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1. /BMBF/ Deutsch-Namibische Wasserstoffpartnerschaft, Frist: 08. April 2022

Grüner Wasserstoff aus Erneuerbaren Energien ist ein potenzieller Schlüsselbaustein einer globalen Energiewende und spielt eine entscheidende Rolle, um die Klimaziele auf nationaler und internationaler Ebene zu erreichen. Technologien zur Erzeugung, zum Transport und zur Nutzung von Grünem Wasserstoff bergen erhebliche Wertschöpfungspotenziale für die deutsche Wirtschaft. Im internationalen Wettbewerb kommt ihnen damit eine übergeordnete strategische Bedeutung zu.

Namibia ist ein attraktiver Investitionsstandort, der politische Stabilität, Rechtssicherheit sowie eine hervorragende Infrastruktur bietet. Der vom Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) geförderte „Potenzialatlas Grüner Wasserstoff in Afrika“ hat in vorläufigen Auswertungen bereits gezeigt, dass Namibia über optimale Bedingungen zur Erzeugung von Wind- und Solarenergie und damit auch für die Produktion von Grünem Wasserstoff verfügt.

Die Umsetzung erfolgt durch Förderaufrufe in drei Säulen:

In Säule 1 werden die Entwicklung einer Wasserstoff-Roadmap sowie die Durchführung von Machbarkeitsstudien gefördert. In einer zweiten Säule werden deutsch-namibische Pilot- und Forschungsprojekte finanziert, die Wasserstofftechnologien von der Produktion über die Speicherung und den Transport bis zur Nutzung demonstrieren. Als dritte Säule werden Stipendienprogramme für namibische Studierende, aber auch Praktika in deutschen Forschungseinrichtungen und Unternehmen unterstützt, um die akademische Entwicklung und den Austausch von Fachwissen zu fördern.

Säulen 1 und 2: Grundsätzlich antragsberechtigt sind Hochschulen und außeruniversitäre Forschungseinrichtungen mit Forschungs- und Entwicklungskapazitäten in Deutschland sowie Unternehmen der gewerblichen Wirtschaft und andere juristische Personen des öffentlichen oder privaten Rechts. Es werden nur bilaterale Projekte, die aus mindestens einem deutschen und einem namibischen Partner bestehen, gefördert. Details sind auf den Informationsseiten zu den Aufrufen dargestellt. Die Ausgaben/Kosten namibischer Partner werden durch SASSCAL finanziert, deutsche Partner werden durch eine Zuwendung des BMBF gefördert.

Säule 3: Antragsberechtigt sind namibische Staatsangehörige entsprechend der vom Auswahlkomitee festgelegten Auswahlkriterien. Deutsche Einrichtungen agieren als Gasteinrichtungen ohne direkte Förderung durch das BMBF.

Weitere Informationen:

<https://www.ptj.de/projektfoerderung/anwendungsorientierte-grundlagenforschung-energie/deutsch-namibische-wasserstoff-partnerschaft>

2. /HORIZON EUROPE/ The European Innovation Procurement Awards - Strategy, deadline: 22. June 2022 17:00 Brussels time

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Innovation procurement boosts the process of transforming research results and ideas into innovative solutions. It represents an untapped potential to stimulate the demand for innovation. By using innovation procurement, the public and private sectors can provide state-of-the-art services and goods to the society and, at the same time, offer new growth and commercialisation opportunities for suppliers of

disruptive solutions, particularly start-ups and SMEs.

The European Innovation Procurement Awards aim to recognise public and private buyers, natural persons and those legal entities supporting these practices across Europe in their efforts to promote and stimulate innovation procurement and the innovative ways the solutions are procured.

The Awards also aims to demonstrate how innovation procurement positively transforms the economy by not only creating new and sustainable markets, but also by tackling societal challenges such as climate change.

These Awards complement other EIC initiatives aimed at supporting and fostering innovation procurement in the European Union.

The European Innovation Procurement Awards: Innovation procurement strategy category: to reward holistic and dedicated strategy/action plan that trigger sustainable innovation procurement practices.

Further Information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2022-innovationprocurementawardsprize1;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;leText=true;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programme=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=startDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

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The European Innovation Procurement Awards: Facing societal challenges category: to reward those innovative procurement practises aimed to face covid-19 pandemic and/or its consequences during the recovery phase.

Further Information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2022-innovationprocurementawardsprize2;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=startDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

4. /HORIZON EUROPE/ The European Innovation Procurement Awards - Leadership, deadline: 22. June 2022 17:00 Brussels time

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The European Innovation Procurement Awards: Procurement leadership category: to reward the outstanding individual(s) and/or legal entities (s) that create strong role models; who empower others to succeed in the use and further deployment of innovation procurement; or develop, support and promote the establishment of new innovative procurement practices within the innovation ecosystem.

Further Information:

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-eic-2022-innovationprocurementawardsprize3;callCode=null;freeTextSearchKeyword=;matchWholeText=true;typeCodes=1;statusCodes=31094502;programmePeriod=2021%20-%202027;programCcm2Id=43108390;programDivisionCode=null;focusAreaCode=null;destination=null;mission=null;geographicalZonesCode=null;programmeDivisionProspect=null;startDateLte=null;startDateGte=null;crossCuttingPriorityCode=null;cpvCode=null;cpvCode=null;performanceOfDelivery=null;sortQuery=startDate;orderBy=asc;onlyTenders=false;topicListKey=topicSearchTablePageState>

5. /Sonstige / SECURIT -Security Solution, deadline: 26. April 17:00 Brussels time

SecurIT will select up to 21 projects per Open Call aiming to develop new prototypes or demonstrators in the Security and Cybersecurity domains with support from SecurIT consortium.

Projects must be submitted by the consortia of at least 2 SMEs and should address one of the SecurIT Challenges.

SecurIT offers 2 types of instruments:

- Prototyping Instrument
- Demonstration Instrument

The ideal project is a use case of prototyping or demonstration of the security solution that addresses at least one of the challenges in the following areas:

- Cybersecurity
- Digital applications applied to security solutions

They are looking for Consortia of at least 2 SMEs (Registered Legal Person) established in:

- Member State of the European Union and its Overseas countries and Territories (OCT)
- Associated countries to H2020

The ideal applicant is a consortium composed of at least 2 (two) SMEs from different eligible countries, however, we also accept consortia of SMEs registered in the same country. Please be aware that international consortia will get a bonus in the scoring process.

At least one of the SMEs should be a technology/IT solution provider.

Further Information:

<https://securit.fundingbox.com/>

6. /Sonstige/ Breakthrough Energy Catalyst -Climate Technology Projects, deadline: 13.05.2022

At COP26 in Glasgow, European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen and Bill Gates, the Founder of Breakthrough Energy, together with European Investment Bank President, Werner Hoyer, formalised a partnership to mobilise public and private funding in emerging climate technology projects located in the European Union. This followed the initial partnership announcement that was made in June 2021 at the Mission Innovation Ministerial Conference. The EU-Catalyst Partnership expects to mobilise €820 million (\$1 billion) in climate investment between 2022 and 2027 targeted toward the European Green Deal and the EU's 2030 climate target.

To operationalise this collaboration, Breakthrough Energy Catalyst has launched this RFP to identify and select emerging climate technology projects based in the European Union for project-level financing. Projects selected by Catalyst from this RFP will be considered by the European Commission and European Investment Bank to receive blended financing under the InvestEU Programme.

Catalyst invites responses from projects located in the European Union across the following four technology sectors:

- Clean hydrogen
- Direct air capture
- Sustainable aviation fuel
- Long duration energy storage

The RFP is expected to remain open for submissions until 31 December 2027 (RFP Close Date) (or until all BEC funds are fully committed). All Respondents seeking funding in the first half of 2023 must provide their Part I Submission by 13 May 2022, at which time Catalyst will undertake its first round of evaluations. After 13 May 2022, submissions will be evaluated on a rolling basis (no less frequently than semi-annually) until the RFP Close Date.

Further Information:

<https://www.breakthroughenergy.org/catalyst-eu-rfp>



7. /Sonstige/ Contact Research Funding Advice of the Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg

For questions about funding opportunities, specific calls for proposals, help with submitting applications and project support, please contact the department for Research Funding Advice/EU-University Network of Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg.

Information on current events, funding structures and contact online at:

<https://www.ovgu.de/en/ContactResearchFundingAdvice>

<https://www.euhoerschulnetz-sachsen-anhalt.de/en/>
