

## The EIG CONCERT-Japan 5<sup>th</sup> Joint Call focuses on Functional Porous Materials

CONCERT-Japan (Connecting and Coordinating European Research and Technology Development with Japan) began as an ERA-NET project funded by the FP7 between 2011 and 2014. Its primary function is to collaboratively implement multilateral joint funding with the objective of enhancing the cooperation between European countries and Japan in various fields of STI.

CONCERT-Japan is now continuing independently of EU support as an activity of the European Interest Group (EIG), hence the name "EIG CONCERT-Japan".

Following the success of its last joint call in 2017 on "Efficient Energy Storage and Distribution", the EIG CONCERT-Japan is now delighted to inform that its 5<sup>th</sup> joint call on "**Functional Porous Materials**" was launched on **2 April, 2018 until 11 June, 2018**. The aim is to select projects with an innovative dimension, for a funding period of 3 years.

10 national funding organisations from 8 different European countries and Japan are participating in this year's call:

**Japan:** Science and technology Agency (JST)

**France:** National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS)

**Germany:** Federal Ministry of Education and Science (BMBF)

**Spain:** State Research Agency AEI through the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness (MINECO)

**Turkey:** Scientific and technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)

**Czech Republic:** Ministry of Youth, Education and Sports (MEYS)

**Czech Republic:** Czech Academy of Sciences (CAS)

**Lithuania:** Agency for Science, Innovation and technology (MITA)

**Bulgaria:** Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF)

**Poland:** National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)

Only researchers based in these countries are eligible for funding in this EIG CONCERT-Japan Joint Call. Other researchers/research teams from other countries/regions may participate as additional

partners in a project consortium if they can prove that they have secured funding from other sources.

Projects are to develop porous structure controlled material technology to address sustainability and other global priority problems. Through the design and control of nanoporous, supramolecular composite, PCP/MOF and other material structures, advanced functions and properties applicable to the storage, transportation, conversion and separation of energy and chemical resources, mitigation and removal of environmental contaminants and materials for medical care are envisioned.

Each project consortium submitting an application should consist of at least **3 eligible beneficiaries** (project partners), **one from Japan and two from two different European countries participating in the Joint Call**. In addition, **in consideration of the priority to spread research networks across Japan and the EU, projects with 4 or more partner countries will be given strong consideration**. The number of beneficiaries in a project consortium should be appropriate for the aims of the research project and reasonably balanced in terms of multilateral participation. Applications should clearly demonstrate the added value of working together.

It is expected that 5 projects will be selected for funding.

**Application, deadline: 11 June, 2018**

For additional information on the EIG and this Joint Call, please visit the [EIG CONCERT-Japan website](#).

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