

Platform MasterClass on Inclusiveness

CORE Organics actions to include LPCs in research projects

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2004-2007 CORE Organic ERA-NET

LPC countries: 0

2010-2013 CORE Organic II

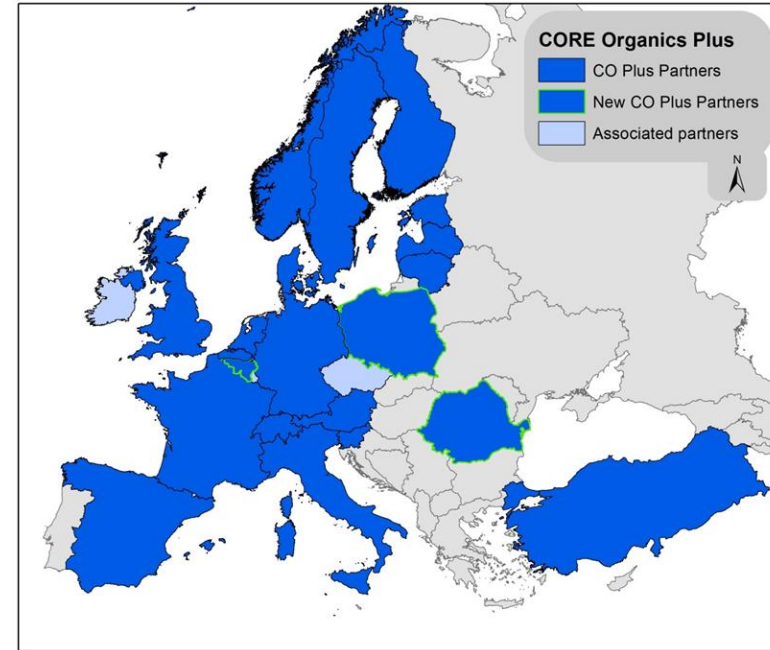
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2013-2018 CORE Organic Plus

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Expected: 2016-2021 CORE Organic Cofund

LPC countries: EE, LV, PL, RO, SI, TR = 6 + maybe CZ



LCP funds in calls: COII: 14 % of total funds and 32% of countries, CO Plus: 17 % of total funds and 35 % of countries, CO Cofund: 19 % of total funds and 32 % of countries

What happened in 2009?

The Danish Minister of Food and Agriculture sent a letter to all her colleagues and encouraged them to join CORE Organic

+ more general awareness of ERA-NET in LPC countries



Participation in projects

Calls and amount of funded projects

	COII -1	COII - 2	Plus
CZ	4	1	N/A
EE	3	1	3
LT	3	1	3
LU	2	1	N/A
LV	2	1	3
PL	N/A	N/A	5
RO	N/A	N/A	2
SI	5	2	4
TR	4	2	3
	of 11	of 2	of 11



Why join?

- Better research, better utilisation of resources
- Problems are crossing borders
- Take chances by sharing risks
- Inspiration for national programme
- More international researchers – network needed to succeed in Horizon2020
- Gain results paid by other countries



Measures to optimise the use of funds

Why?

- High satisfaction for funding bodies
- Involvement of all countries in research projects and the ERA-NET

When?

- Before the call
- At the selection of pre-proposals
- At the selection of full-proposals

Added value

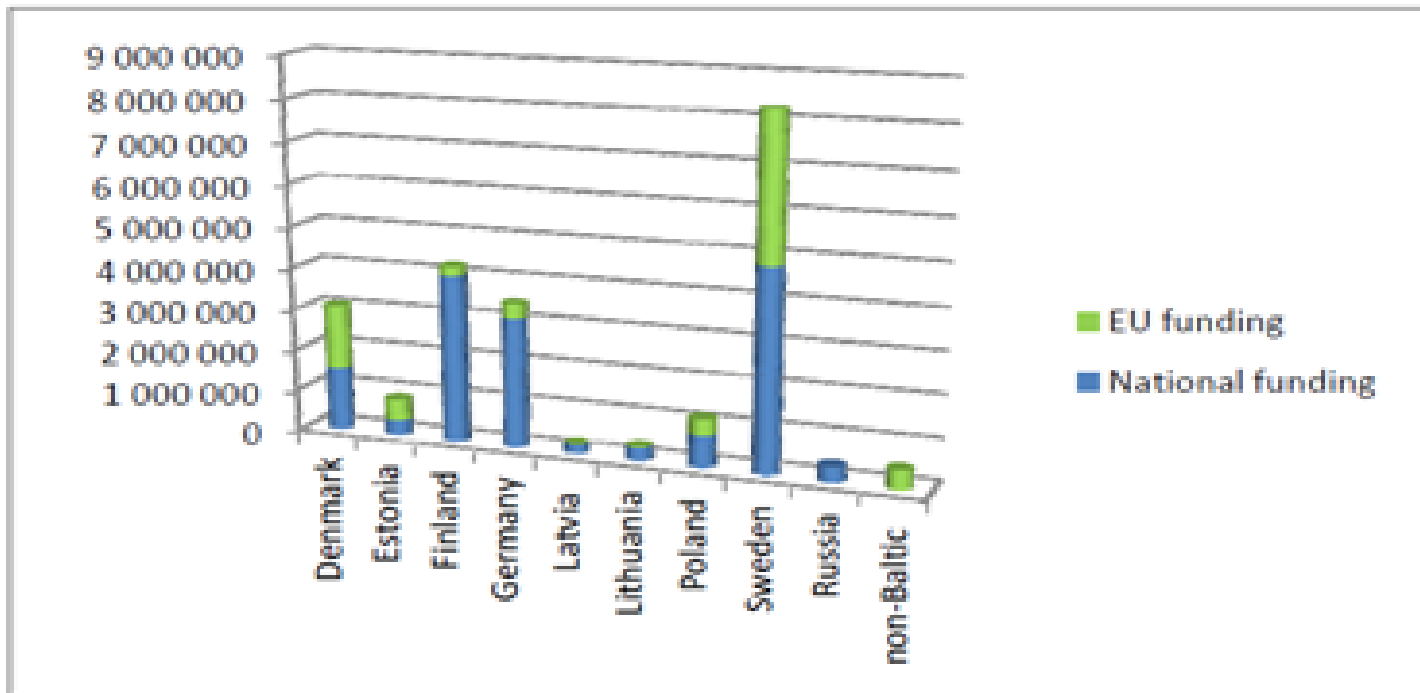
Higher LPC inclusion

Building the ERA!

Before the call

European
Commission

BONUS+, example of allocation of projects funding between the national and EU contributions per country



Research &
Innovation

Advice from the EC: try to avoid that 1-2 countries get all the top-up funding. Try to foresee a potential unbalanced allocation of funds before the call is launched, and see if you can agree to measures to be taken.



Before the call - How????

- Set limits for qouta of pre-proposals in relation to the respective national funds in the Consortium Agreement
- Define in the guideline which countries are expected to be in risk for low number of applicants and encourage to include
- Evaluate if the allocated funds match the expected financial burden of applicants!
 - Increase funding
 - Amend national rules
 - Restrictions



At pre-proposal selection - CO Plus

Progressed oversubscription rate 2.3 the total amount of funding

- Funding bodies with oversubscription rate > 3 were asked to consider withdrawing from projects and/or request reduction in budgets (5 funding bodies) – no demands
- **Countries risking not to be able to spend their funds (3 partners ≤ 1 x) – consortia are invited to add a partner from this country, if the project as a whole will gain from it**
- **If partners are withdrawn by funding bodies, consortia are invited to add a partner from identified countries (with subscription factor, ≤ 2 x)**



Result for LPCs

Pre-proposal							
Total avail	221	111	111	332	332	221	442
Total req	317	50	110	712	532	805	749
Req/avail	1,4	0,4	1	2,1	1,6	3,9	1,4
Full proposals							
Available	220	110	110	330	330	221	662
Requested	374	105	348	642	530	667	1083
Req/avail	1,7	1	3,2	1,9	1,6	3	1,6
Resulting add. proposals	1 more	2 more	5 more				3 more

All funding bodies are funding projects!



CO Plus spent 95% of national funds

	Spent national funds	Received EC funds on top
EE	100%	12%
LT	95%	11%
LV	93%	3%
PL	100%	59%
RO	85%	3%
SI	100%	82%
TR	91%	10%



At the selection of full proposals among proposals of equal quality

Selection criteria to be considered:

Avoid loosing partners!

Balance use of EC funds



Yes, it is worth it!

Quote from project coordinator: "Thank you for letting us add partners from xx and yy (LPC countries) – these partners really lifted up our project"

Quote from a new LPC partner during selection of pre-proposals: "That is why I love CORE Organic!". The partner had experienced not being able to fund any projects in another ERA-NET



Statistics from COII Call 1				CO Plus
Country	Budget		Difference	
	allocated	requested	(x-factor)	
	100.000,00 €	78.887,00 €	0,79	
	400.000,00 €	500.405,00 €	1,25	
	30.000,00 €	43.600,00 €	1,45	
	90.000,00 €	183.000,00 €	2,03	
	200.000,00 €	563.938,00 €	2,82	
	20.000,00 €	59.000,00 €	2,95	
	150.000,00 €	527.448,00 €	3,52	
	200.000,00 €	818.265,00 €	4,09	
	350.000,00 €	1.513.894,00 €	4,33	
	100.000,00 €	443.696,00 €	4,44	
	1.200.000,00 €	5.459.268,00 €	4,55	
	400.000,00 €	1.862.011,00 €	4,66	
	70.000,00 €	345.579,00 €	4,94	
	600.000,00 €	3.034.122,00 €	5,06	100%
	200.000,00 €	1.108.583,00 €	5,54	0
	750.000,00 €	4.199.656,00 €	5,60	160%
	300.000,00 €	1.806.632,00 €	6,02	217%
	1.200.000,00 €	7.805.897,00 €	6,50	25%
	358.000,00 €	2.333.443,00 €	6,52	36%
	1.000.000,00 €	6.832.628,00 €	6,83	100%
	200.000,00 €	1.478.628,00 €	7,39	100%