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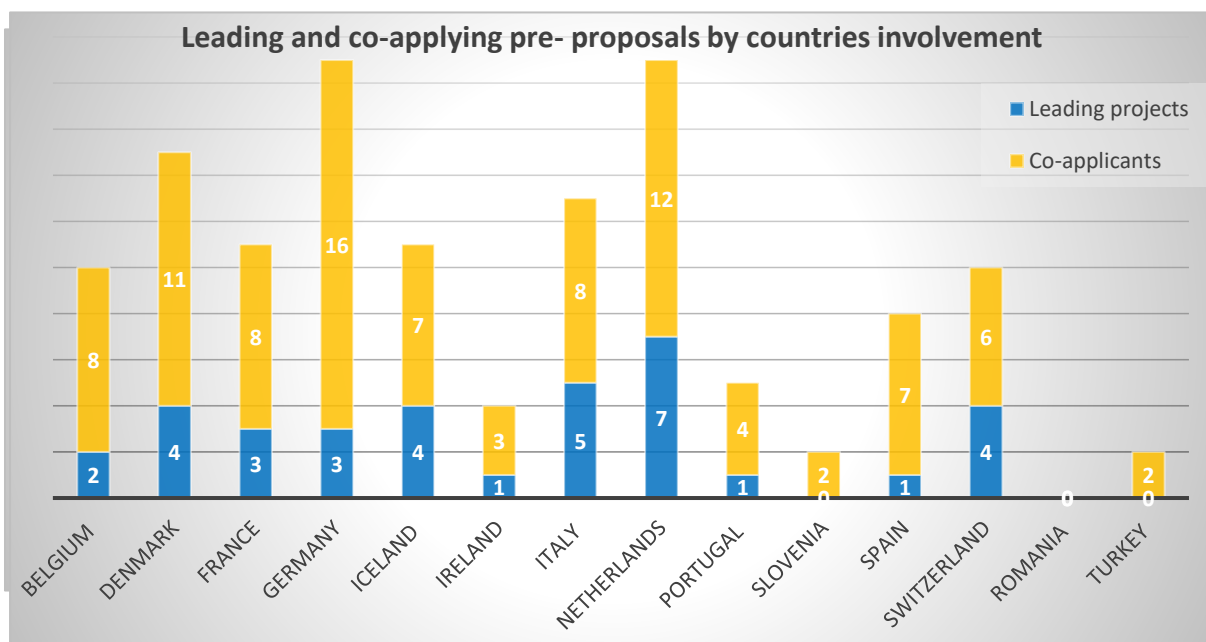
The first GEO THERMICA call pre-proposals received

GEO THERMICA received 35 submissions in response to the Joint Call for Pre-Proposals for innovative demonstration and technology development projects, closed 10 July. Received pre-proposals came from across Europe (eleven countries) and cover all the aforesaid activities and the total requested budget for these projects are over €76 million.

The objective of the call is to award grant agreements for the value of almost €32 million for large transnational demonstration projects and smaller trans-national research and innovation projects, that bring innovative geothermal energy solutions closer to commercial deployment and encourage industrial participation to leverage public sector investment.

The good number of pre-proposals received shows the interest in accelerating geothermal energy across Europe and features technological and cross-cutting innovation themes. GEO THERMICA is an important step in funding demonstration and technology development through a Member State /EU cooperative budget. The GEO THERMICA consortium is looking forward to proceeding with the projects and to accelerate the deployment of geothermal energy in Europe, reducing the time to market for novel geothermal energy concepts, and require industrial involvement in research, innovation and demonstration activities.

The highest number of lead applicants comes from the Netherlands with 7 pre-proposal. Second place goes to Italy leading 5 pre-proposals. Thirdly, Denmark, Iceland and Switzerland leading in 4 pre-proposals each. France and Germany lead 3, Belgium leads 2, Ireland, Portugal and Spain lead each 1 application. The most frequent co-applicant comes from Germany with 16 pre-proposals, the Netherlands 12 and Denmark 11. There are 506 participants (personnel) whereof over 30% are female. There are 15 large trans-national demonstration projects applying for more than €57 million and 20 smaller trans-national research and innovation projects applying for more than €18 million. The total value of all pre-proposals is more than €153 million.



GEO THERMICA aims to support transnational, collaborative innovation projects in geothermal energy with a special focus on the direct use and power generation from geothermal resources in an optimized way. Project applications are promising and cover areas where focus is on targeted innovation actions to achieve goals in terms of performance and cost reductions in geothermal deployment.

The pre-proposals eligibility check will be conducted over the summer period with the objective to invite applicants to the second stage on 11 September 2017 and submitting full proposals by 24 November 2017.

The GEO THERMICA is a joint effort by the EU Member States and Associated Countries complementing Europe's research and innovation community and industry sector efforts. It will reinforce the sector's contribution to the goals of the European Energy Union and the implementation of the SET Plan.

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