The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has published a new call for proposals "Partnerships for sustainable solutions in transforming and developing countries - Research for development" Pilot projects for partnerships in science, research and education with the countries of Central Asia and the South Caucasus: <http://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/20160.php> <<http://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/20160.php>> .

Proposals related to the following thematic areas can receive funding of up to 140.000 Euro:

- Health and medicine: Better health and reduced risks for environment-related diseases.

Funded will be research aiming to reduce malnutrition and improve diets; addressing suitable monitoring, control and supply systems and societal innovations; and aiming to reduce infectious diseases and non-communicable and neglected as well as poverty-related diseases;

- Climate, energy, food production: From vulnerability to resilience and sustainable bio-economies.

Funded will be research addressing sustainable land and water use systems; the development of innovative technologies for more efficient energy use and other mitigation measures addressing climate change; as well as the interactions between water, land use, food production and energy efficiency;

- Communication: Development and expansion of a region-specific information society.

Funded will be research addressing resource-conserving production processes, intelligent products and data services (e.g. mobile phone-based early-warning systems); internet-based knowledge infrastructures and virtual realities.

Deadline for submission is 15 December 2012. Estimated start of project funding is July 2013.

Funding restrictions: The limit is 140.000 Euro per project for the total (maximum) duration of 24 months.

Funding can be granted for

- travel:

a. German partner to the CASC region: flights, per diem, visa

b. CASC partner within the CASC region: flights, visa (no per diem)

c. CASC partner to Germany: flights, per diem, visa

- workshops:

a. in Germany

b. in the CASC region

- personnel costs:

a. German young scientists and student assistants

b. CASC young scientists

- other costs:

limited funding for consumables, research equipment, transportation, literature, etc.

Funding share for CA/SC participants:

The project grants will be allocated to the German applicant (project coordinator). He will then report all the expenses to our administration.

The text of the call is available only in German as the application has to be submitted by the German partner (online submission: <https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/FFE_GUS_2012> <<https://www.pt-it.de/ptoutline/application/FFE_GUS_2012>>).