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SAF€RA's first Joint Call attracts large number of proposals

The first joint call of the ERA-NET entitled *Coordination of European Research on Industrial Safety towards Smart and Sustainable Growth (SAF€RA)* attracted 53 applications. The call was open from September 23 to November 29, 2013. The topics of this call concern *Human and organizational factors including the value of industrial safety*.

Some statistics on the applications received

- 53 applications have been received
- the sum of the budgets requested is 9.44 M€
- the average consortium size is 2.4 partners (range between 1 and 5, of which 18 "single-organization" applications)
- applications come from 20 countries
- applicant organizations are primarily from Spain (24), Finland (22), Italy (17), France (14) and Norway (12)

The proposals are evaluated by internationally recognized scientific experts by the end of January 2014. Based on the result of the evaluation, funding decisions are made at national/regional level, and projects approved for funding may start as early as February 2014.

About SAF€RA:

SAF€RA is an ERA-NET project entitled 'Coordination of European Research on Industrial Safety towards Smart and Sustainable Growth' funded for three years by the European Commission in the 7th Framework Programme (Grant agreement no: 291812). Under the ERA-NET scheme it identifies areas of joint interest and expected synergies of collaborative research, and stimulates transnational research on industrial safety. Industrial safety is an enabling success factor in the pursuit of beneficial and sustainable business activities.

SAF€RA is a consortium of 20 leading European public agencies, ministries and research funding organizations funding or managing safety research programmes. It will bring dynamism into European research on industrial safety where it cannot be tackled at the national level. SAF€RA was initiated by the European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety (ETPIS) and uses this platform to make its results available to the stakeholders. SAF€RA will contribute to the SafeFuture Initiative of ETPIS.

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