

## Allocation of resources in BECC

The allocation of BECC resources is based on a yearly budget decided by the board. Some specific decisions are taken by the board; in other cases the board allocates resources to a specific task for later decision. The list below describes the different mechanisms by which resources are allocated.

*Please consider gender aspects, inter-disciplinary aspects, synthesis, stakeholder and the connection between Gothenburg and Lund when sending in proposals for different activities.*

<http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/>

### Action groups

An Action group (AG) is focused on specific problem areas that can, should or are being addressed by on-going research within BECC. They relate to areas or questions discussed in the BECC funding proposal or, occasionally, to emerging areas that have arisen since BECC began.

AGs exist for a limited time during which they will act to find ways to utilise the expertise, resources and networks connected to BECC to initiate activities addressing its specific problem area. This may involve setting up new links between existing research projects or individuals, arranging seminars and workshops, writing synthesis papers, reports or policy briefs, preparing applications for external funding, or recommending ways of using BECC funding to support new research projects, visiting scientists, recruitments or interactions with stakeholders.

Proposals for new action groups can be sent to the board at any time, but preferably they are first discussed with the theme leaders. Decisions to start new action groups are taken by the board.

- An AG is active 6-12 months from day of decision to end.
- Target group for AGs are young researchers that want to develop interdisciplinary actions.
- Recommended request for financing of AG coordination is 10% “friköp” 6-12 months.
- Recommended request for financing of AG actions e.g. writing synthesis, development and writing of research proposals etc is “friköp” up to 4 months (specified in the proposal).
- An approved AG get 5000 SEK for running costs for the AG, this financing should be used for meetings, travel to and from meetings and small running costs.
- There is no specific format for an action group proposal, but it should be no longer than two pages
- When completing an AG a report about activities and outcome shall be compiled.
- Information about an active AG shall be on BECCs web-site and in Newsletters.

More information: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/action-groups>

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## Guest researchers

BECC welcomes guest researchers to work in areas that fall within the scientific framework and interests of its research area, with the aim to further strengthen the research and research groups involved in BECC.

Any member of BECC can apply for funds to invite a guest researcher. Proposals for guest researchers should be compiled and sent in by one or more representatives of the research group or groups within BECC that are suggesting the guest researcher, together with the proposed guest researcher. Information about the guest research is to be reported on BECCs web-site and in Newsletters during and after the research stay.

Decisions on proposed guest researchers are taken by the BECC board.

For more information see the guest researcher document and form: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/guest-researchers>

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## Workshops

BECC welcomes initiatives such as workshops within BECC's area of interest. Any member of BECC can apply for funds for workshops, but the board in particular welcomes proposals from themes and action groups.

*Applications for co-funding of workshops for which funding have also been sought from other sources, for example from other research projects, research councils or donations, are particularly encouraged.*

The board has set up short guidelines concerning BECC workshops. A BECC workshop is:

- Open to all BECC researchers(invitation through the news-letter)
- Contains BECC related research which is well connected to researchers in BECC.
- Reported on BECCs web-site and in Newsletters when workshop is completed.

The board has decided on a standard grant for a BECC workshop up to 100 000 SEK (the sum includes OH), but this can vary depending on workshop content and format.

*When applying for a workshop grant in BECC the proposal should state what other type of financing has been applied for or that exist.*

Decisions on workshops are taken by the BECC board. Proposals for workshops can be submitted at any time.

More information: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/workshops>

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## Seminars

BECC seminars are opportunities to gather researchers around central questions, recent up-rising questions, new research findings or it can be a start to invite and discuss with guest researchers.

Seminars can be suggestions from researchers, research groups but can also be initiated from the board.

Small financing and assistance to arrange and promote seminars are available. Decisions on BECC seminars are taken by the deputy coordinator.

BECC themes can also arrange seminars; proposals for these should be submitted to theme leaders who take the decisions.

More information: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/seminars>

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## Themes

BECC is organized in *Challenge Themes*, each relating to a Grand Challenge with regard to the impacts of climate and environmental change on biodiversity and ecosystem services, and the ability of society to adapt to the impacts, or mitigate their causes. Each Challenge Theme ("Theme" for short) thus focuses on an overarching issue of scientific importance, in need of scientific coordination, with high relevance to decision making and with potentially high impact on international research, today and in coming years.

Themes function as platforms for intellectual exchange and mutual learning, where researchers meet and develop ideas for new collaborations, research projects, networking, outreach and dissemination activities.

In addition to acting as a meeting place for BECC researchers, important tasks for the themes are to take initiatives to develop new research projects and synthesis activities that require collaboration between research groups or engagement with stakeholders. To these ends BECC Challenge Themes:

- Synthesize the current state of knowledge and identify major knowledge gaps by creating interactions that bring together research groups and disciplines;
- Concretise specific research needs and opportunities relevant for achieving progress towards meeting the Grand Challenge of the particular Theme, formulating and regularly revising a research agenda for the Theme including specific research aims, and proposed activities to fulfil the aims;
- Advise the BECC board on how BECC as a whole should develop its research agenda, recruitments, funding instruments and support functions, communication and outreach, organisation and governance to facilitate progress toward meeting the Grand Challenge the Theme addresses;
- Interact with stakeholders on the identification and implementation of sector-relevant applications associated to the Grand Challenge the Theme addresses.



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Current themes, from 2016-06-30

**Constraining the carbon cycle to characterise and mitigate climate change**

Theme Coordinator: Edith Hammer (Lund University/Department of Biology)

**Mainstreaming [consideration of] ecosystem services into land use decision-making under global change**

Theme Coordinator: Cecilia Akselsson (Lund University/Department of Physical Geography & Ecosystem Science)

**Effective strategies for biodiversity conservation under the combined pressures from climate change and land use change**

Theme Coordinator: Johan Ekroos (Lund University/Centre for Environmental and Climate research)

*More information:* <http://www.becc.lu.se/becc-themes>

## Stakeholder interaction

BECC welcomes initiatives to interact with stakeholders. Resources allocated to clusters can be used to such activities but there are more resources for stakeholder interactions. In addition CEC can support the organization of such initiatives and additional resources can be allocated if necessary.

More information: <http://www.becc.lu.se/for-becc-researchers/allocation-of-resources/stakeholder-interactions>

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## Graduate courses (ClimBEco)

BECC together with MERGE initiated and runs the graduate research school ClimBEco.

“ClimBEco’s goal is to offer a PhD research education environment that promotes young scientists to engage in cross-disciplinary research on climate/Earth system, interactions between climate, biodiversity and ecosystem services on various temporal and spatial scales, as well as ecosystem management in a changing world.”

Read more about ClimBEco and the possibilities to organize courses, enroll PhD-students and more: [www.climbeco.lu.se](http://www.climbeco.lu.se)

## Funding of research

BECC funds faculty positions, post-docs, PhD-positions and, to some extent, direct research expenditures. Each year the board decides how much is allocated to direct research in the budget. Decisions how to allocate these resources are also taken by the board. As a basis for these decisions, proposals are discussed at theme meetings, with action group leaders and with research group leaders.



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- a) The board decides on long term positions, in close collaboration with the heads of involved departments.
- b) The board announces calls for proposals for new research projects when applicable.
- c) Themes and action groups have the possibility to apply for this kind of funding.
- d) In between the call for proposals and the last day to apply there should be theme meetings arranged to discuss possible projects.
- e) The board decides about the proposed research projects.

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*Calls for research funding are not announced regularly.*

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