

## CALL FOR ACCESS TO THE NATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES OF THE ITALIAN PLANT PHENOTYPING NETWORK PHEN-ITALY

A call is open to fund access to research infrastructures (RIs) on plant phenotyping participating to the **Joint Research Unit Phen-Italy**, the Italian node of EMPHASIS, the European infrastructure (ESFRI) project on plant phenotyping (<https://emphasis.plant-phenotyping.eu/>).

Access to RIs is granted on the basis of a research project proposal aiming at answering a clear scientific question, and addressing a technological challenge in the field of plant phenotyping.

Infrastructures participating to this call are listed in the website [www.phen-italy.it](http://www.phen-italy.it). Proposals to access other RIs are not eligible.

The application can be submitted by a single user or a research group. In the latter case, the application must be submitted by the group leader.

Each individual user (or research group) can submit only one application for access to the RIs.

The application must be submitted using the web form available at [link here](#) within **30 days from the date of publication of the Call**.

The feasibility of the proposal should be discussed with the infrastructure manager who must approve the proposal and provide a declaration of feasibility to be also included in the application.

### SUBMISSION OF THE APPLICATION

The application must contain: a) personal data of the applicant; b) the project proposal set up accordingly to the application form and c) the declaration of feasibility provided by the infrastructure manager.

The project proposal must be structured in four sections:

#### 1. EXCELLENCE

- Background of the project
- Expected scientific and technological impacts and importance of the idea
- Importance of the infrastructure for carrying out the project

## 2. FEASIBILITY

- Detailed description of the project proposal phases (work plan and Gantt chart)
- Congruence of the cost of the project (instrumentation/equipment, travels/accommodation, materials,..)
- Feasibility declaration signed by the infrastructure manager

## 3. RESULTS

- Description of the type of results expected from the project (data, technological innovation, ..)
- Benefits brought about by the project in the sector under investigation
- Publications expected
- Data management plan (how the data, including raw data, will be made available to the scientific community)

## 4. EXPERIENCE

- CV of the candidate and experience of the research team (in the case of research group)
- Experience of the selected infrastructure staff and relevance of infrastructure activities and equipment for the project.

Projects must have a duration of max 18 months and must begin before **31 December 2021**.

Funds available for the current call are € 100 000 euros and each project will be financed for up to € 20 000.

For the successful projects, the funds will be transferred to the host infrastructure participating in the project.

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

Each project proposal will be evaluated by a panel of three reviewers not belonging to the selected infrastructure.

The panel will evaluate and select the eligible applications according to the following criteria:

- Scientific excellence / technological innovation (max score: 40/100)
- Technical feasibility (max score: 30/100)



- Impact / Expected results (max score: 20/100)
- Experience (max score: 10/100)

Only proposals that reach a minimum score equal to 6/10 of the maximum score in each of the sections, and in total at least 60/100, will be considered eligible. Proposals will be funded starting from the one with the highest score, and until all financial resources will be attributed.

Each participant will be informed about the outcome of the selection within 60 days of the closing of the call.

The successful participant will have to submit a technical-scientific report within 60 days from the finalization of the project.

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*Eventual clarifications about of the call will be published in the FAQs section of the website*

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