

National Annex: Italy – MIUR

Partner: Ministero dell' Istruzione dell' Università e della Ricerca (MIUR)

Notice: The MIUR is going to support the first Call for Proposals of the ERA-NET Plant Genomics as part of its institutional activities. Funds will be available for Italian participants for projects belonging to Sub-Call A. The financial resources, estimated for a maximum of 3 million Euro, will be defined within the first semester of 2006.

The official national call announcement for Italy will be published on the MIUR web page (<http://www.miur.it>).

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

Economic support to research will be granted according to the “Fondo per gli Investimenti per la Ricerca di Base” (FIRB) rules.

For more details regarding eligibility and funding modalities, see Decreto Ministeriale 26 marzo 2004 n. 378-Ric..

Additional national regulations and guidelines:

Co-financing from FIRB is up to 70%, with the exception of contracts awarded to young researchers and/or researchers well known internationally, who may be supported 100% by FIRB.

Consortium Agreement and IPR:

Applications may include private participants, in agreement with Decreto Ministeriale 26 marzo 2004 n. 378-Ric.. Results that are not considered as Intellectual Property must be widely disseminated. IPR must be attributed to their legitimate owners, who will receive from companies a compensation set by market value for IPR related to the project.

The project cannot last less than three years.

Each project proposal must include up to 3 research units as well as contracts awarded to young researchers and/or researchers well known internationally, which should exceed 10% of the total costs of the project.

Each contract awarded to young researchers and/or researchers well known internationally should not be less than 55,000 Euro for three years.

Each research unit (i.e., University Department or Institute, company, etc.), may participate to only one project proposal.

The personnel costs of each research unit may not exceed 30% of the total costs of the project (excluding contracts awarded to young researchers and/or researchers well known internationally). Moreover, each research unit should include a flat rate overhead equivalent to 60% of the total personnel costs (including contracts awarded to young researchers and/or researchers well known internationally).

The project proposals positively evaluated by the ERA PG Programme Board, will be submitted, by means of an on-line procedure and using ad-hoc forms, to the evaluation of the FIRB Committee in agreement to Decreto Ministeriale 26 marzo

2004 n. 378-Ric.. The FIRB procedure will start only when the ERA PG selection process is completed.

Only the project proposals positively evaluated by the ERA PG Board and by the FIRB Committee, will be admitted to funding, according to a ranking list of all proposals, compiled by the FIRB Committee.

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