy version!

## **Advice and contact**

All documents available at <a href="https://www.wwtf.at">www.wwtf.at</a>

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