

## ELIGIBILITY for Transnational Access

A user group (=research group that applies for access to one or more research stations) eligible for Transnational Access must satisfy the following conditions:

1. The user group leader and the majority of the users must work in a country other than the country(ies) where the installation is located; trans-national access cannot be granted to an infrastructure/installation that is located in the same country where the user works. In other words, applicants are not eligible for TA to their national infrastructures, i.e. stations that are located in the same country or operated by institutions located in the same country in which the applicant is working/residing.  
**For example:** Scientists working in Finland are not eligible for TA to Finnish research stations; Scientists working in Denmark are not eligible to Greenlandic research stations operated by Danish institutions, and so on.
2. There should not be a similar infrastructure in the country hosting the institution employing the user group's leader. If such an infrastructure exists, the applicant should show how the specific conditions of the requested research cannot be done at the national infrastructure.
3. Only user groups that are allowed to disseminate the results they have generated under the action may benefit from the access, unless the users are working for SME's.
4. Access can only be granted to user groups to conduct research, not for arranging or attending courses, conferences, seminars or workshops. The research supported should be focused on the terrestrial environment; any other kind of research (e.g. marine or atmospheric) should demonstrate strong linkages to terrestrial realm in order to apply for INTERACT TA.

## Selection Priorities

The selection of user groups is based on a scientific merit, but taking into account that priority should be given to user groups composed of users who:

- have not previously used the installation
- are working in countries where no equivalent research infrastructure exists
- apply working at more than one location for generating comparative studies
- to early career scientists ( $\leq 5$  yrs from a PhD degree) \*\*

\*\*Applicants must hold a position at an institution of advanced research and/or education.

PhD students and Master or Bachelor level students as main applicants (TA User Group leaders) are required to attach 1-2 signed recommendation letters by their academic supervisor and/or other relevant person to application.