

2021 Joint Call – Accelerating the Heating and Cooling Transition  
GEOHERMICA & JPP Smart Energy Systems

## SEAI - Frequently Asked Questions

If you have a question that has not been addressed below, please contact [energyresearch@seai.ie](mailto:energyresearch@seai.ie).

For questions on the overall 2021 Joint Call, please contact Call Coordination at [info@geothermica.eu](mailto:info@geothermica.eu).

Questions	Answers
<b><i>What is the joint call?</i></b>	This transnational <a href="#">Joint Call 2021</a> seeks to accelerate the heating and cooling transition by bringing together national and regional programmes aimed at energy system integration and technological progress in the various heating and/or cooling technologies. Both GEOHERMICA & JPP SES networks have been organising Joint Calls in previous years and have joined the expertise of seventeen energy research and innovation national funding agencies from fifteen countries to commit to the joint innovation initiative in coming years.
<b><i>What countries and regions are involved?</i></b>	Austria, Denmark, Germany, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, The Netherlands, Norway, Scotland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, USA and Wallonia.
<b><i>What are the high-level requirements to participate?</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It is a two stage Call; pre-proposal and full proposal.</li> <li>• Minimum of three applicants from two participating countries.</li> <li>• Each participating funding agency can only fund eligible applicant(s) from its own country/region.</li> <li>• Proposal is to be submitted electronically.</li> <li>• The overall GEOHERMICA &amp; JPP SES 2021 Joint Call rules apply to all applicants.</li> <li>• Specific national and regional funding agency rules and eligibility criteria (see Annex 1 Call Text) must also be positively met.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Can you outline the timeframe from call close to award?</i></b>	<p>The call is conducted over two stages; pre-proposal and full proposal. The <a href="#">Electronic Submission System (ESS)</a> opens for pre-proposals on June 15th, 2021 and closes on <b>October 4th, 2021</b>. The deadline for submission of the SEAI National pre-proposal application to SEAI is the <b>8th of October 2021</b> via the <a href="#">online application form</a> on the SEAI website.</p> <p>Full proposals may be submitted from November 30<sup>th</sup> 2021 to 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2021. The funding decision feedback will be made by end- June 2022 (tentative date) and funded projects are expected to begin in September 2022.</p>

<p><b><i>What happens at each stage of the call?</i></b></p>	<p>During the pre-proposal stage of the call, a consortium submits a pre-proposal and a letter of intent to the ESS and national pre-proposal applications to the relevant national funding agencies of the partners (as applicable). The eligibility criteria for both the overall GEOTHERMICA &amp; JPP SES 2021 Joint Call, and the national funding bodies of the consortia members, are assessed. (For the SEAI national preproposal application, click <a href="#">here</a>)</p> <p>If the eligibility criteria are met, the consortium are invited to submit a full proposal, a letter of commitment and a parallel application to the national funding bodies of the partners.</p>
<p><b><i>Where do I find information about the pre-proposal and full proposal documents?</i></b></p>	<p>The primary document is the <a href="#">Call Text</a>. Guidelines for Applicants and the Electronic Submission System (ESS) are also available to download from the key documents section of this SEAI <a href="#">website</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>Who can be in a project consortia?</i></b></p>	<p>Organisations eligible to apply to SEAI for funding include: Public and private sector organisations based in the Republic of Ireland (including Irish subsidiaries of overseas companies) who wish to carry out projects in Ireland. Applications will be accepted from Private Enterprises; Universities, Institutes of Technology and State Funded Research Organisations; Public Sector Bodies and Semi-State Bodies, who are based in the Republic of Ireland.</p> <p>Please refer the <a href="#">Call Text</a> for other national funding agencies' criteria.</p>
<p><b><i>Can you outline the SEAI national eligibility criteria?</i></b></p>	<p>Please first refer to p.41 of Annex 1 of the <a href="#">Call Text</a>.</p> <p>Broadly speaking, proposed activities of Irish organisations applying for SEAI funding, should aim to support the goals and overarching objectives of the <a href="#">SEAI National Energy Research, Development and Demonstration Funding Programme</a>.</p> <p>Please review the <a href="#">SEAI RD&amp;D Budget Policy</a> for guidance on the programme budgetary policies and financial requirements, including further guidance in relation to eligible costs and funding rates.</p> <p>Each project consortium must outline and demonstrate how the proposed activities align with the respective funding bodies' national criteria.</p> <p><b>Each applicant is funded from their own national funding body.</b></p>
<p><b><i>What is the total funding available?</i></b></p>	<p>The total available budget is €32.5million across all national and regional funding agencies, and there is €0.5million available through the SEAI to support Irish participants.</p>
<p><b><i>What is the min/max funding available from SEAI per project?</i></b></p>	<p>There is no minimum, and the maximum SEAI funding available per project is €200,000.</p>
<p><b><i>What is the difference between applying to</i></b></p>	<p>There are two funding bodies to which Irish organisations may apply; SEAI and GSI (Geological Survey Ireland). Please note that SEAI can</p>

<p><b><i>SEAI or GSI for funding?</i></b></p>	<p>support a range of topic areas related to the call, whereas GSI will support geothermal energy related projects only.</p> <p>Proposals can include requests for funding from SEAI and/or GSI. For GSI requirements, please see the <a href="#">GSI Website</a>.</p> <p>Individual organisations can only request funding from one or other national funder, as relevant. Please review the guidance within Annex 1 of the <a href="#">Call Text</a>. For any queries, please contact the relevant National Contact Point. To contact SEAI, please email <a href="mailto:energyresearch@seai.ie">energyresearch@seai.ie</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>Can you provide further details of the evaluation process?</i></b></p>	<p>The evaluation process is outlined in section 7.3 of the full <a href="#">Call Text</a>. Evaluations will take place over the two stages of the call. During stage 1 (pre-proposal) the project is assessed for national eligibility. A pre-proposal can be rejected, hence it is critical to follow national rules as outlined in Annex 1 of the <a href="#">Call Text</a>. It is possible to alter a proposal between stage 1 and stage 2, under certain circumstances.</p> <p>During stage 2, the full proposal is re-checked for national eligibility and evaluation/ ranking is performed by an independent international panel of experts. Please refer to p.19 of the full <a href="#">Call Text</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>What are the evaluation criteria used in Stage 2?</i></b></p>	<p>Full project proposals will be evaluated in terms of excellence (weight 30%), impact (weight 40%), quality and efficiency (weight 30%). For further details of the evaluation process, please refer to Section 7.3 of the full <a href="#">Call Text</a>.</p>
<p><b><i>How would parties go about finding other interested parties?</i></b></p>	<p>There is an online portal for matchmaking which gives partners the chance to start consortium building and/or co-create project proposals. The <a href="#">portal for virtual matchmaking</a> is open until 04 October 2021.</p>

**The closing date for Pre-Proposal applications is 04 October 2021**

**The closing date for SEAI Pre-Proposals is 08 October 2021 4pm Irish Standard Time**