

EMPIR Work Programme

Call Scope – Small Collaborative Projects (SCP) in 2021

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The overall strategic aim for capacity building by EURAMET in the form of small collaborative projects with limited budgets of 150 k€ and up to 18 months duration is to fund support activities targeted at emerging EURAMET NMIs/DIs.

Proposals should address one of the following topics:

- to support smart-specialisation through the coordination and sharing of resources and services across national borders,
- to build stronger links with stakeholders with the aim of determining needs for metrology services and cooperatively developing solutions for meeting them,
- to transfer knowledge to non-NMI/DI actors by building networks with stakeholders in metrology services,

The projects are expected to be sharply targeted, ideally with one specific objective (similar to one mentioned above), with a clear work and budget plan to achieve it and well-defined, objective-oriented deliverables (maximum 4). The projects are envisioned to have at least 2 (ideally 3) emerging NMIs/DIs and 1 highly developed NMI/DIs as partners.

All proposals which address the second or third bullet point of the topics are requested to have a stakeholder involvement already in place at the proposal stage.

As it is proposed that the projects will be funded from national contributions to EMPIR, the application process would be single-stage and the applications would be evaluated by the members of the EMPIR Subcommittee Capacity Building according to criteria set by EURAMET. Outcomes would be monitored in terms of achievement of objectives by a team of reviewers. The EURAMET Capacity Building Officer would serve as the facilitator of the instrument.

A pilot implementation of the instrument was carried out during the year 2020. This will now be repeated in 2021. Deadlines will be similar to the RMG application timing. Proposed project starts are foreseen in spring 2022.

Current available budget is 300 k€ and this means EURAMET can fund 2 projects.