

## Call for Proposals: SynCom Projects 2023

SynCom welcomes applications for SynCom projects. SynCom is the overarching *synthesis* and *communication* platform for the research field 'Earth and Environment'. Here scientists study our planet comprehensively within nine topics. SynCom aims to synthesize research results and build bridges across various disciplines in a cross-center and interdisciplinary manner. Functioning as an interface between science and society SynCom aims at supporting evidence-based climate and environment politics through delivering practical know-how.

SynCom projects are expected to enforce research activities between the different Helmholtz centers. SynCom supports the projects with a variety of synthesis and communication services (see Proposal Template: SynCom Toolbox). Projects, in return, should focus on their relevance for science and society. The call is open for projects with several participants comprising at least two topics and two Helmholtz centers. Any researcher within the research field 'Earth and Environment' can apply. The average duration of a project is nine to twelve months. SynCom projects have an allocated budget for workshops and other events. However, there is no general funding. For further information, please see the proposal template. The SynCom Office offers guidance on the application process and evaluation.

After the submission deadline, the SynCom Advisory Board (AG SynCom) and the Program Board will recommend projects to be selected based on the proposal and the following evaluation criteria:

- (1) integrative in terms of disciplines, Topics, centers, and Program Objectives,
- (2) in the frame of 'Changing Earth',
- (3) novel in terms of timeliness/demand and/or filling gaps in the research field Earth & Environment,
- (3) feasible considering the timeline and the limited funds from the SynCom budget.

The Management Board will decide on the selection of the SynCom projects in its meeting on April 18, 2023. Projects are expected to start as soon as they have been informed of the selection. At least one representative from each SynCom project is expected to be present at the General Assembly 2023 and to present the topic and work program of the SynCom project to enable further scientists to contribute.

Submission deadline: 15 March 2023

Proposal template: <https://earthenvironment.helmholtz.de/changing-earth/syncom/>

Submit the proposal via e-mail to Marie Heidenreich: [Marie.heidenreich@gfz-potsdam.de](mailto:Marie.heidenreich@gfz-potsdam.de)

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