



A Guide to JERICO

Transnational Access

Activity

(3rd Call)

Project website:
www.jerico-fp7.eu

TNA webpages:
<http://www.jerico-fp7.eu/tna>

1. Scope

The primary objective of the JERICO Transnational Access (TNA) activity is to enable scientists and engineers to freely access coastal infrastructures not available in their own countries. The JERICO Consortium includes research facilities such as ferryboxes, fixed platforms, gliders, and associated calibration laboratories.

The third call for access to the JERICO Coastal Observatories and Calibration Facilities will open **from 19 September 2013 to 18 November 2013** with activities scheduled to start in early 2014 subsequent to a formal screening and selection process.

The facilities available for the 3rd Call are described in the JERICO website¹.

2. Access

Free-of-charge access to the facilities specified in the TNA context will be granted following the evaluation of proposals submitted by *user groups* for their utilization in response to dedicated Calls during the lifetime of the JERICO project.

Proposals have to be drawn up following the template available in the JERICO website² and sent by email to **JERICO.TNA@ismar.cnr.it** within **NOVEMBER 18th, 2013, 23:59 HOURS (CET)**

A *user group* can be a single researcher (user) or a team of two or more researchers (users) satisfying specific eligibility conditions (see section 2.1).

The evaluation of submitted TNA proposals will be conducted via a selection process that will assess them for scientific excellence, innovation and eventual impacts on the state-of-the-art.

The access conceded will include logistical, technical and scientific support by the *access provider* (or *infrastructure/facility operator*), and any special training that a *user group* may require to use an assigned *infrastructure/facility*.

JERICO will contribute to the travel and subsistence costs relating to visits by users, whenever necessary. A maximum of two travel grants will be assigned to each user group, depending on the length of the requested period of stay. EU funding may contribute to shipping costs if necessary but this will be evaluated case-by-case.

2.1 Eligibility of *user groups*

To be eligible to benefit from access to the *infrastructure* under the *grant agreement*, a *user group* must satisfy the following conditions³:

- a) the *user group* leader and the majority of the *users* must work in a (public or private) institution established in a Member State of the European Union or a State associated with the 7th Framework Programme.

¹ <http://www.jerico-fp7.eu/tna/calls-and-selection/third-call/access-facilities>.

² <http://www.jerico-fp7.eu/tna/calls-and-selection/third-call>

³ ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/fp7-ga-annex3-infra_en.pdf

- a.1) Associated States: Switzerland, Israel, Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Turkey, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Faroe Islands⁴.
- a.2) Applicants who reside outside the European Union (member states and associated states) are supported by JERICO provided they are not the principal applicant, and that they are a minority (less than 50%) in the *user group* proposing the TNA project.
- b) the *user group* leader and the majority of the *users* in the group must work in a country other than the country where the legal entity operating the facility is established.
 - b.1) When the *user group* is applying for several facilities operated by different legal entities, this condition shall apply to each facility.
 - b.2) This condition shall not apply:
 - when the *access provider* is an *International Organisation* or the *JRC*.
 - in case of remote access to a distributed set of *infrastructures* or *installations* offering the same services.
- c) Only *user groups* that are entitled to disseminate the *foreground* they have generated under the *project* are eligible to benefit from access free of charge to the *infrastructure* under this *grant agreement*.

2.2 Modality of Access

Unless otherwise specified, access to a specific *infrastructure* (or a specific *installation/facility* that is part of an *infrastructure*) by a *user group* is to be intended as a concession granted to use the *infrastructure* to collect specific data following the implementation of a specific automated measuring system. A written contract or agreement between the “Access Provider” or the “Infrastructure Operator” and the “End User” will delineate the actions to be undertaken, the resources that will need to be allocated, the length of planned *user* stays (if any), and the period of use. It will also define the rights and obligations of all the Parties involved, including eventual provisions for early termination of the conferred access.

Depending on the type of infrastructure/installation, the access can be

- **remote**: the measuring system is implemented by the operator of the installation and the presence of the *user group* is not required,
- **partially remote**: the presence of the *user group* is required at some stage (e.g. installing and un-installing),
- **"in person/hands-on"**: the presence of the *user group* is required/recommended during the whole access period.

Also depending on the type of infrastructure/installation, access may be shared simultaneously by several *user groups* (with independent measuring systems). Note that, sometimes, there may already be at least one permanent user to be considered *a priori*: the operator of the infrastructure.

⁴ Other countries may become associated during the course of FP7, verify at http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/who_en.html.

Unless otherwise stated, the measuring system shall be provided by the *user group*. EU funding may contribute to shipping costs if necessary but this will be evaluated case-by-case.

Whenever possible, the start and end of an access interval will be set to coincide with times scheduled for the ordinary maintenance of the installation in the interests of financial economy (e.g. limiting the costs of vessel-time, etc.).

It is mandatory that a *user group* verifies the particulars of access to the infrastructure/installation it wishes to utilize by contacting the relevant operator.

It is mandatory that user groups interact directly with the manager of the facility/ies they wish to use during the preparation of proposals. This will permit a better understanding of the feasibilities of the proposed projects by the very parties who will be working together if they are approved, while also fostering closer cooperation between them in addressing practical concerns.

3. Selection of projects

Submitted projects will be subjected to a three-step selection process involving:

- (i) Validation of each proposal by the manager of the targeted facility (feasibility assessment).
- (ii) Evaluation by the Selection Panel (SP) based on scientific excellence, innovation and impacts on the state-of-the-art.
- (iii) Final assessments by the Selection Panel.

3.1 The Selection Panel

The Selection Panel (SP) comprises members from the JERICO management team, the five members of the JERICO Scientific Advisory Committee and the three external experts on the Board of the JERICO Forum for Coastal Technology:

- Stefania Sparnocchia, JERICO WP8 leader
- Patrick Farcy, JERICO coordinator
- Pascal Morin, JERICO WP1 coordination team
- Dominique Durand, JERICO WP1 coordination team
- Ingrid Puillat, JERICO WP1 coordination team
- Janet Newton, SAC, University of Washington, USA
- George Zodiatis, SAC, University of Cyprus, Cyprus
- Richard Dewey, SAC, University of Victoria, Canada
- Hans Dalhin, SAC, Director of EUROGOOS
- Roger Proctor, SAC, University of Tasmania, Australia
- Franciscus Colijn, FCT, Helmholtz Zentrum Geesthacht, Germany
- Laurent Mortier, FCT, ENSTA-LOCEAN, France
- Alicia Lavin, FCT, Instituto Español de Oceanografía, Spain

3.2 The Selection criteria

The submitted proposals will be first grouped by facility types (ferryboxes / fixed platforms / gliders / calibration laboratories). Then, each group will be evaluated according to the following criteria for selection:

- Fundamental scientific and/or technical value; potential interest to the research/service-provider community; originality and innovation.
- Quality of the work program: clarity of presentation, adequacy in relation to set objectives.
- Evaluation of risk and payoff
- Potential for seeding links with Industry.
- Quality of proposing user group.
- European relevance.

3.3 Approval of proposals

The final ratings of the submitted proposals will be ranked in descending order. Approval will be granted, starting with the proposal that has the highest rating and then working downwards.

Priority will be given to projects where the *user groups*:

- are working in countries where such research infrastructures/installations do not exist;
- have not previously used the infrastructures/installations they are requesting access to.

Projects may be shifted between equivalent installations to match scientific ratings and demand.

The results of the selection will be posted on the JERICO web site. The leader of each selected user group will be contacted directly by the manager/operator of the infrastructure/installation chosen for its activities to receive information/guidelines for in person/hands-on access or shipment for remote access.

The *user group* of an approved proposal will be required to enter into a contract or agreement with the manager/operator of the infrastructure/installation chosen for its activities. The contract or agreement will delineate the actions to be undertaken, the resources that will need to be allocated, the length of planned *user* stays if any, and the period of use. It will also define the rights and obligations of the Parties involved, including eventual provisions for early termination.

3.4 Schedule of the Call

The 3rd Call schedule is as follows.

Opening of the call	19 September 2013
Deadline	18 November 2013
Evaluation end	31 January 2014
Feedback to applicants	28 February 2014
Formal agreement between parties and other administrative issues	Within April 2014
Implementation of approved projects	From April to September 2014

Delayed date for the end of the TNA projects will be allowed over October 2014 only because of JERICO timeline.

4. Post-access requirements

After the end of the project, the user group leader must submit :

- 1) a report describing the scientific output of the access received. Details regarding the report format and submission deadline will be sent out via email in due time. The reports will be published on the JERICO web site and made available to the European Commission.
- 2) The *User Group Questionnaire*⁵ aimed at assisting the Commission to evaluate the Research Infrastructures Action, to monitor the individual contracts, and to improve the services provided to the scientific community. When completing the questionnaire, the JERICO contract number (262584) and the acronym of the user project must be indicated. The questionnaire must be submitted once as soon as the experiment on the infrastructure comes to end.

Moreover,

- 3) Any publications or patents resulting from the JERICO TNA project must be reported to the host institute and the JERICO TNA office. Details regarding the report format will be sent out via email in due time. Furthermore, all such publications or patents must also contain references to the JERICO grant agreement (no. 262584) and acknowledgements to the host institute.

⁵ http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/capacities/questionnaire_en.html

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