PRE-ANNOUNCEMENT

OF A JOINT CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS

The ForestValue Research Programme announces the upcoming call for joint European research projects with an indicative total available budget of up to 25 million €. Projects are expected to start late 2018/early 2019.

The call for proposals is expected to open end of October / early November 2017.

The topics of the planned *ForestValue* joint call will contribute to transforming the global economy from a dependence on fossil and non-renewable raw materials to a sustainable "biobased economy". The co-funded joint transnational call will address the whole forest-based value chain in two areas:

- A. Innovative sustainable management of multifunctional forests
- **B.** Innovative industrial production and processing technologies, products, concepts and services

As these topics are crosscutting, the call will also aim to encourage and make best use of interdisciplinary systems approaches, and improve the impact and integration of social research and economics in this sector.

The following funding organisations / programme managers plan to participate in the call:

Finland : MMM, AKA, TEKES, YM	Latvia: LAAFS, VIAA	Sweden : FORMAS, SWEA, Vinnova	Argentina: MINCyT
Austria: BMLFUW	Ireland: DAFM	United Kingdom: FC	Egypt: ASRT
Czech Republic : MoA, FGMRI	Poland: NCN	Norway: RCN	Jordan: NCARE
France: ADEME, ANR	Slovenia: MIZS	Switzerland: CTI, FOEN	Tunisia: IRESA
Germany: BMEL, FNR	Spain: MINECO, CDTI	Turkey: TUBITAK	

Please note that the information above is provisional and subject to change in the official call announcement being published with the call opening.

The full call information package will be published end of October / early November 2017. Please check www.woodwisdom.net/news-events/ and www.sumforest.org/news/.



The administration of the call is being led by the **ForestValue Call Secretariat** on behalf of all the funding partners. General enquiries about this call should be addressed to the Call Secretariat: Carina Lemke (FNR, <u>c.lemke@fnr.de</u>), Martin Greimel (BMLFUW, <u>Martin.Greimel@bmlfuw.gv.at</u>), Mika Kallio (MMM, <u>Mika.Kallio@mmm.fi</u>)

