



## EXTRA CALL FOR SMALL INNOVATION PROJECTS – SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

### THEME: SOUND SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE

This is an extra themed call for Innovation Project applications in Danish Sound Innovation Network.

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#### APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application deadline for the call is: **September 30, 2017 11:59:59 (AM)**

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#### OVERVIEW OF FUNDS

Danish Sound expects to accept and initiate 1-3 small projects depending solely on the quality of the applications.

The Consortium Partners involvement in each project should be approx. 135-270 hours<sup>1</sup> equivalent to a total funding of 81.000-162.000 DKK with a fixed hourly rate 600 DKK. The monetary sum (DKK) contributed as co-financing man hours (600 DKK/hour) and/or equipment by private companies must at least match the monetary sum allocated to consortium partners.

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#### THEME: SOUND SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE

All applications must address the description of this topic:

Research and development of innovative solutions using Sound and ICT technologies for health, demographic change, and wellbeing in collaboration with domain experts. The aim is to keep people active and independent for longer time and support the development of new, safer and more effective interventions. Focus could be on, but is not limited to: Early risk detection and intervention to ensure active and healthy ageing; Advanced systems and services for integrated care; Patient empowerment and self-management of health and diseases.

In more popular terms Sound Solutions for Healthcare can be split up into four verticals:

- Supporting people with hearing loss
- Listening to signals of the body
- Sound and music interventions
- Reducing undesired & damaging noise

Innovation Projects under this special call are intended to enable consortium partners and participating companies to e.g.:

- Prepare application processes (e.g. workshops, consortium development, concept writing)
- Conduct feasibility studies

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<sup>1</sup> If DELTA is the consortium partner, the amount is 60-120 hours as their hourly rate is 1352 DKK.



- Concrete application writing

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#### WHO CAN APPLY?

An innovation project involves **at least** two private companies and one but preferably two of Danish Sound's Consortium Partners. Public organizations can participate, and in general we encourage projects that include all relevant partners.

One of the Consortium Partners is the formal Project Manager in relation to the Network Management. The Consortium Partners of Danish Sound are:

- Technical University of Denmark
- Aalborg University
- University of Southern Denmark
- Aarhus University
- DELTA (GTS Institute)

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#### WHO CAN RECEIVE FUNDING?

Danish Sound's funding for Innovation Projects is only available for Consortium Partners. The funding can **only** be used for person-hours spend on the project and 20 % co-financing by the Consortium Partners is required.

An additional requirement is co-financing from private companies in terms of 600 DKK per man-hour spent on the project and/or cash support, travel expenses and expenses related to use of equipment or facilities<sup>2</sup>. The co-financing should **at least** match the amount allocated to Consortium Partners.

Danish Sound reimburses the university partners in the consortium with 600 DKK/hour (incl. overhead) and the GTS partner in the consortium with 1352 DKK/hour (incl. overhead).

#### *Example 1*

Consortium partner Technical University of Denmark: 135 hours (81.000 DKK), (80% corresponding to 108 hours = 64.800 DKK is reimbursed by the network)

Consortium partner Aalborg University: 135 hours (81.000 DKK), (80% corresponding to 108 hours = 64.800 DKK is reimbursed by the network)

Private partner 1: 184 hours (110.400 DKK)

Private partner 1: Equipment 10.000 DKK

Private partner 2: 70 hours (42.000 DKK)

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<sup>2</sup> Use of equipment or facilities can only count as co-financing if the company dedicates this exclusively to the project. As an example: if the equipment could have been rented out to other users etc. then the equivalent rental sum can be contributed as co-financing.



### Example 2

DELTA: 110 hours (148.720 DKK), (80% corresponding to 88 hours= 118.976 DKK reimbursed by the network)

Private partner 1: 160 hours (96.000 DKK)

Private partner 2: 80 hours (48.000 DKK)

Private partner 2: Travel project meetings (5.000 DKK)

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## APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The application must use the SoundCARE Innovation Project Application Form, which can be downloaded here <http://www.danishsound.org/da/article/special-call-innovation-projects-%E2%80%93-theme-sound-solutions-healthcare>

Applications should be sent by email to [info@danishsound.org](mailto:info@danishsound.org) in pdf (or word) format before the deadline. Mark the email with the application SoundCARE. Appendixes will not be taken into consideration in the evaluation of the application.

A lean procedure is adopted to ensure minimum administration and the application form is the only requirement; however, the Network Management may contact you in order to clarify content or suggest changes.

The projects should be conducted at a pre- or non-competitive level to allow participation of more private partners. Participants should also be prepared to accept that parts of the project results are going to be disseminated through the network. Danish Sound can provide standard contracts to ensure proper regulation of IPR.

If granted, the project will be conducted in accordance with the guideline for Project Managers which can be downloaded via <http://danishsound.org/article/innovation-projects-overview>

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## SPECIAL EVALUATION CRITERIA

Danish Sound Innovation Network encourages broad projects (preferably with more than the minimum three participants of which two are private companies and one is a consortium partner).

**Innovation height:** the project's possibility to foster innovation by synergizing three factors of innovation, viz. novelty, clear application & demand, and realizability.

**Impact:** A clear exit strategy (i.e. relevant identified Horizon2020 call) should be evident from the application as well as the research and/or commercial and/or societal potential. Find relevant Grant Search for 2016-2017 calls here: <http://danishsound.org/article/special-call-innovation-projects-%E2%80%93-theme-sound-solutions-healthcare>

**Feasibility:** Is the project feasible with the suggested partners, roles, methods, materials/equipment, and time plan.



**Dissemination:** The project should include min. 1 dissemination activity (e.g. workshop/seminar/talk) in Denmark or abroad during 2017. This activity must be branded **“SoundCARE (something)”** and coordinated in collaboration with Danish Sound Innovation’s Network Management.

**Preferences:**

- Projects that have a clear link to relevant societal challenges will be preferred.
- Unusual partnerships which e.g. includes partners from a broader value chain (university research, tech companies, content providers, design, marketing, etc.) that focuses on scalable and global solutions will be preferred (other criteria assessed to be equally fulfilled).
- Projects that lead to further project funding and investments are preferred.
- Partnerships that lead to internationalization (e.g. by including a foreign country private company) activities of participating consortium partner and/or private companies are encouraged.

*If there are any questions feel free to contact the Network Management by email [info@danishsound.org](mailto:info@danishsound.org) or phone +45 45253411.*