

Biodiversity-driven biogeochemical cycling and ecosystem service provision under climate change

PEER from MASTS secured the services of Kite Innovation, a company that specialise in assessing alignment to of proposals to relevant calls, developing consortia, bid writing and handling all proposal administrative tasks. This has enabled 1) the establishment of a network and 2) allows our network to focus on developing the science within the proposal whilst Kite Innovation deal with the logistics involved.

PEER funding supported the establishment of a network of institutes across Europe:

- CNRS/UPMC in Roscoff, France
- University of Mayotte, France
- Leibniz Center for Tropical Marine Ecology, Germany
- University of Groningen, Netherlands
- SAMS, Scotland
- University of Glasgow, Scotland
- University of St Andrews, Scotland

The network is preparing a submission to the H2020: MSCA-ITN-2018 Innovative Training Network. The network has had regular meetings on a monthly basis to discuss the training needs and structure PhD studentships around around those needs. This has all be organised and coordinated by Kite Innovation, allowing the researcher network to develop the science. It is envisaged that a workshop will take place over late summer 2017 to finalise the proposal and bring together all participants; MASTS funding has been key for this. The call for this round will open in September 2017, and it is anticipated that at this stage the proposal will be largely complete, a few weeks prior to the submission deadline.