**BS-ERA.NET PILOT JOINT CALL**

**1st Call for Proposals - Submission Results and Evaluation**

The BS- ERA.NET Pilot Join Call for proposals **(PJC)** of **interested programme owners/programme managers** in the Member States of the European Union (MS), the Associated Countries to the 7th Framework Programme (AC) and the extended Black Sea region was opened on 4th of October 2010 with a closing date of the 14th of January 2011.

The objective of the BS PJC was to **promote collaborative research on Climate and Environment and Energy** taking a proactive and innovative approach to developing solutions for a sustainable development.

The communication of the call for proposals was supported by alerts through project web- site, Expression of Interests, members’ states funding agencies web-sites and various info-days organized in member states.

It seems that the communication of the BS PJC was generally good, as well as the acceptance of the topic by universities, SMS, R&D companies and the research community, as we received **66 proposals**, which shows a significant interest for the subject.



As it can be seen also in the Fig. 1, more than a half of the submitted proposals were for the topic no 1.2 -Water pollution preventions for coastal zones and tourist areas (ENV) and topic no 2.2- CO2 capture and storage technologies for zero emission power generation in the BS Region (ENG).

**The indicative budget for BS PJC was 3,1 million euro** (national and INTAS contribution) and the requested budget amounted 17,5 million euro.

**11** out of 13 countries involved in the BS-ERA.NET project have partners participating in proposals. As an average, 4,3 partners took part in each proposal. The maximum budget request was **300.000 euro per proposal.**

The selection of the proposals for funding was based on an **international, independent peer-review procedure** and implemented by using the on-line submission and evaluation system PT-Outline.

The final decision on the funding list was taken during the last Group of Funding Meeting in May 2011.

**11 successful proposals with the highest scores were selected for funding from which 7 were submitted for ENV and 4 for ENERGY.** The contracting period is foreseen to start in September 2011.

Congratulations to all the participants,

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