

**Belmont Forum
International Opportunities Fund
Mountains as Sentinels of Change**

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRE-PROPOSALS 2015

A copy of the Pre-proposal must be submitted by the Leading PI (or Leading PI Institute where appropriate) through the electronic proposal system accessible through www.bfgo.org, by the application deadline. Leading PIs are requested to write the proposals directly into the system. However, MS Word File Form could be used in the process of completing the proposal and used to share the proposal among your consortium members.

Note: Both Leading and Partner PIs should make sure to check the National Annexes for their country and contact the National Contact Point if required. There may be additional national application requirements in Pre-proposal phase.

General guidance for all applicants:

- the proposal must be written in English.
- the different sections of the application should not exceed the prescribed maximum number of characters. **Characters beyond the limit will be removed.**
- any documents other than those requested as part of the proposal **will not be forwarded** to Panel members.

1. Project title

Give a project title which clearly describes the research content of your consortium.

2. Project acronym

Choose a short acronym for your proposal.

3. Duration

Indicate the duration of the project and anticipated start date. The starting date of the project should be no later than June 1, 2016 and no earlier than January 1, 2016. The project should last up to 3 years.

4. Project summary (2100 characters or less, suitable for public release)

Provide a summary describing the proposed research program and expected impact in

plain language suitable for general audience. If selected for development to a full proposal, this project summary will carry through to the Full Proposal (although minor amendments will be acceptable).

Summaries from Full Proposals will be published if the proposal is selected.

5. Key words

Give at least three and up to ten keywords that represent the scientific content of your proposal. These will be used to assist in identifying reviewers.

7. Principal investigators

Provide detailed information on each Leading and Partner PI, including institution and contact details. Please check with your National Annex for eligibility requirements and any limits on the number of official Partner PIs.

For each PI, 1400 characters summary of key achievements that are relevant to the research proposed and up to 5 most recent relevant publications should be included.

Fully self-financed partners who bring their own secured budget are allowed from any country.

8. Objective (Maximum 7000 characters, not including reference list)

Describe the objective of your consortium's research in accordance with the instructions in the application form.

9. Provisional Financial Summary

Describe your Provisional Financial Summary for each Leading or Partner PI in the table. The currency unit must be thousands of Euros (K€).

For questions, contact your National Call Contact Points.