

# Article 169 based EMRP Eligibility Criteria

V1.2

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## Article 169 based EMRP Eligibility Criteria – Stage 1 and 2

This issue of the “Article 169 based EMRP – Eligibility Criteria” contains definitive eligibility criteria for Stage 1 and Stage 2 for the current EMRP Call.

### 1 DEFINITIONS

1.1 National Metrology Institute (NMI)<sup>1</sup> is an institute

- Which by national decision is responsible for national measurement standards and associated services, and
- Is publicly funded for metrology as a recognised part of a national measurement system, and for the purposes of the Article 169 based EMRP
- Is already formally recognised and registered as an NMI by the BIPM and EURAMET at the date of publication of Stage 2 of this Call.

1.2 Designated Institute (DI) is a specialist institute

- Which by national decision is responsible for certain national standards and associated services, as part of a national measurement system, that are not covered by the activities of the National Metrology Institutes, and for the purposes of the Article 169 based EMRP
- Is already formally recognised and registered as an DI by the BIPM and/or EURAMET at the date of publication of Stage 2 of this Call.

1.3 Table:

<b>Countries participating in the Article 169 based EMRP (EMRP A169 Participating States)</b>		
Austria Belgium Czech Republic Denmark Estonia Finland France Germany	Hungary Italy The Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Romania	Slovakia Slovenia Spain Sweden Switzerland Turkey United Kingdom

Institutes of the European Commission’s Joint Research Centre, which possess research capabilities relevant to the EMRP, also participate in the Article 169 based EMRP.

<sup>1</sup> The European Commission’s Joint Research Centre shall be treated like a National Metrology Institute.

## 2 STAGE 1

### 2.1 Submission of a Potential Research Topic

The call for submission of a Potential Research Topic (PRT) is open to all organisations and individuals from any country worldwide.

## 3 STAGE 2

### 3.1 Submission of a proposal for an Article 169 (A169) based EMRP Joint Research Project

Proposals for EMRP A169 Joint Research Projects (JRP) may only be submitted by a consortium led by a National Metrology Institute or Designated Institute from an EMRP A169 participating State.<sup>2</sup>

All JRPs must include a minimum of 3 funded partner organisations from at least 3 EMRP A169 participating States as members of the consortium (*Note: the Joint Research Centre of the European Commission is deemed to represent a different EMRP A169 participating State from other funded partners of the consortium*).

### 3.2 Participation in an EMRP A169 Joint Research Project as a contractual partner

#### 1) *Participation in an EMRP A169 Joint Research Project (JRP) as a funded partner*

Participation in a JRP is restricted to an organisation that meets the following criteria:

- Is a National Metrology Institute (NMI) from an EMRP A169 participating State<sup>3</sup>.

Or

- Is a Designated Institute (DI) from an EMRP A169 participating State, whose participation in the JRP falls within a technical area for which the institute is (a) designated under the CIPM MRA and/or (b) is formally recognised by EURAMET as part of the national measurement system within the participating State.

And

- Is a legal entity.

And

- Is willing and able to accept the duties and obligations associated with participation within the JRP.

#### 2) *Participation in an EMRP A169 Joint Research Project (JRP) as an un-funded partner*

Participation in a JRP is open to organisations from any country worldwide to participate on an un-funded contractual basis when such participation is considered beneficial by the consortium, provided that the organisation meets the following criteria:

- Is a legal entity.

And

- Is able to demonstrate to the satisfaction of the consortium that participation adds value to the JRP.

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<sup>2</sup> See Table under Definitions on page 1.

<sup>3</sup> The European Commission's Joint Research Centre shall be treated like a National Metrology Institute.

And

- Whose participation is deemed to be in the broad European interest

And

- Is willing and able to accept the duties and obligations associated with participation, and can realistically ensure that it can and will provide the resources needed for its participation within the JRP.

### **3.3 Participation in an EMRP A169 Joint Research Project (JRP) as a recipient of a Researcher Excellence Grant**

The following criteria must be met for a Researcher Excellence Grant awarded at Stage 2:

- The Researcher Excellence Grant (REG) award must be used to provide employment within a Home Organisation (see eligibility information below) for an individual researcher to participate in the JRP. As the REG includes a salary allowance, it cannot be awarded to an individual that has an on-going salaried contract, because this would produce a profit for the Home Organisation and/or REG-Researcher, which is not allowed under the Financial Regulations of the European Community. However, consideration will be given to Grant Applicants who hold part-time positions and are applying to carry out activities in the remaining portion their work time.

And

- The individual researcher must:
  - At the time of selection, be of at least postgraduate or equivalent level demonstrated by either having a doctoral degree, irrespective of the time taken to acquire it, or by having at least four years (full-time equivalent) of relevant research experience;

And

- Be a national of one of the Member States of the European Union or a country associated with the Seventh Framework Programme<sup>4</sup>.

However, applications not meeting the nationality requirement will be considered when the researcher has established the right to work in the country of the Home Organisation, and the country of any JRP-Partner at which guestworking is envisaged at the time of the application and for the lifetime of the grant;

And

- The individual researcher will undertake work within the JRP that:
  - Is capable of making a substantial contribution to research activities in the JRP;

And

- Will add necessary scientific value to the JRP.

And

- The Home Organisation (i.e. the organisation employing REG-Researcher) must:
  - Not be a National Metrology Institute<sup>5</sup>.
  - Not be a Designated Institute.

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<sup>4</sup> See for information: [ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third\\_country\\_agreements\\_en.pdf](ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/third_country_agreements_en.pdf)

<sup>5</sup> The European Commission's Joint Research Centre shall be treated like a National Metrology Institute.

- Exceptionally a Designated Institute is eligible to benefit from a Researcher Excellence Grant if the proposed participation of the researcher in the JRP falls outside the technical areas for which the organisation is (a) designated under the CIPM MRA and/or (b) is formally recognised by EURAMET as part of the national measurement system within the participating State.
- Be located within an EU Member State or country associated with the Seventh Framework Programme.

And

- Is a legal entity

And

- The Home Organisation and the REG-Researcher are willing and able to accept the duties and obligations associated with participation as a Researcher Grant Beneficiary in the JRP.

For REGs that includes guestworking:

- Guestworking can be for periods of up to 30% of the total REG duration;
- Proposed work must be relevant to the JRP objectives;
- The Guestworking organisation must be:
  - An NMI<sup>6</sup>, DI or an organisation benefiting from a Researcher Excellence Grant participating in a JRP within the EMRP;
  - Located in a different country to the Home Organisation.

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