



Call Announcement

African-European call for proposals

“Climate Services for Risk Reduction in West Africa” (CS4RRA)

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Release date of the Call: **28 May 2025**

Deadline for pre-proposals: **11 September 2025 (10:00 UTC)**

Deadline for full proposals: **February 2026**

For all detailed information about the call see: <https://jpi-climate.eu/programme/climate-services-for-risk-reduction-in-west-africa-cs4rra>

Introduction

West African countries face pressing climate-related challenges, including environmental degradation, rainfall variability, heatwaves, floods, and declining agricultural productivity. The accelerating impacts of climate change, along with socio-economic developments like population growth and urbanisation, exacerbates climate-related challenges. The initiative “Climate Services for Risk Reduction in West Africa” (CS4RRA) was launched in 2023 by European countries in collaboration with West African institutions, including ACMAD, AGRHYMET/CILSS, WASCAL, the African Centres of Excellence and the African funding councils. The aim of this initiative is to enhance climate resilience through Knowledge, Innovation, and Capacity Building (KIC), leveraging achievements from previous European Union (EU) and African Union (AU) programs (Horizon 2020, Joint Programme Initiative Climate/SINCERE, Copernicus CCS).

Context of the call

The CS4RRA initiative is building upon the achievements and findings of previous JPI Climate activities (Flagship Africa under the SINCERE project). It follows the main results of the EU and AU programmes in advancing climate services with the ERANET for climate services ERA4CS, the Copernicus Programme, the EIT Climate-KIC and agreements made in the Treaty of Aachen 2019. The overall strategic aim of the CS4RRA-initiative is to develop pathways to climate resilience in West Africa and thereby contribute to long-term multinational cooperation. The content of this multinational call is grounded on the KIC-priorities identified during the four CS4RRA webinars (summarised in the CS4RRA White Paper) and the CS4RRA Stocktaking Conference.

Call’s objectives

- **Strengthen climate resilience** in West Africa based on a better understanding of the impacts of climate change;
- **Improve climate knowledge, capacities and services** for climate risk reduction and adaptation to climate change;
- **Strengthen African and European partnership.**

Topics of the call

Each proposal must address one or more of the following topics:

1. **Improving Early Warning Systems** (following the WMO definition)
2. **Improving operational assessment and prevention of Climate Security Risks**
3. **Improving financing mechanism and institutional integration of climate services**

In addition, a proposal must:

- address all three pillars of CS4RRA: Knowledge, Innovation, and Capacity Development;
- follow inter- and transdisciplinary approaches by encouraging co-designed activities between academic and non-academic partners such as policy-makers, society and economy;
- meet specific needs related to climate change addressed by West African stakeholders;
- link research and innovation (incl. social innovation) bridging scientific excellence and social impact.

Group of funders and eligibility criteria

Funding organisations from Burkina Faso*, Côte d'Ivoire, France, Germany, Ghana*, Italy, and Norway are participating in the call. **Eligible for funding** are organisations from funding organisations countries and organisations which are located in one of the following West African countries: Benin, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo. Applicants must be eligible for funding according to the regulations of their respective (national) Funding Parties (for all national regulations see also *PT-Outline*). Eligible project consortia must comprise at least **three eligible project partners** representing at least two African institutions from two different West African countries and one European institution. In addition, the Project Consortium has to be led by a partner based in a West African country. The consortium should reflect a balanced and equitable partnership relationship between African and European project partners. The **maximum cash funding per project is 2,000,000 EUR** for a **maximum duration of 36 months**.

Electronic proposals must be submitted on: https://ptoutline.eu/app/users/login/AFR-EU_Call_CS4RRA

Evaluation criteria: Scientific excellence, Impact and Quality and efficiency of the implementation.

Webinar and partnering tool

Register to the webinar: <https://anr.webex.com/weblink/register/rfc6d78df095fea2bcd61d070def68f86>

You are searching for a partner ? A consortium to join? Complete this survey: <http://sondage.anr.fr/index.php/755747?lang=en>

Timeline

Information Webinar	24 June 2025 (9:00 UTC)
Deadline Pre-proposals submission	11 September 2025 (10:00 UTC)
Eligibility and Evaluation Step 1	September-November 2025
Full-proposals submission	November-February 2026
Eligibility and Evaluation Step 2	February-May 2026
Start of projects	from June 2026

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*Contribution of the funding organisations of the following countries to be finalized.