



## Horizon 2020 Evaluators needed

Ahead of the start of Horizon 2020, the European Commission has launched a new call for independent experts. Experts are needed to evaluate proposals for EU funding and for other activities such as monitoring, programme evaluation and policy development.

Interested candidates are invited to file their application as soon as possible in preparation for the first project proposal evaluations, which will start in early 2014. Within the field of agriculture, some calls will close already 12 March and interested experts are therefore kindly requested to file their application by the end of January.

The European Commission is aiming to substantially increase the number of specialists from agricultural and forestry sectors. This call is open to experts of any nationality with a high level of professional expertise in the relevant fields.

In addition to pure scientific and academic work, the call includes several opportunities to support demand-driven research and innovation actions in agriculture, forestry and rural development, especially through two new approaches: the Thematic Networks and the Multi-actor research projects. Both approaches require the involvement of practice, be it the agricultural and forestry sectors, advisors, NGOs or business. In order to ensure the best possible evaluation of these proposals, the Commission would like to specifically invite experts with experience in combining science and practice in research projects. Experts who have this type of Multi Actor experience are kindly asked to state it clearly in their applications.

The call for expression of interest will remain open for the lifetime of Horizon 2020. The support services (FAQ as well as the Research Enquiry Service for general enquiries and the IT helpdesk for technical matters) are accessible to ease the registration which can be done from the [online registration platform](#).

In the frame of HORIZON 2020, Societal Challenge "Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bio-economy" is dealing with the research and innovation in the agricultural sector and the overall supply chain. The respective draft Horizon 2020 Work Programme 2014-2015 is available [online](#).

Please note that the work of experts will be remunerated by the Commission and that experts in the evaluation database may still participate in project proposals.