



The Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) is seeking to nominate suitable candidates to participate in the scientific evaluation of transnational research proposals under the MarTERA 2020 Call.

1. About MarTERA

MarTERA is an ERA-NET Co-Fund scheme under Horizon 2020. The overall goal of MarTERA is to strengthen the European Research Area (ERA) in maritime and marine technologies as well as Blue Growth. In January 2020, the 3rd MarTERA Call for proposals was launched, receiving support from eleven (11) of the funding agencies supporting MarTERA, including MCST. Pre-proposals had to fall within one (1) of these priority research areas:

- Priority Area 1: Environmentally friendly maritime technologies
- Priority Area 2: Innovative concepts for ships and offshore structures
- Priority Area 3: Automation, sensors, monitoring and observations
- Priority Area 4: Advanced manufacturing and production
- Priority Area 5: Safety and security

The 2020 Call is being implemented as a two-step procedure (a pre-proposal step and a full-proposal step). The submitted pre-proposals have been assessed for eligibility and the MarTERA Steering Committee have now invited successful pre-proposals to submit full-proposals.

2. Services requested

MCST is seeking to suggest national experts to participate as evaluators in the scientific evaluation process of the Stage 2 MarTERA full proposals. Each funding agency participating in MarTERA can propose up to five (5) experts to be part of the MarTERA pool of evaluators.

It is to be noted that the role of MCST will only be to put forward names of national experts. It is at the sole discretion of the MarTERA Call Office to decide how to select and assign the evaluators to different proposals and to provide the corresponding remuneration.

The MarTERA Call Office will assign proposals in accordance to the area of expertise of the evaluators in the MarTERA pool of evaluators (three evaluators per proposal).

Areas of expertise shall need to align with at least one of the MarTERA 2020 Call Topics (within the context of marine and maritime technologies):

- Emission reduction
- Energy efficiency
- Innovative propulsion and powering systems (e.g. fully electric ships)
- Novel materials
- Biofouling and corrosion prevention
- Structures
- New vessel design (incl. inland water vessels)
- Improved models for marine vehicles and structures' behaviour
- Oil and gas
- Deep sea mining
- Technologies for detection and removal of munition
- Sensor development
- Underwater technology
- Human machine interaction, Augmented and Virtual Reality
- Individual safety concepts harmonised with navigational requirements
- ICT tools for monitoring and optimisation of maritime operations (e.g. routing following best weather conditions)
- Early warning and accident management systems
- Decision support systems
- Improved operations

Since each proposal will be evaluated by three (3) independent evaluators, one (1) of the evaluators shall also be required to act as a Rapporteur on the International Evaluation Panel (IEP). Evaluators chosen to act as Rapporteurs would thus be required to travel or attend an online meeting. The choice of evaluators acting as Rapporteurs is also at MarTERA's Call Office sole discretion. Travel and subsistence for the Rapporteurs will also be provided directly by MarTERA Call Office.

3. Timelines and Budget

The full-proposal submission deadline is on the 11th September 2020. The list of selected projects shall need to be issued by the 1st December 2020. Thus, interested evaluators shall need to ensure that they will be available to undertake the scientific evaluation exercise during this period and if chosen to be a rapporteur, to be available on the 17th-18th November 2020 to attend the IEP meeting.

Each evaluator will be paid €150 for each full proposal assessment together with an extra €100 for those that will be acting as rapporteurs. It is worth mentioning again that the financial remuneration will be provided to the evaluators directly by the MarTERA Call Office and not by MCST.

4. Evaluator Requirements

Candidates must, at minimum, hold a first degree and a post graduate qualification in at least one of the MarTERA call topics .

Candidates must show proof of at least five (5) years of professional experience (or at least two (2) years if in possession of a PhD) in at least one (1) of the chosen MarTERA call topics.

Preference will be given to candidates holding prior evaluation experience at an international level.

5. Conflicts of Interest (COI)

A COI exists if a candidate:

- was involved in the preparation of any of the MarTERA project pre-proposals or will be involved in the preparation of full proposals
- stands to benefit directly / indirectly if the proposal is positively evaluated
- has a family / personal relationship with any person that is part of a consortium that has submitted a research project pre-proposal / full proposal under the MarTERA 2020 Call

Candidates will automatically be excluded if at least one (1) COI is foreseen.

6. Application Process

Interested candidates are to submit the following documentation:

1. A covering letter;
2. A detailed Europass Curriculum Vitae.
3. A copy of relevant certificates;
4. A professional Profile with clear reference to expertise in at least one of the MarTERA Call topics;

The requested documentation can be sent by electronic mail to the following email address: eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt

Applicants are to ensure that confirmation of receipt is provided in writing. Incomplete submissions will automatically be excluded.

For more information, enquiries can also be sent to eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt .

Submission deadline – **10th July 2020**

Personal Data Protection

A. Contact email address of the Data Protection Officer: doyle.abela@gov.mt

B. The legal basis and purpose of processing:

The personal data collected by MCST via the submitted application and its subsequent processing by the Council is to evaluate data subject's request and is in line with:

- i. This Call scope in order to seek to nominate suitable candidates to participate in the scientific evaluation of transnational research proposals under the MarTERA 2020 Call.
- ii. Data Protection Act, Chapter 586 of the Laws of Malta and Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation).

The legitimate basis to process personal data submitted by the data subject by virtue of his/her submitted documentation is Regulation 6 (1)(a) of the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), as *'the data subject has given consent to the processing of his or her personal data for one or more specific purposes'* in relation to nominate suitable candidates to participate in the scientific evaluation of transnational research proposals under the MarTERA 2020 Call.

C. Data retention period:

The data collected by the Council as submitted by the data subject via the submitted application will be retained until 31st December 2020. The chosen nominees will be forwarded to MarTERA Call Office.

D. Pursuant to the Regulation, you have the right to access the personal data, rectify inaccurate personal data, request to erase personal data and request the Council to restrict the processing of personal data.

To exercise such rights, you are to submit a written request to the Data Protection Officer via the contact e-mail address.

Any erasing and/or rectification of personal data and/or restriction of processing as referred to above may render the submission ineligible.

E. Sharing of data where strictly necessary and required by law:

For the purpose of processing this written application for aid in line with the Call, the Council shall share the data of the selected nominees with the MarTERA Call Office.

F. If you feel that your data protection rights have been infringed, you have the right to lodge a complaint with the Information and Data Protection Commissioner.