

## Indo-Norwegian Industrial R&D workshop: Renewable energy Match making and preparation for joint call

Time: February 8-9 2017

Venue: Royal Norwegian Embassy, 50 C Shantipath, New Delhi, India

Invited participants: In total 40-50 Norwegian and Indian participants from industry and R&D working within the field of Renewable energy.

Organized and hosted by Research Council of Norway (RCN), Royal Norwegian Embassy, Innovation Norway, Department of Science and Technology (DST), India and Indian Institute of Technology Delhi.

### Background

India and Norway has a bilateral agreement on cooperation in Science and Technology from 2006. Energy is one of the priorities areas, and so far there has been one bilateral call between the countries from 2014. In addition several Indo-Norwegian projects have been funded either unilaterally or multilaterally through the European ERA-net Inno-Indigo.

The Joint Working Group S&T between India and Norway has initiated cooperation on more industrial R&D and Innovation. In the last JWG S&T in Oslo September 2016, it was decided to precede with a workshop and a joint industrial call under the headline Renewable energy.

RCN has put aside approx. 1 million dollars (8 mill kroner) for a joint call with India on Industrial R&D. Dialogue with DST on how a joint call can be implemented is ongoing.

Based on this we are now organizing a matchmaking workshop in Delhi 8-9 Feb 2017 targeting companies and research institution in the field of renewable energy. The aim of the workshop is for partners to meet and start preparing joint projects for the joint call.

### Upcoming call

The call text will be preliminary known in January 2017, with final wording being published after the workshop. The call is in the field of environmentally friendly energy research and is open for all topics covered by the programme plan for the ENERGIX program<sup>1</sup>.

The call will target innovation projects lead by companies in collaboration with research institutions. Duration of projects could be of up to 3 years and with a total funding from RCN of 1-2 mill NOK. In addition, funding for Indian partners will be available from DST and companies own input. The projects will be evaluated on a set of criteria including level of innovation, potential for value creation for industrial partners and on R&D quality.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.forskningradet.no/servlet/Satellite?blobcol=urldata&blobheader=application%2Fpdf&blobheadername1=Content-Disposition&blobheadervalue1=+attachment%3B+filename%3D%22VedleggetilprogramplanforENERGIX2013-2022%2C1.pdf%22&blobkey=id&blobtable=MungoBlobs&blobwhere=1274505210642&ssbinary=true>

## **Workshop agenda**

The workshop will include introduction to both the Indian and Norwegian energy market, allow for presentations from participants and give time for discussions on future possible collaboration during workshop and dinner.

Final outline of agenda be based on participant's contributions and will be circulated in January 2017.

## **Logistics and registration**

All participants from Norway will be offered accommodation for two nights in Delhi and reimbursement of economy class travelling costs Norway – Delhi for one representative per company/institution.

Local transportation from Hotel to Embassy will be organized.

Interested Norwegian companies and R&D institutions should contact:

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Please send email to Trygve, Marianne, and Inger with confirmation for participation not later than January 15.

For Visa, please follow instructions here: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>

Apply for Business visa in good time, VISA invitation letters will be issued by Innovation Norway/The Norwegian embassy in New Delhi.

Norwegian Institute of Public Health recommend vaccination for Hep A and dTP-IPV (Diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough and polio vaccine) when travelling on business trips to India. <https://www.fhi.no/en/id/vaccines/vaccines-overview/world/asia---travel-vaccination-advice/>