

Open call

# Stepping Stones

RESEARCH CALL UNDER ERA-NET TRANSPORT »

## STEPPING STONES

### - Making Mobility Patterns more Sustainable

The German Federal Ministry of Transport, Building and Urban Development, the National Centre for Research and Development in Poland (NCBIR), the Swedish Transport Administration and the Dutch Agency, NL Environment invite research proposals in the field of making Mobility Patterns more Sustainable.

#### The call in short

Open	1 March 2012
Close	7 June 2012
Total funds	500,000 Euro
Consortia	A minimum of two partners from the funding countries
Focus	Making mobility patterns more sustainable
Emphasis	European cases where sustainable mobility measures have been implemented Policy measures and the process of implementation Best practice cases as well as worst practice cases
Format	A fixed template must be used
Time frame	Up till one year

» For more information contact your national national contact point (see reverse)

» And check [www.transport-era.net](http://www.transport-era.net)  
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## The vision

The vision of this transnational call is to support a long term, sustainable transport system in Europe to enable sustainable mobility. For decades governments have tried to influence their citizens' travel behaviour in an effort to encourage them to opt for alternatives to (single) car use. The need for a sustainable change in travel behaviour becomes increasingly urgent.

STEPPING STONES serves as a transnational platform to identify the common European research questions in this field, to gather research resources and to conduct research jointly on these issues. The research should provide well-based information for transport policies and transport research policies of the national governments and input for the discussion at the European level.

The key objective of the joint research call is to understand the successful (policy) measures aimed at making mobility patterns more sustainable and the underlying mechanisms including social & psychological factors. Due to the transnational approach in STEPPING STONES, the research results should be of common interest across Europe and in several regions.

## Thematic focus

The focus will be on all policy measures that contribute to the research objective to make mobility patterns more sustainable. Policy measures can also be seen as a package of regulating and stimulating measures and/or the use of technology.

This research initiative will have its main focus on two aspects:

1. The effective and efficient (combinations of) policy measures to change the choices of mobilists in order to realize more sustainable mobility patterns
2. The process to implement effective and efficient policy measures

The outlined thematic focuses are further described. See [transport-era.net](http://transport-era.net) > Action Groups > ENT 22 STEPPING STONES



## IF YOU WANT TO APPLY

Some overall guidelines

- The consortium must consist of a minimum of two partners from two of the funding countries
- The main applicant must be an institution/organisation/legal entity in one of the funding countries
- As a main principle each national funding body will fund national researchers. Further national rules may apply
- Proposals will be evaluated by a Joint Evaluation Group consisting of representatives from the funding countries
- The funding bodies may also wish to conduct a national evaluation of proposals
- Full applications must be submitted no later than 16.00 CET on 7 June 2012
- The template for proposal must be used

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