

# Information session on Weave

*For Belgian researchers (eligible for FWO / F.R.S.-FNRS funding)*

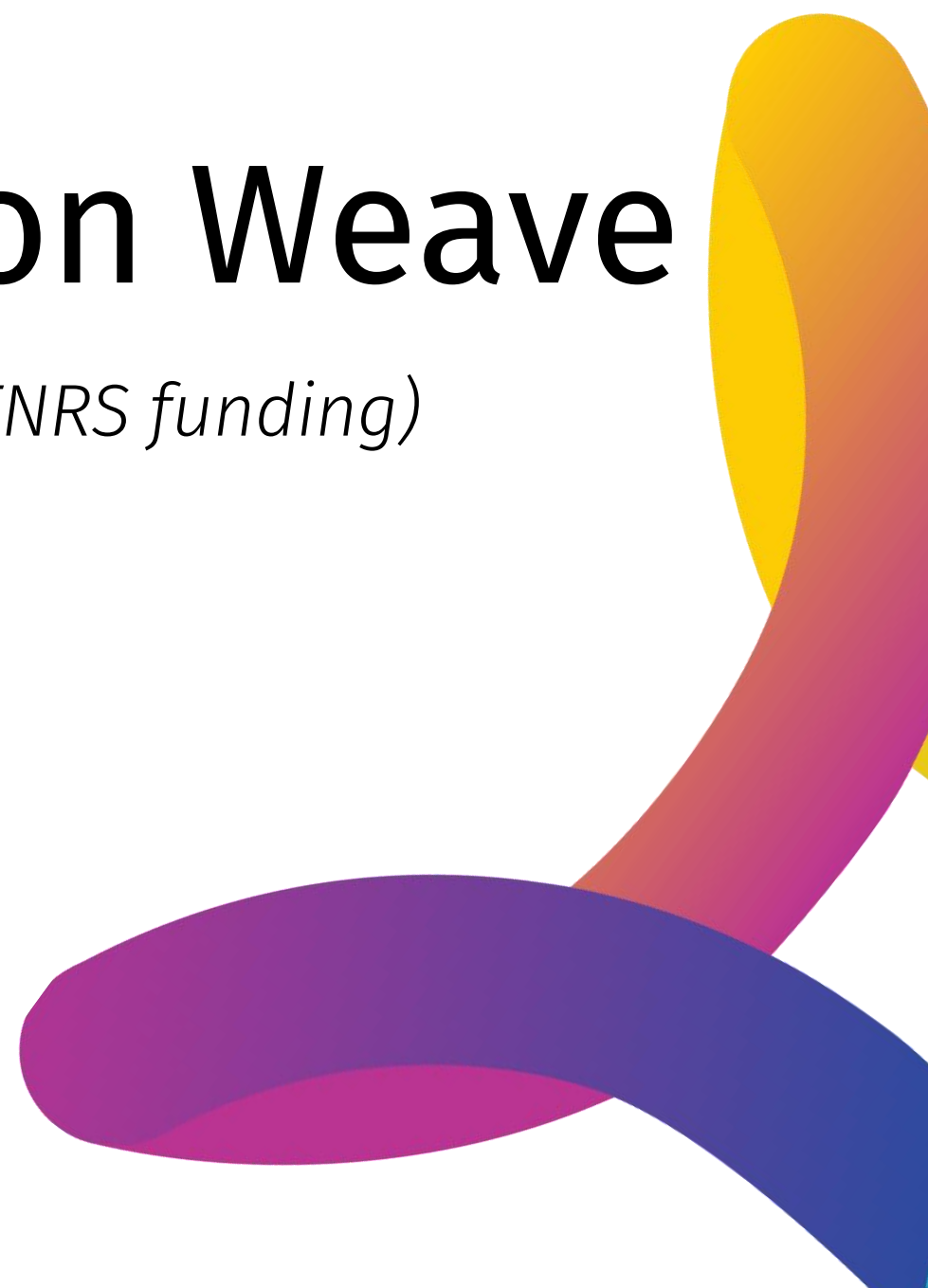
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# Overview

1. *Weave in General*
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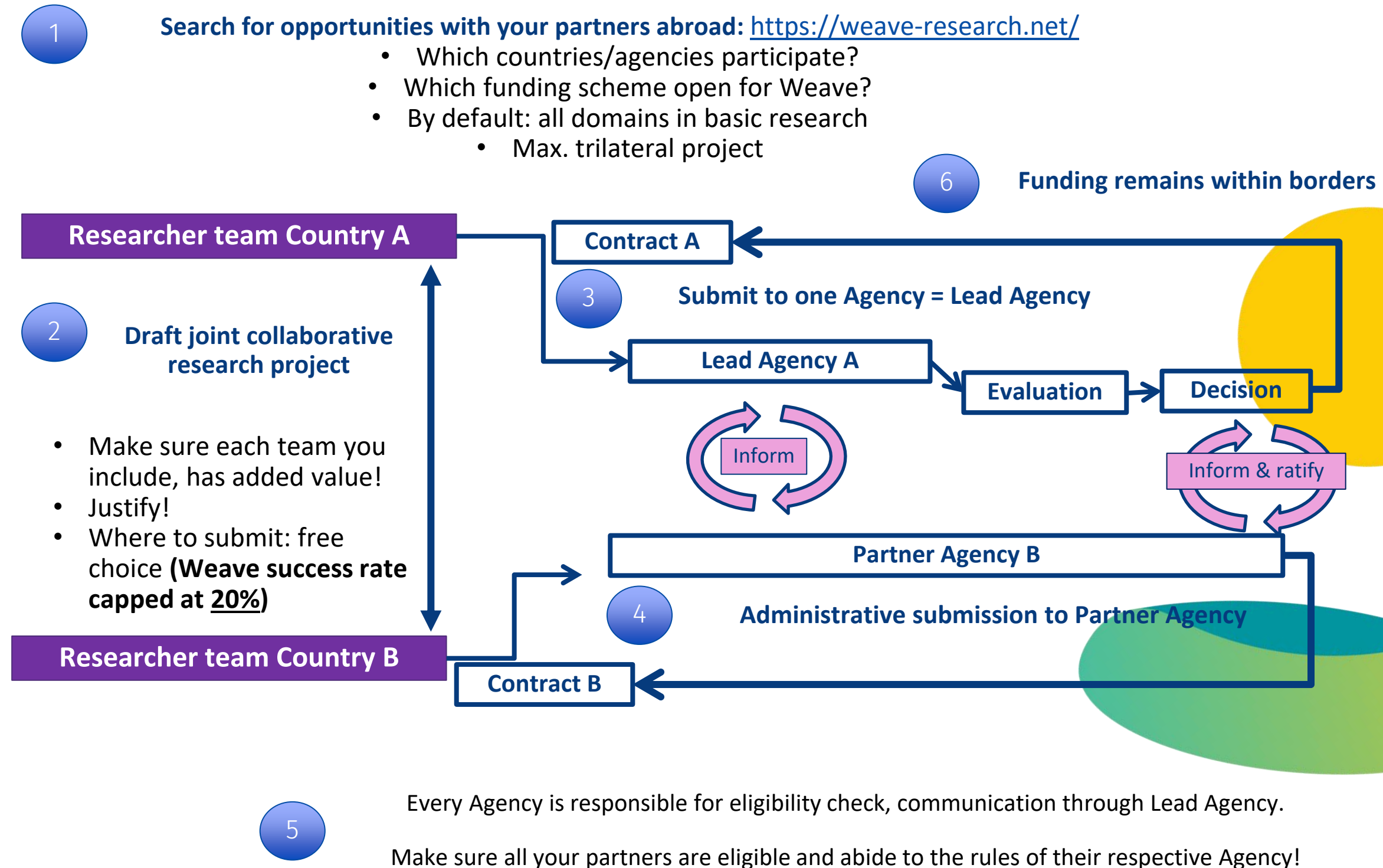
# What is Weave?

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[Weave - research funding without borders - YouTube](#)

# How does Weave work in practice?





## Added value of Weave?

- Fosters balanced collaboration: apply for funding needed by each partner
- Bottom-up, no thematic restrictions (complementary to ERA-NETs, Partnerships, ...)
- A single application process (no double jeopardy)
- Applicants familiar with regulations as Weave is embedded in existing funding programs

# Participating Funding Organisations



Der Wissenschaftsfonds.

Austrian Science Fund/*FWF*  
AUSTRIA



Fund for Scientific Research/*FNRS*  
BELGIUM



Research Foundation Flanders/*FWO*  
BELGIUM



Croatian Science Foundation/*HRZZ*  
CROATIA



Czech Science Foundation/*GAČR*  
CZECH REPUBLIC



German Research Foundation/*DFG*  
GERMANY



Luxembourg National Research Fund/*FNR*  
LUXEMBOURG



Research Council of Norway/*RCN*  
NORWAY



National Science Centre/*NCN*  
POLAND



Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency/*ARIS*  
SLOVENIA



Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development/*FORMAS*  
SWEDEN



Swiss National Science Foundation/*SNSF*  
SWITZERLAND

# Participating Funding Organisations

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<b>ARIS</b>	Slovenia
<b>DFG</b>	Germany
<b>FNR</b>	Luxembourg
<b>FORMAS</b>	Sweden
<b>F.R.S.-FNRS</b>	Belgium
<b>FWF</b>	Austria
<b>FWO</b>	Belgium
<b>GACR</b>	Czech Republic
<b>HRZZ</b>	Croatia
<b>NCN</b>	Poland
<b>RCN</b>	Norway
<b>SNSF</b>	Switzerland

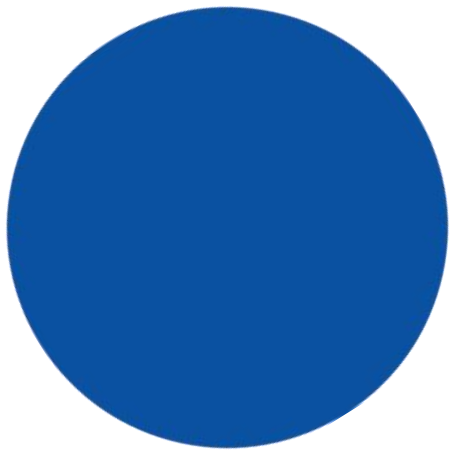






# In practice

## 2 possibilities:

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1. Submit full proposal at your own funding agency for which you are an eligible researcher
    - ☐ FWO “Junior and Senior Research Projects Fundamental Research” call.
    - ☐ F.R.S.-FNRS “Projets de Recherche” (PDR) call.
    - Submit full proposal with budget details for all partners
    - Administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies
    - Regular evaluation procedure and timing of the funding agency applies
  2. Submit full proposal elsewhere
    - ☐ For researchers from the Flemish community: ARIS, DFG, FWF, FNR, F.R.S.-FNRS, NCN, SNSF & FORMAS.
    - ☐ For researchers from French-speaking community: DFG, FWO, FNR, SNSF.
    - Lead partner submits full proposal with budget details for all partners at Lead Agency abroad
    - Administrative submission for all other partners at respective agencies
    - Regular evaluation procedure and timing of Lead Agency (partner abroad) applies



# Collaboration within Belgium

Trilaterals are allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN),  
Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF), Switzerland (SNSF) &  
Sweden (Formas)

*Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead, F.R.S.-FNRS = Partner)*

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024
- ✓ Submit administrative version at F.R.S.-FNRS before 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2024 (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ French-speaking partners must abide to [F.R.S.-FNRS regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration: max. 4 years (equal project duration on both sides)
- ✓ FWO performs evaluation
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to F.R.S.-FNRS
- ✓ Ratification by F.R.S.-FNRS in December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025

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Luxembourg (FNR); Germany (DFG) and Switzerland (SNSF)

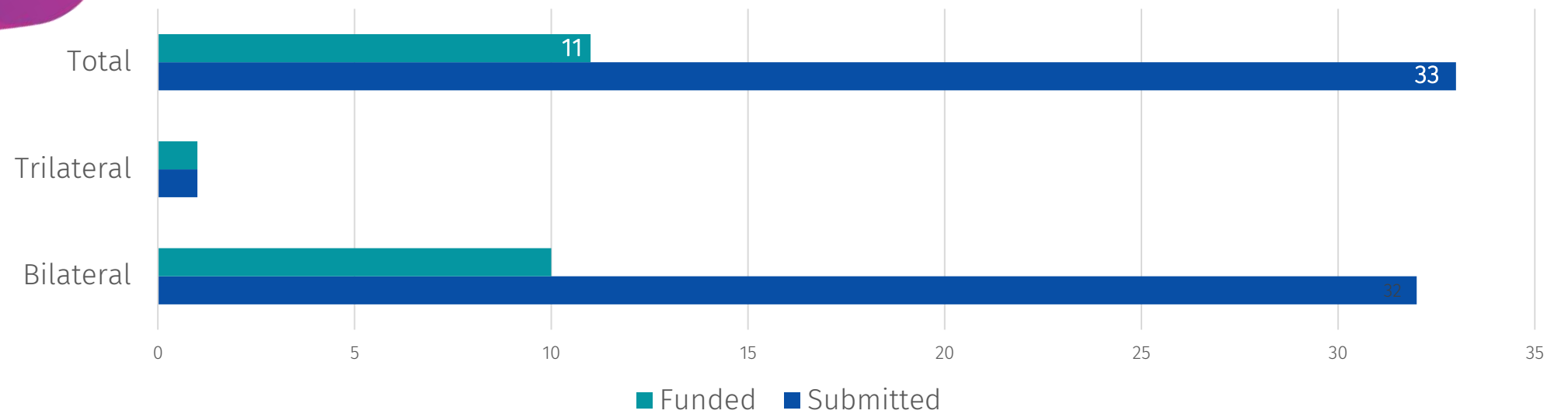
*Submitting at F.R.S.-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS = Lead, FWO = Partner)*

- ✓ Deadline: 9<sup>th</sup> of July 2024
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO before 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2024
- ✓ All FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Flemish partners must abide to [FWO regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration: max. 4 years (equal project duration on both sides)
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# Collaboration within Belgium in 2023

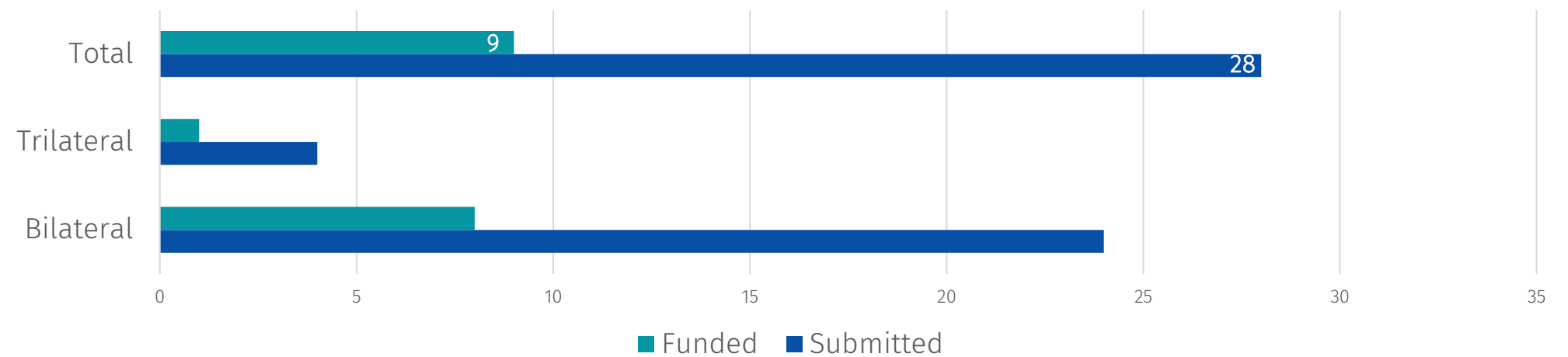
FWO = Lead

FWO as Lead 2023



FNRS = Lead

FNRS as Lead 2023



# Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS

# WEAVE COLLABORATIONS OF THE F.R.S.-FNRS IN 2023

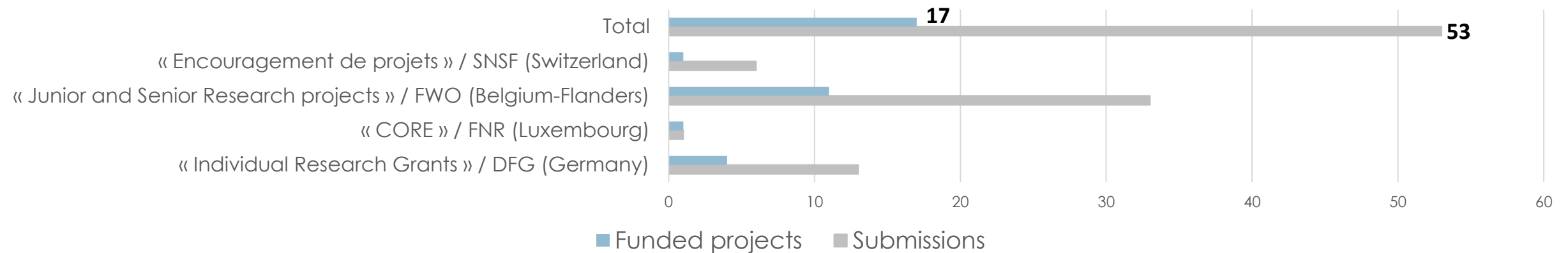


## F.R.S.-FNRS collaborated with:

- FNR (Luxembourg)
- SNSF (Switzerland)
- FWO (Flanders)
- DFG (Germany)

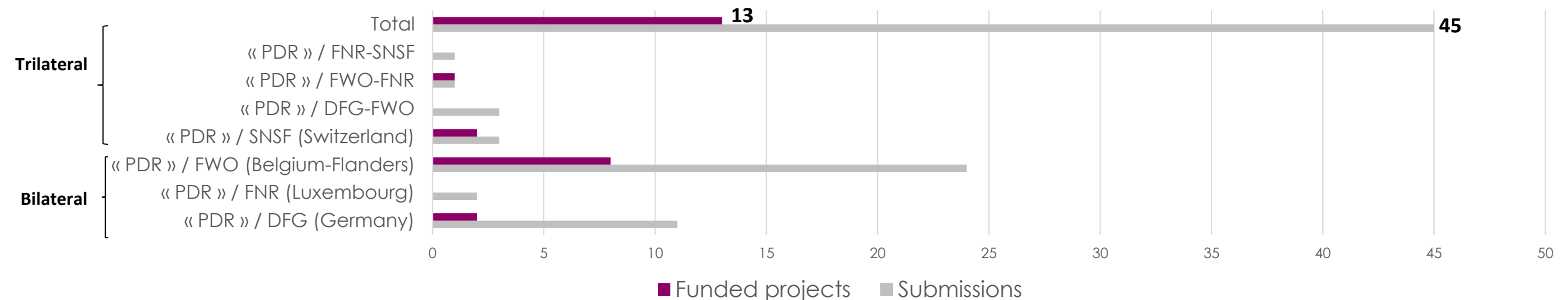
## WEAVE

WEAVE 2023

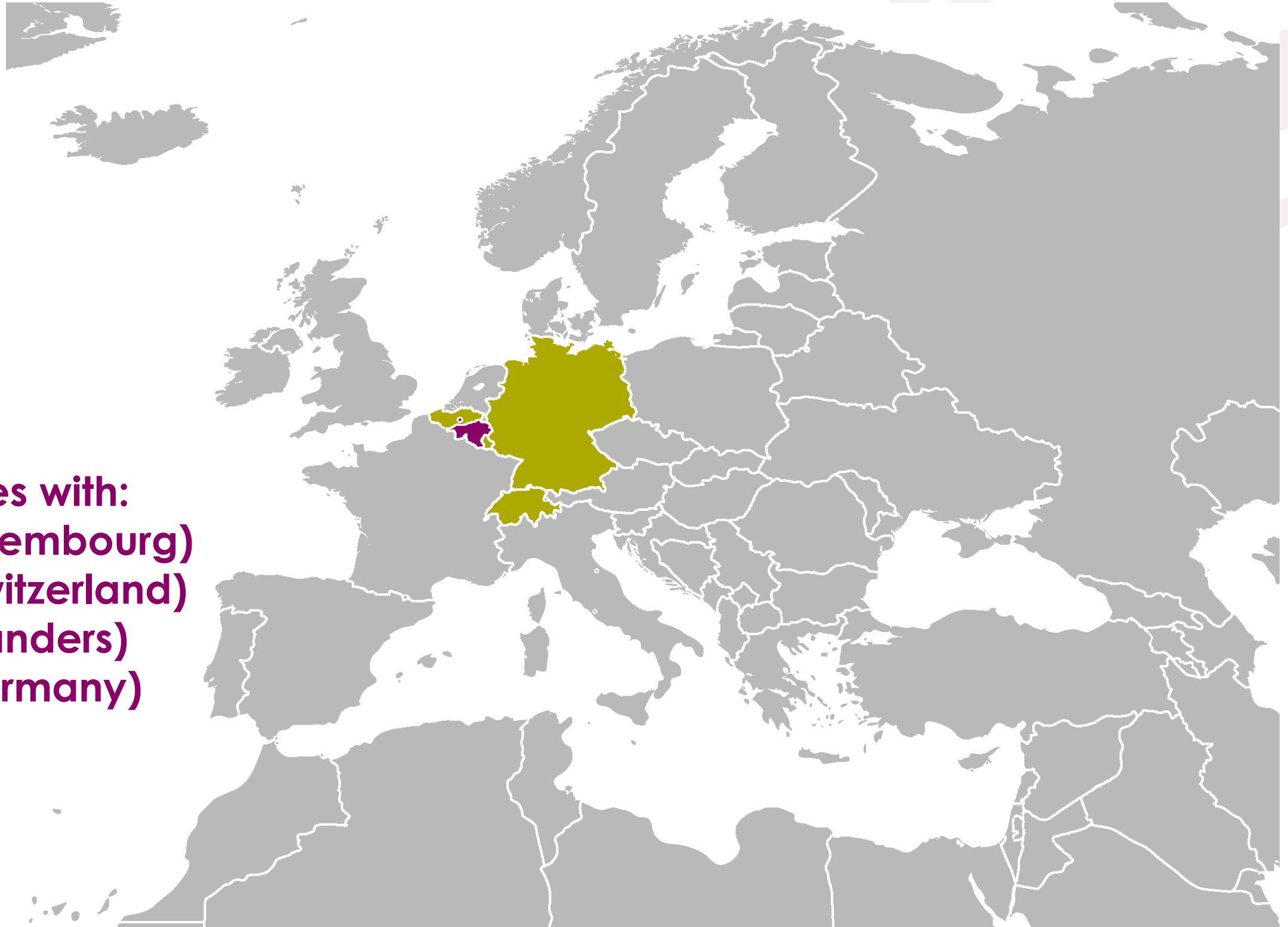


## PDR

PDR 2023



- F.R.S.-FNRS  
collaborates with:**
- FNR (Luxembourg)
  - SNSF (Switzerland)
  - FWO (Flanders)
  - DFG (Germany)



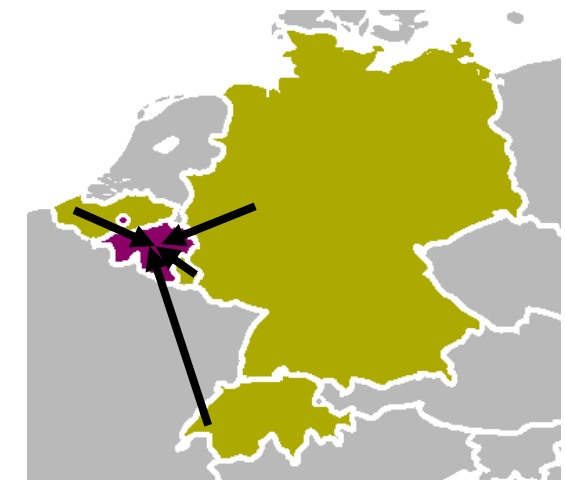
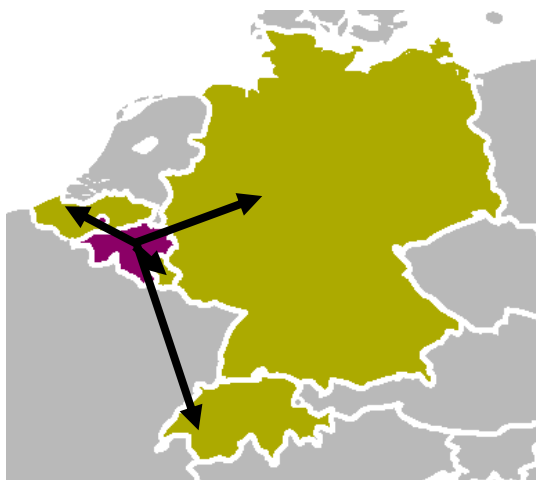
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Where is the main application submitted?**

**At Lead Agency**

**At F.R.S.-FNRS**

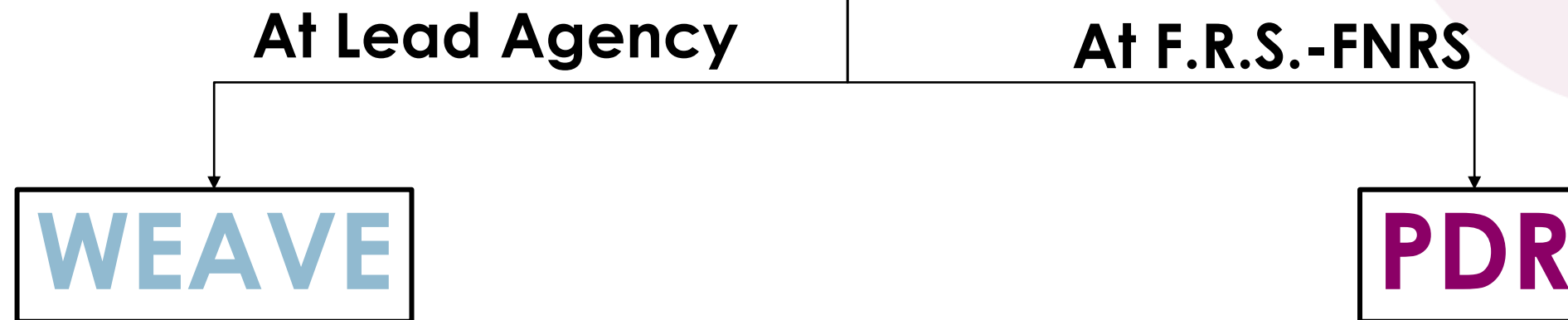
**WEAVE**

**PDR**





## Which is the Lead Agency = Where is the main application submitted?



- ❑ Partner Agency responsible for entire evaluation
- ❑ Administrative submission via [e-space](#) within 7 days after call closure
- ❑ Weave rules (only 1 Weave application at a time) apply for the French speaking Belgian applicants – Weave partners should respect the rules set in place by the partner agencies
- ❑ Proposals submitted are in direct competition with other proposals submitted to partner agency
- ❑ Funding proposition of Partner Agency ratified by the F.R.S.-FNRS after written internal procedure
- ❑ Results announced by partner agency (almost simultaneous communication from F.R.S.-FNRS)

- ❑ F.R.S.-FNRS responsible for entire evaluation
- ❑ Weave partners should make an administrative submission to their respective agencies within 7 days after call closure
- ❑ PDR rules (only one application per call !) apply for the French speaking Belgian applicants – Weave partners should respect the rules set in place by the partner agencies
- ❑ Proposals submitted are in direct competition with other PDR proposals submitted in the 14 scientific panels of the call
- ❑ Funding proposition of F.R.S.-FNRS ratified by Partner Agency according to its own procedure
- ❑ Results announced by F.R.S.-FNRS (almost simultaneous communication from Partner Agency)

# FNR (LU) AS LEAD AGENCY → « WEAVE »



## *F.R.S.-FNRS as Partner Agency*

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Core](#) » call of the **FNR (LU)**
- Administrative submission [e-space](#) (WEAVE-FNR)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

### Project duration

- 2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG partner involved)

### Key dates

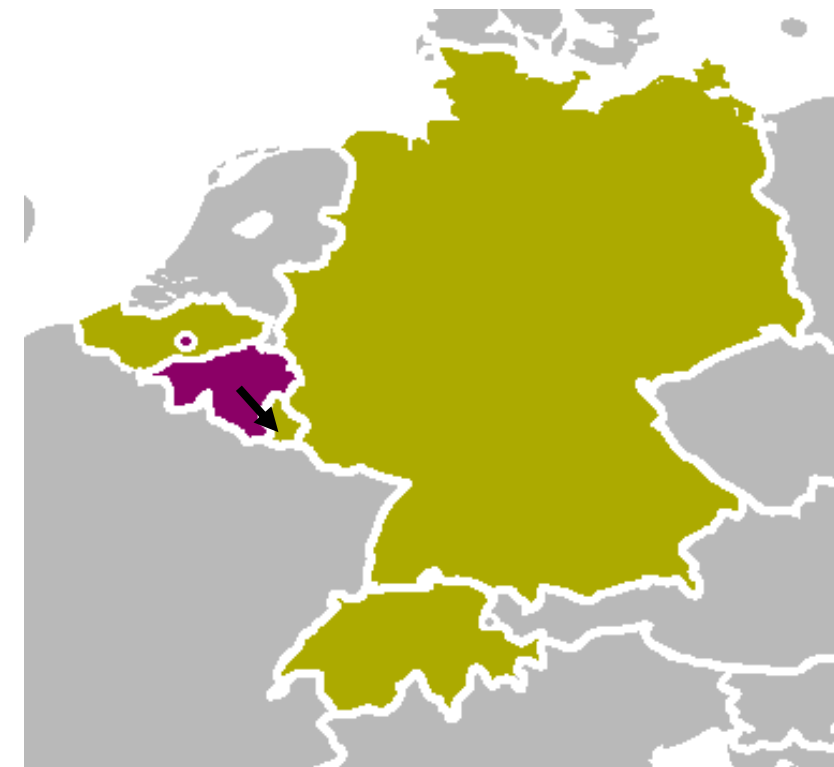
- FNR deadline: April 17, 2024
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 24, 2024
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **FNR (LU)** applies

### Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



# SNSF (CH) AS LEAD AGENCY → « WEAVE »



*F.R.S.-FNRS as Partner Agency*

## Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Encouragement de projets](#) » call of the **SNSF (CH)**
- Administrative submission [e-space](#) (WEAVE-SNSF-Avril or WEAVE-SNSF-Octobre)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

## Project duration

- 2 or 4 years (3 years is DFG partner involved)

## Key dates

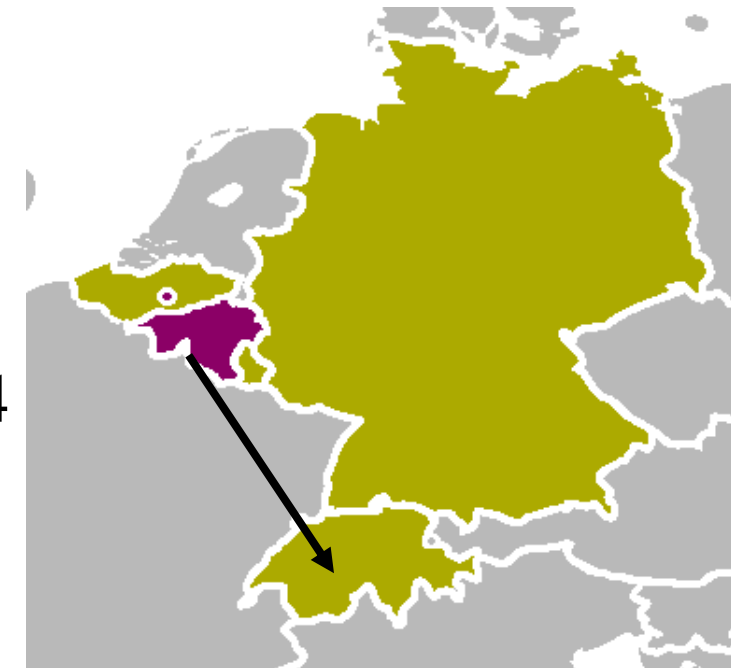
- SNSF deadlines: April 3, 2024 and October 1, 2024
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadlines: April 10, 2024 and October 8, 2024
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

## Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **SNSF (CH)** applies

## Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)

- For April deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025
- For October deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## *F.R.S.-FNRS as Partner Agency*

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Junior and Senior Research projects](#) » call of the **FWO (BE-FL)**
- Administrative submission on [e-space](#) (WEAVE-FWO)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

### Project duration

- 2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG partner involved)

### Key dates

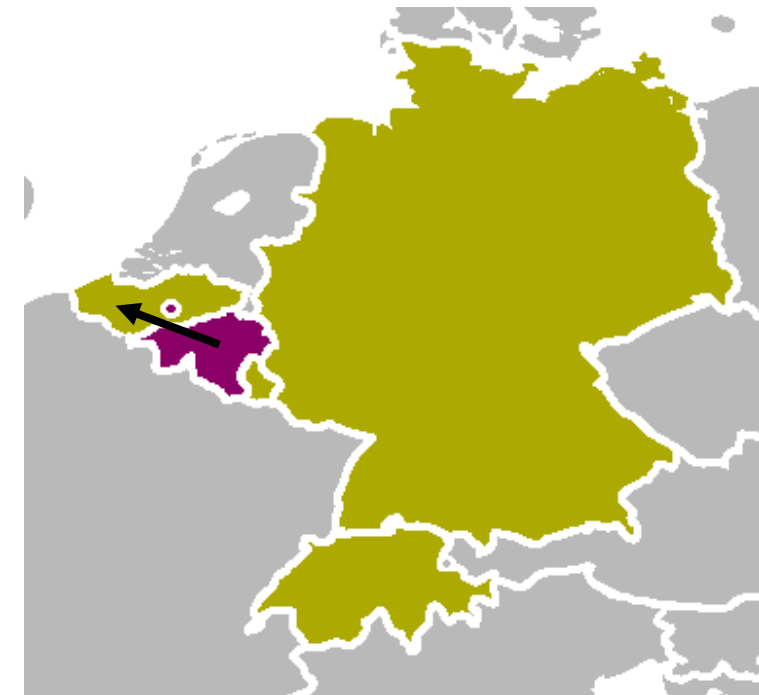
- FWO deadline: April 2, 2024
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 9, 2024
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **FWO (BE-FL)** applies

### Project start date F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## *F.R.S.-FNRS as Partner Agency*

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Individual Research Grant](#) » call of the **DFG (DE)**
- Administrative submission [e-space](#) (WEAVE-DFG)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

### Project duration

- **3 years**

### Doctoral students

- 36 month duration
- Possibility to ask for 1 **extra** year of funding for the doctoral student (not included in submitted budget)

### Key dates

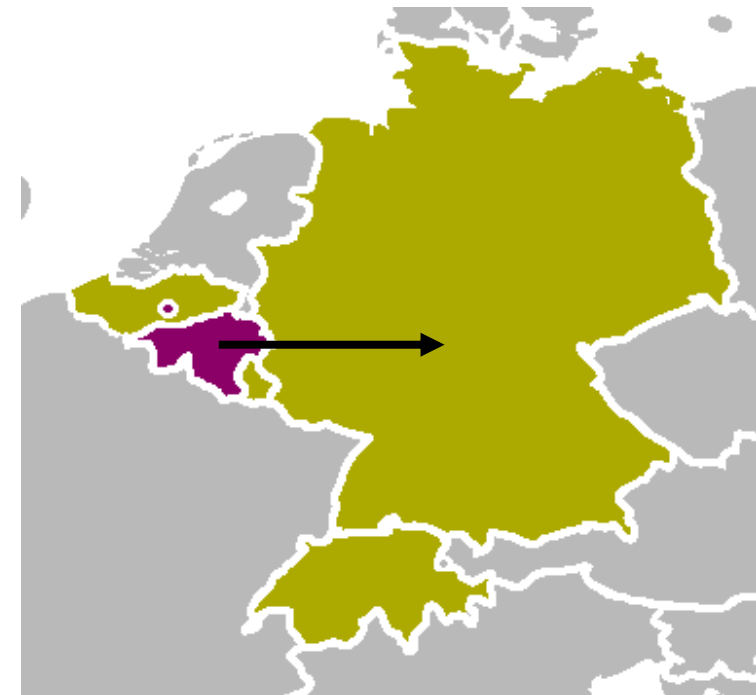
- DFG deadline: April 2, 2024
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 9, 2024
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **DFG (DE)** applies

### Project start date F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025



## SUMMARY

	Deadlines Lead	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
<b>FNR (LU)</b>	April 17, 2024	April 24, 2024	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	April 3, 2024 and October 1, 2024	April 10, 2024 and October 8, 2024	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025 and June 1, 2025	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	April 2, 2024	April 9, 2024	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	April 2, 2024	April 9, 2024	3 years	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025	1 year extra funding for PhD student

Specific rules and regulations: [Règlement Weave](#)



# F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



*Bilateral collaboration with **FNR (Luxembourg)** or **SNSF (Switzerland)***

## Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Projet de Recherche](#) » call of the **F.R.S.-FNRS**
- Administrative submission for other partners

## Project duration

- 2 or 4 years

## Key dates

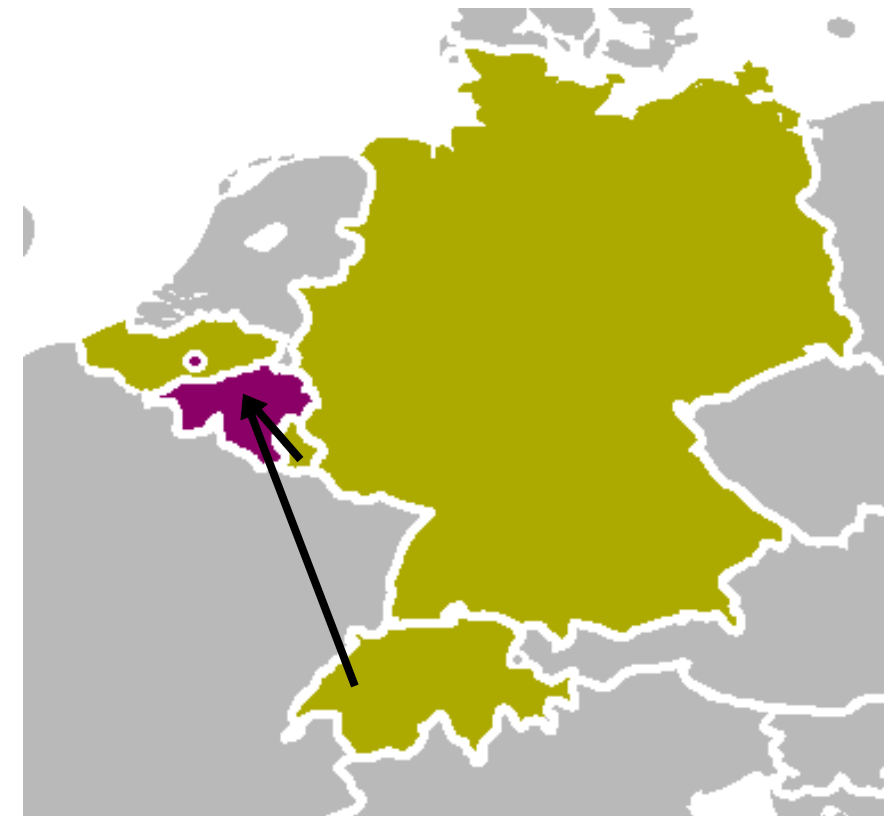
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 9, 2024
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

## Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **F.R.S.-FNRS** applies

## Project start date

- January 1st, 2025 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)





# F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



*Bilateral collaboration with **FWO (Flanders)***

## Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Projet de Recherche](#) » call of the **F.R.S.-FNRS**
- Administrative submission for other partners

## Project duration

- 2 or 4 years

## Key dates

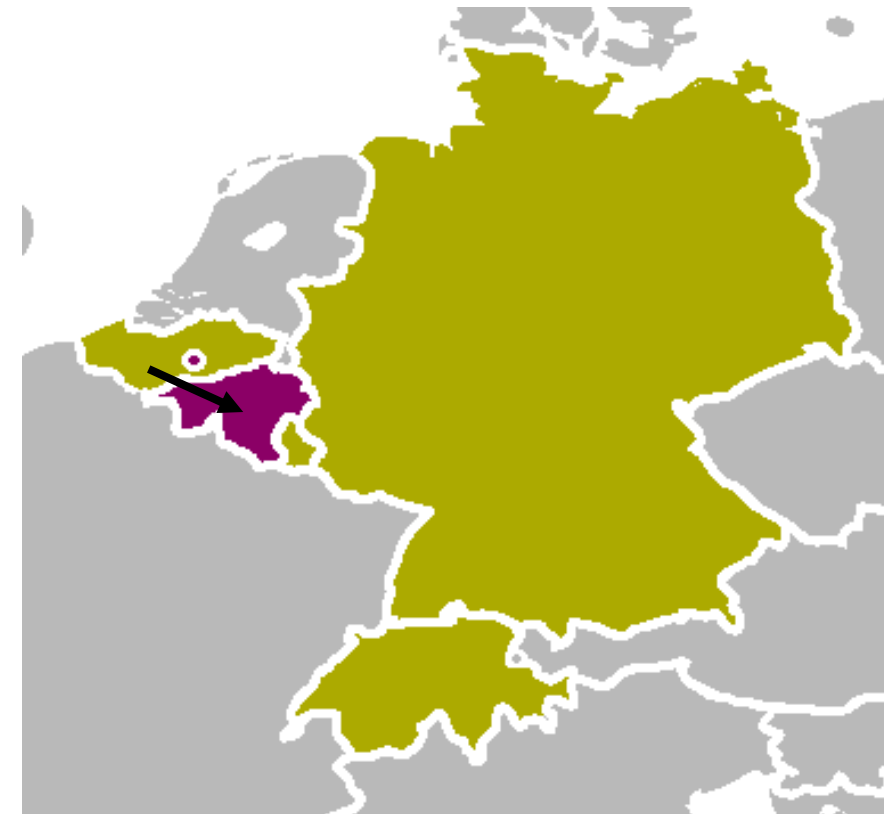
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 9, 2024
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

## Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **F.R.S.-FNRS** applies

## Project start date

- January 1st, 2025 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



# F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



## Bilateral collaboration with **DFG (DE)**

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Projet de Recherche](#) » call of the **F.R.S.-FNRS**
- Administrative submission for other partners

### Project duration

- **3 years**

### Key dates

- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 9, 2024
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

### Project budget

- Max 336.000 € if single-institution project
- Max 483.000 € if multi-institution project

### Doctoral Student

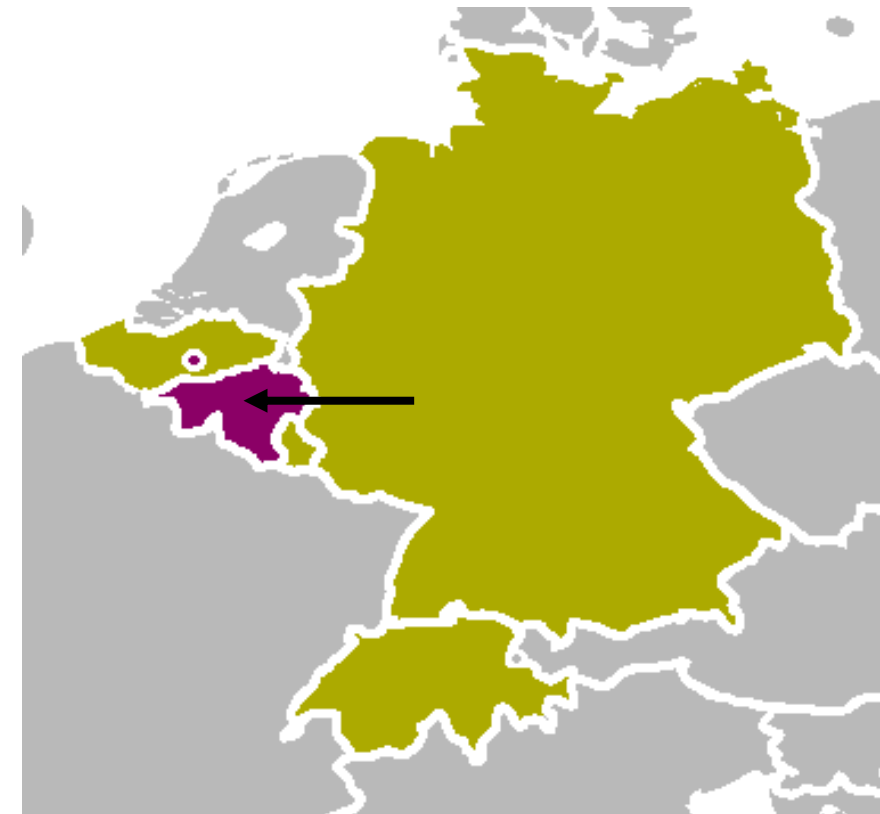
- Cost for entire duration of PhD (48 months) included in the maximum budget

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **F.R.S.-FNRS** applies

### Project start date

- April 1st, 2025 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



# F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



## Trilateral collaborations

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Projet de Recherche](#) » call of the **F.R.S.-FNRS**
- Administrative submission for other partners

### Project duration

- 2 or 4 years (**3 years** if DFG partner involved)

### Key dates

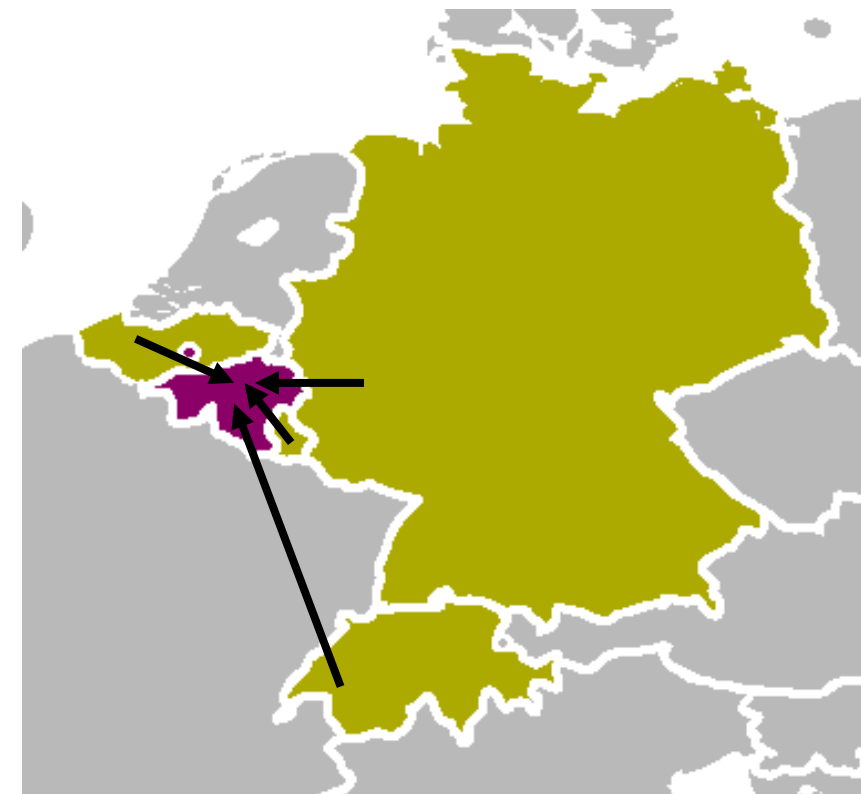
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 9, 2024
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedure of **F.R.S.-FNRS** applies

### Project start date

- January 1st, 2025 for projects not involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)
- April 1st, 2025 for projects involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



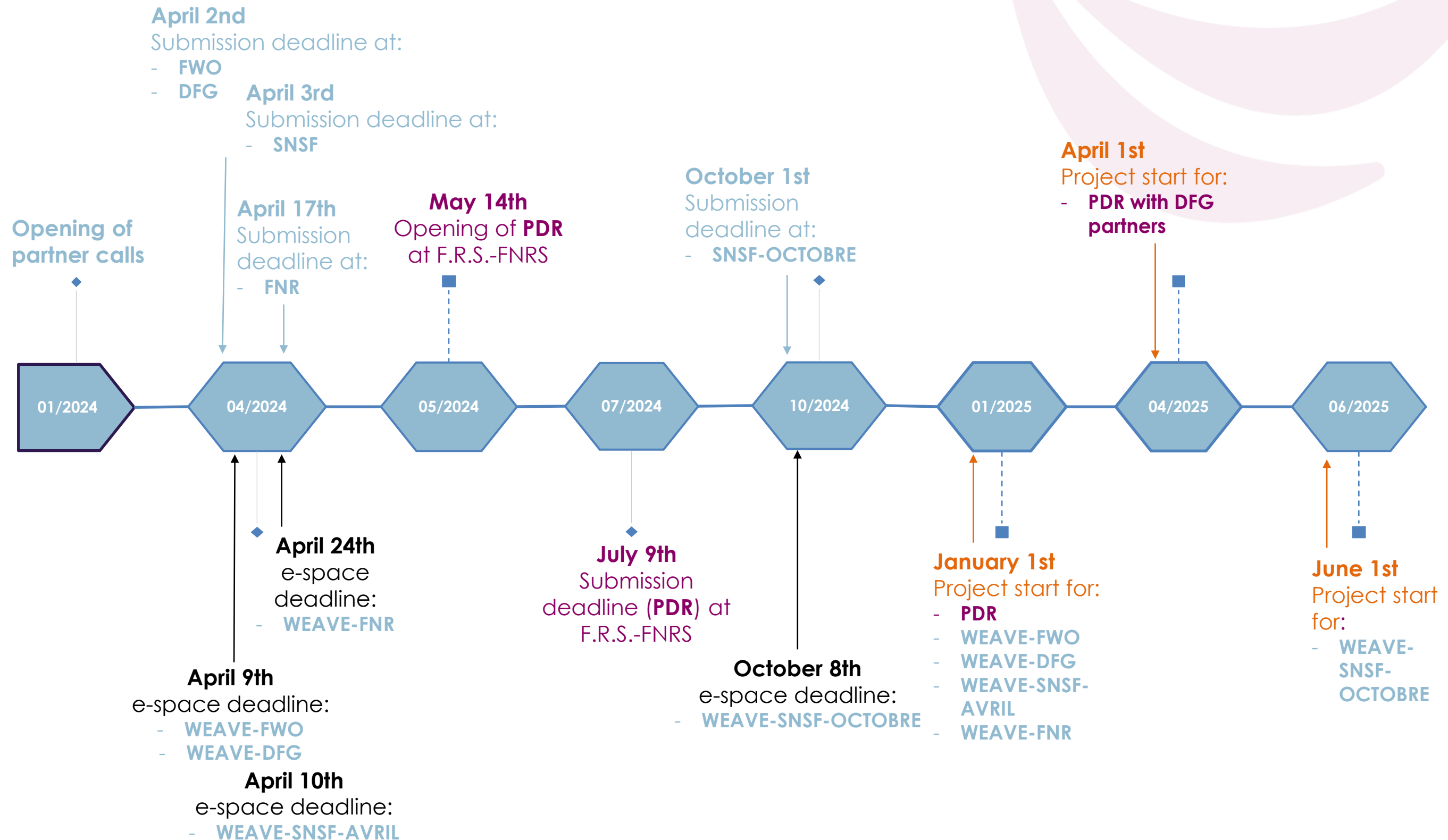
# F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



## SUMMARY

	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Deadline partner	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.- FNRS partner(s)	Other
<b>FNR (LU)</b>	July 9, 2024	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025 (April 1, 2025 if DFG)	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	July 9, 2024	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025 (April 1, 2025 if DFG) and June 1, 2025	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	July 9, 2024	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2025 (April 1, 2025 if DFG)	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	July 9, 2024	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	3 years	336.000€ or 483,000€ per project	April 1, 2025	Whole funding of PhD included in budget

# TIMELINE



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# Weave within FWO





# Weave Call 2023 within FWO

## FWO as Lead

Weave partners involved	Bilateral applied	Trilateral applied	Bilateral eligible	Trilateral eligible	Bilateral granted	Trilateral granted
<b>FWO-ARIS</b>	18		16		1	
<b>FWO-DFG</b>	10		8		1	
<b>FWO-FNR</b>	4		4		1	
<b>FWO-FNRS</b>	32		32		10	
<b>FWO-FWF</b>	15		14		2	
<b>FWO-NCN</b>	5		3		0	
<b>FWO-SNSF</b>	9		9		1	
<b>FWO-Formas</b>	2		1		0	
<b>FWO-FNRS-FWF</b>		1		1		1
<b>FWO-ARIS-NCN</b>		1		1		0
<b>FWO-ARIS-DFG</b>		3		3		1
<b>FWO-ARIS-SNSF</b>		1		1		0
<b>FWO-DFG-Formas</b>		1		1		0
<b>FWO-DFG-NCN</b>		1		1		0
<b>FWO-DFG-FWF</b>		1		1		1
<b>FWO-NCN-Formas</b>		1		1		0
<b>Total</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>
			<b>97</b>		<b>19</b>	

# Weave Call 2023 within FWO

## FWO as Partner

Weave partners involved	Bilateral applied	Trilateral applied	Bilateral eligible	Trilateral eligible	Bilateral granted	Trilateral granted
<b>NCN-FWO</b>	9		8		6	
<b>ARIS-FWO</b>	4		4		0	
<b>DFG-FWO</b>	26		25		2	
<b>FNR-FWO</b>	1		1		0	
<b>Formas-FWO</b>	1		1		0	
<b>FWF-FWO</b>	11		11		5	
<b>SNSF-FWO</b>	6		6		2	
<b>FNRS-FWO</b>	24		24		8	
<b>NCN-FWO-ARIS</b>		1		1		0
<b>ARIS-FWO-SNSF</b>		1		1		0
<b>ARIS-FWO-FNR</b>		1		1		1
<b>Formas-FWO-SNSF</b>		1		1		0
<b>FWF-FWO-ARIS</b>		1		1		
<b>FWF-FWO-DFG</b>		1		1		
<b>DFG-FWO-FWF</b>		2		2		0
<b>FNRS-FWO-DFG</b>		3		3		0
<b>FNRS-FWO-FNR</b>		1		1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2</b>
			<b>92</b>		<b>25</b>	

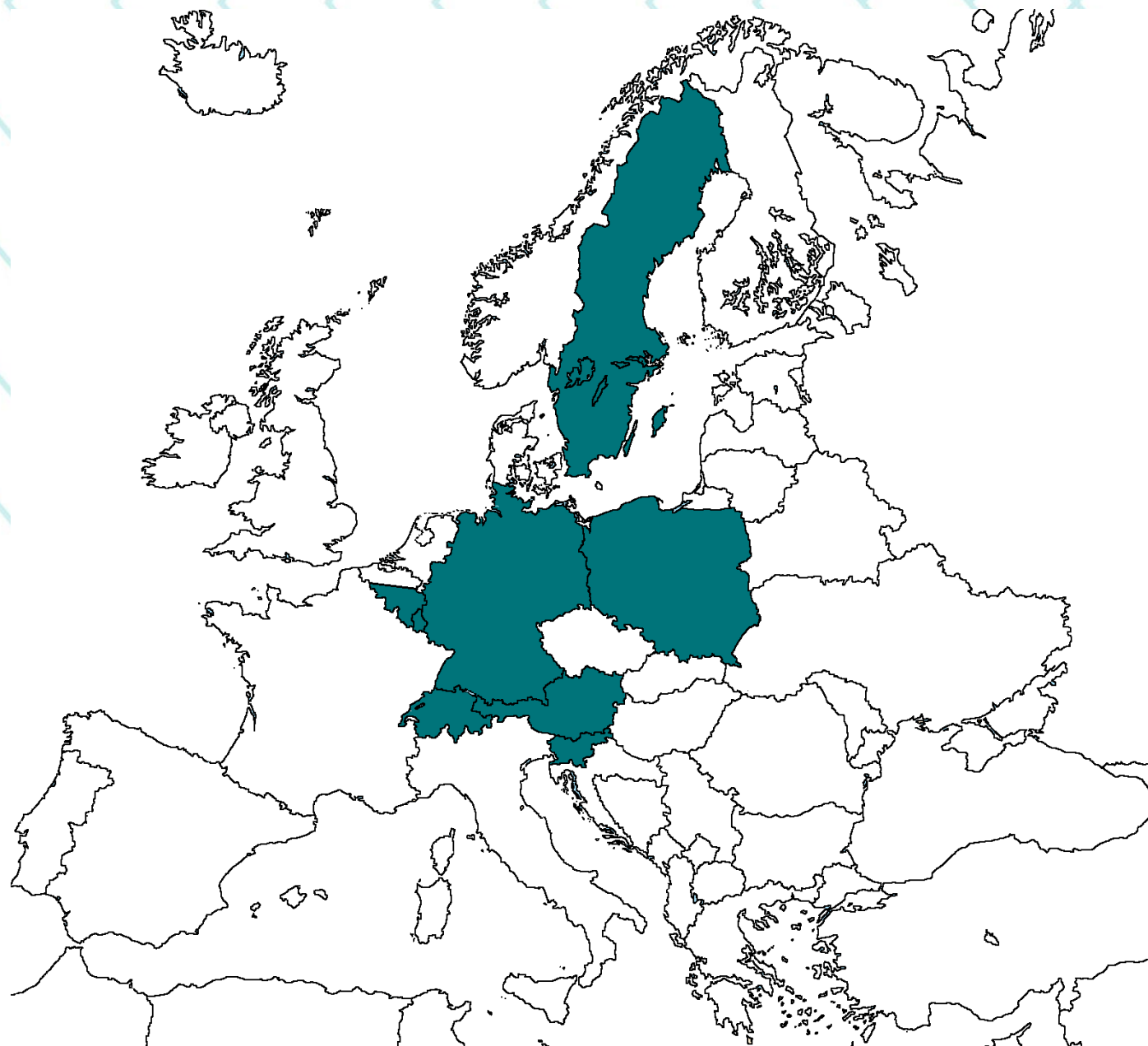


**FWO as LEAD Agency:**

- Submitted to one of the FWO expert panels as a **jr or sr research project fundamental research**
  - Use specific form: RESEARCH PROJECT WEAVE (FWO ACTS AS LEAD AGENCY)
  - [Overview of FWO expert panel structure](#): more information on panel scopes, the 'specific interdisciplinary panel', etc.
  - **FWO budget forks** for staff and consumables: at least € 50,000 per year for entire project (all Flemish, federal and non-Flemish institutions included) and at most € 145,000 per year per Flemish/federal institution
- **Regulations (eligibility, budget, ... ) research projects fundamental research apply**
- Included in max. of 2 projects per application round and max. of 2 requested + running projects
- Evaluated in competition with all submitted FWO jr or sr research projects fundamental research
- FWO formulates and motivates funding proposal to involved foreign Weave funders (Partner Agencies)
- Each Weave funder funds own research teams

**FWO as PARTNER Agency:**

- Submitted at Weave funder abroad (Lead Agency) responsible for entire evaluation
- Included in max. of 2 projects per application round and max. of 2 requested + running projects
- Only administrative submission at FWO (as Partner Agency) within 7 calendar days after deadline Lead
  - Use specific form: RESEARCH PROJECT WEAVE (FWO ACTS AS PARTNER AGENCY)
- Funding propositions by Lead Agency ratified by FWO Board, no FWO evaluation
- FWO funds the involved Flemish researchers of the applications proposed for funding



**In call 2024 FWO continues collaboration with:**

- Austria (FWF)
- French-speaking Community Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS)
- Germany (DFG)
- Luxembourg (FNR)
- Poland (NCN)
- Slovenia (ARIS)
- Switzerland (SNSF)
- Sweden (Formas)



- Austria: FWF
- Switzerland: SNSF
- Luxembourg: FNR
- French-speaking Community: F.R.S.-FNRS
- Slovenia: ARIS
- Germany: DFG
- Poland: NCN
- Sweden: Formas

You can submit your joint bilateral proposal to FWO or to one of these listed partners. Also trilateral proposals are possible. For additional possibilities, see next slide.

### Will be added in coming years:

- Czech Republic: GAČR
- Norway: RCN
- Croatia: HRZZ
- **NWO Netherlands** (*observer*): discussions ongoing for **Weave pilot call**, possible start Autumn 2024/beginning of 2025 (no official agreement yet)
- New partners that might sign Weave agreement in future

# Additional opportunities for researchers in Flanders

		... can include, if desired, researchers from one of the following countries/regions* in the research proposal.												
	<b>Lead Agency</b> ↓	Luxembourg through FNR	Austria through FWF	Slovenia through ARIS	Switzerland through SNSF	Germany through DFG	Czech Republic through GAČR	Croatia through HRZZ	Poland through NCN	Belgium-Wallonia through F.R.S.-FNRS	Norway through RCN	Sweden through FORMAS		since 2021
<b>Flemish researcher(s) submitting a joint research project with...</b>	Luxembourg partner(s) <b>at FNR</b>													since 2022
	Austrian partner(s) <b>at FWF</b>													since 2023
	Slovenian partner(s) <b>at ARIS</b>													<u>2024</u> : currently no new partnerships
	Swiss partner(s) <b>at SNSF</b>													
	Polish partner(s) <b>at NCN</b>													
	Walloon partner(s) <b>at F.R.S.-FNRS</b>													
	German partner(s) <b>at DFG</b>													
	Swedish partner(s) <b>at Formas</b>													

**When submitting to a Lead Agency abroad (FWO as Partner Agency),  
trilateral proposals possible with Croatia (HRZZ) as well!**



## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWF in time (**identical PDF!**)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Austrian partners must abide to [FWF regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ FWO performs evaluation
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to FWF
- ✓ Ratification by FWF possibly delayed until March 2025, so **conditional allocation** mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 (flexible starting date for FWF part: within 6 months after approval FWF Board)



# fwo Collaboration with Austrian partners

## 2. Submitting at FWF (FWO = Partner Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (“cut off” date for FWO as Partner!)
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this FWF website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ FWF performs evaluation
- ✓ FWF proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ FWF communicates results first, to be expected end of 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 (flexible starting date for FWF part: within 6 months after approval FWF Board)

# fwo Collaboration with Swiss partners

## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR), Austria (FWF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at SNSF in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Swiss partners must abide to [SNSF regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ FWO performs evaluation
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to SNSF who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 2. Submitting at SNSF (FWO = Partner Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS), Sweden (FORMAS) and Croatia (HRZZ)

- ✓ Deadline: 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2024 (not possible to submit within SNSF October-deadline!)
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this SNSF website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ SNSF performs evaluation
- ✓ SNSF proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ SNSF communicates results first, to be expected end of 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025

## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Austria (FWF), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FNR in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Luxembourg partners must abide to [FNR regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years (different in case submitted at FNR!)
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to FNR who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 2. Submitting at FNR (FWO = Partner Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Switzerland (SNSF), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS), Sweden (Formas) and Slovenia (ARIS)

- ✓ Deadline: 17<sup>th</sup> of April 2024
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this FNR website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = **max. 3 years, however PhD in 4<sup>th</sup> year allowed**. In case PhD student is requested in 4<sup>th</sup> year at FNR: Flemish applicant also allowed to apply for 4<sup>th</sup> budget year, with only costs for a PhD and bench fee. **Scientifically motivate this 4<sup>th</sup> budget year!**
- ✓ FNR performs evaluation
- ✓ FNR proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ FNR communicates results first, to be expected end of 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Austria (FWF), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at ARIS in time (identical PDF!)
  - **Deadline administrative submission to ARIS: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April before 17:00 (CET) + copy of complete application as submitted to FWO needs to be submitted as well to ARIS within 7 days after FWO deadline!**
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Slovenian partners must abide to [ARIS regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years **(different in case submitted at ARIS!)**
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to ARIS who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 2. Submitting at ARIS (FWO = Partner Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Switzerland (SNSF), Poland (NCN), Austria (FWF), Croatia (HRZZ) and Luxembourg (FNR)

✓ Deadline:

*Current call recently closed on 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, next call launch not yet decided (probably Autumn 2024)*

- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this ARIS website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 3 years (!)
- ✓ ARIS performs evaluation
- ✓ ARIS proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ ARIS communicates results first
- ✓ Start of contract (*for current call*): 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 (ARIS part can start earlier)



## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Austria (FWF), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at DFG in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All German partners must abide to [DFG regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 3 years (!). Whenever German partners are involved, project duration is three years even when submitted at FWO. (In trilateral projects as well!)
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to DFG
- ✓ Ratification by DFG can only be done in Spring 2025, so conditional allocation mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 2. Submitting at DFG (FWO = Partner Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF),  
Poland (NCN), Austria (FWF) and Wallonia  
(F.R.S.-FNRS)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (“cut off” date for FWO as Partner!)
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this DFG website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = **max. 3 years (!)**  
**Whenever German partners are involved, the project duration is three years even when submitted at FWO. (trilateral as well!)**
- ✓ DFG performs evaluation
- ✓ DFG proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ DFG communicates results first, to be expected December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025 (flexible starting date for DFG part: within 1 year after approval DFG Board)



## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Austria (FWF), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden (Formas)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at NCN in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Polish partners must abide to [NCN regulations](#)
- ✓ **Be careful in drafting the proposal.** Following elements may impact eligibility:
  - Do not mention any names of Polish PhD-students or postdocs due to obligatory open selection procedure.
  - Carefully motivate budget for Polish team, use EUR/PLN exchange rate of NCN
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to NCN who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025

# Collaboration with Polish partners

## 2. Submitting at NCN (**FWO = Partner Agency**)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF),  
Slovenia (ARIS), Austria (FWF) and  
Germany (DFG)

- ✓ Deadline: *Current call recently closed on 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2023, next call launch not yet decided (probably mid-September 2024)*
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this NCN website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ✓ NCN performs evaluation
- ✓ NCN proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ NCN communicates results first, to be expected mid-2025
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January **2026** (Polish researchers may start earlier)



# Collaboration with Swedish partners

## 1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Austria (FWF)

- ✓ Deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2024 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at Formas in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Swedish partners must abide to [Formas regulations](#)
- ✓ **Be careful in drafting the proposal.** Following elements **may impact eligibility**:
  - Swedish researchers (and Swedish part of joint Weave proposal) must adhere to restrictions within **Formas' areas of responsibility**: environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning
- ✓ **Project duration = max. 4 years at Flemish side / always max. 3 years at Swedish side**
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to Formas who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2025



## 2. Submitting at Formas (**FWO = Partner Agency**)

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR) and Switzerland (SNSF)

- ✓ Deadline: *not yet decided, update expected in Spring 2024*
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this Formas website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ **Be careful in drafting the proposal.** Following elements **may impact eligibility**:
  - Swedish researchers (and Swedish part of joint Weave proposal) must adhere to restrictions within **Formas' areas of responsibility**: environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning
- ✓ **Project duration = max. 4 years at Flemish side / always max. 3 years at Swedish side**
- ✓ Formas performs evaluation
- ✓ Formas proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ Formas communicates results first, not yet known when to be expected
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January



# Points of attention

- Clearly indicate and scientifically justify budgets of all included teams, independent of where you submit. Lead Agency will evaluate all budgets requested (also from foreign research teams).
- Make sure the names of the main applicants and requested budgets in Lead Agency application are identical to the names and requested budgets in administrative submissions to Partner Agency (discrepancies between Lead Agency submission and Partner Agency submission might lead to ineligibility!!) – Respect FWO budget forks!
- Despite fact that in some Lead Agency application forms only main applicants of project should be named (and all other research team members are anonymous), it is required in FWO administrative submission that you list all persons (Flemish and non-Flemish) that will officially take up a role in the consortium, not only as supervisor-(spokesperson), but also as co-supervisor.
- Don't forget the obligatory administrative submission to each involved Partner Agency. Make sure to upload in this administrative submission to Partner Agency the complete and identical application with all attachments (not only project description) as submitted to the Lead Agency.



## Points of attention


- You cannot submit the identical Weave project to more than one funding agency in the same (budget) year.
- Project duration might be different depending on choice Lead Agency. More info, see [this overview](#).
- The success rate of the Lead Agency applies, capped at 20%.
- Communication with the researchers is done through the Lead Agency (where you submitted your proposal).

## More information:


- [European Weave webpage](#)
- Weave-specific [FWO webpage](#) including more background info as well as what to do in case FWO acts as Lead Agency or Partner Agency
- FWO contacts:
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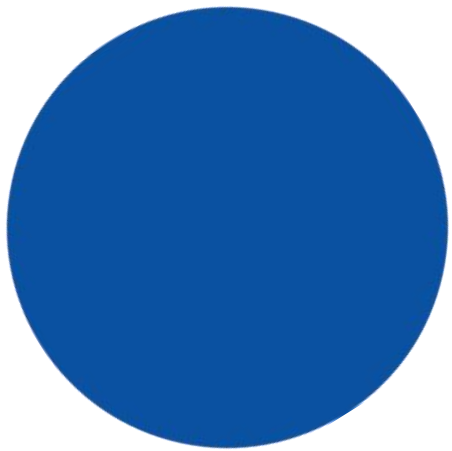
# Questions and Answers




Please note that all slides and the video recording of this info session will be made available on the FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS websites.



*Is there a higher success rate for Weave collaborative projects or some incentive compared to individual/national grants?*




➔ **No, there isn't any incentive, nor a higher success rate.** Please note that Weave projects are not evaluated separately: your Weave application is evaluated in competition with all other applications submitted to the Lead Agency. The success rate of the Lead agency applies, but **capped at 20%** (= Weave threshold). Note that most included funding agencies have a regular success rate around 20%.

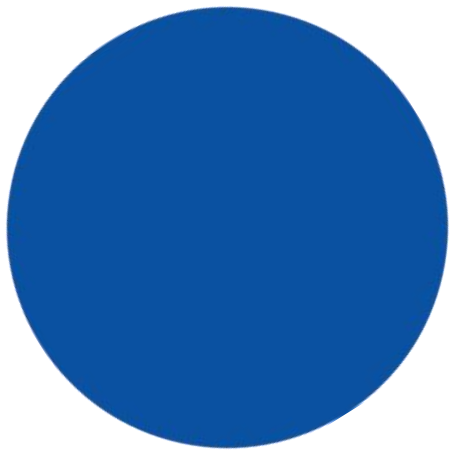


*What is the financing rate/percentage for FWO as lead agency for Weave?*


- ➔ The success rate of the Lead agency applies, but **capped at 20% (= Weave threshold)**. Note that most included funding agencies have a regular success rate around 20%.
- ➔ When the application is submitted to the FWO as Lead, it will be evaluated within the regular channel of the junior/senior projects fundamental research so in competition with all other jr/sr projects fundamental research.



*Can researcher from non-Weave partners (e.g. universities in Spain) be linked to projects (without financing for their contribution)? Can research conducted outside Europe with WEAVE partners and partners from i.e. LMICs funded (i.e. on tropical diseases)?*


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- ➔ **FWO:** Researchers from non-Weave partners can be involved but **in an informal way (without requesting FWO-funding) or on their own funds**. Please note that, within a Weave project it is not possible at FWO-side to include a non-Flemish institution other than the involved foreign Weave partner(s) for up to 10% of the total project funding (in contrast with regular jr/sr projects where 10% of total project budget can go abroad).
  - ➔ **FNRS:** Research can be conducted outside of Europe, however, the **FNRS can only fund the institutions from the Wallonia Brussels federation**. Other partners will therefore have to find their own funding sources.



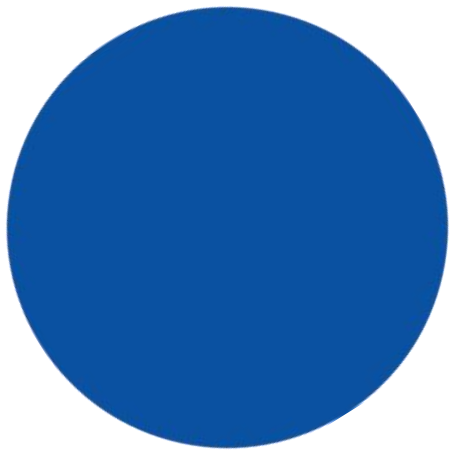


*Is this an open call?*

- ➔ If this question refers to scientific domains/topics: Weave is a complete bottom-up initiative, there are **no thematic restrictions** which makes Weave complementary to ERA-NETs, Partnerships, etc. When becoming an official partner, each funder integrates Weave in an already existing funding channel for fundamental basic research.
- ➔ If this question refers to the submission period: Most Weave funders work with specific call launches and deadlines. However, **some Weave funders have a system of continuous submission**, they don't launch specific calls with specific deadlines (eg. DFG Germany, FWF Austria, ...) but they agreed to implement a 'cut off' date ("deadline") whenever FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS as Partner Agency are involved. All details per Lead Agency can be found on the FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS websites or in the aforementioned slides.



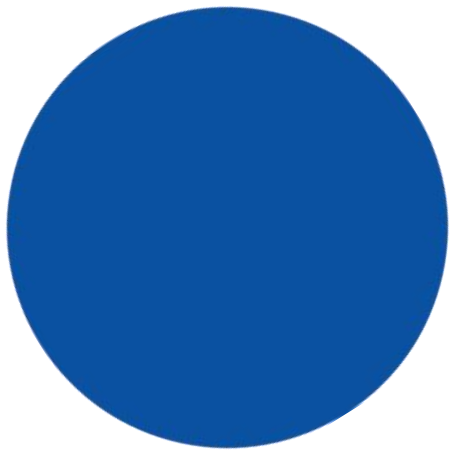
*I'm co-promotor of a WEAVE project (FWO is Lead) that started in 2023. Can I submit a new proposal with colleagues from FWO in 2024?*

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- ➔ **FWO:** At FWO-side, regardless of the fact if FWO is Lead or Partner Agency, Weave projects **are always taken into account for the maximum of 2 research projects fundamental research** per application round for which you can act as (co-)supervisor(-spokesperson). They also fall within the rule stating that the total number of research projects fundamental research – applied for and currently ongoing – in name of one and the same (co-)supervisor(-spokesperson) cannot be more than two on the starting date of the new granted project.
  - ➔ **FNRS:** You can have both one PDR and one WEAVE project at the same time. You could therefore apply for a PDR including FWO partners in 2024, provided that you have no ongoing PDR at the moment.




*Can different institutions from the involved regions participate or should the project be restricted to one institution/university per involved region?*

This strongly depends on the individual requirements of each funding agency.

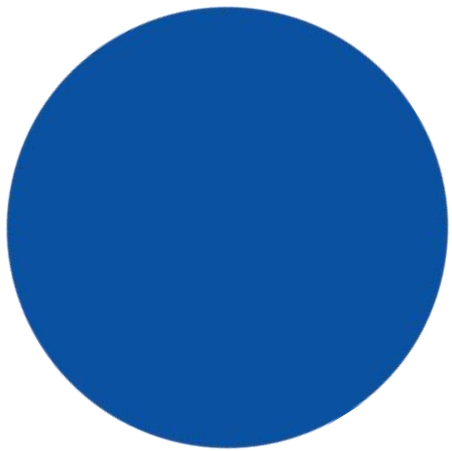



➔ **FWO:** At FWO-side, it is possible to involve different Flemish/federal host institutions with their own requested budgets as long as the scientific added value of each researcher/research groups involved is clearly justified in the application.

➔ **FNRS:** It is only possible to have one promoter and one co-promoter from a different institution to that of the promoter.



*Is there a difference in the budget available depending on whether a FWB institution joins a project with a FWO leading partner or a FWO institution joins a project submitted with the FNRS as lead agency?*

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- ➔ **FWO:** No, for Flemish researchers the budget conditions/restrictions are the same regardless of the fact if FWO is Lead or Partner Agency.
  - ➔ **FNRS:** No. Annual mean costs are the same for a WEAVE and for a PDR.



*Is this a grant for a short or long-term stay?*


Please note that Weave collaborations are not schemes aimed specifically at mobility. Weave projects are **complete project funding schemes** (funding can be requested for staff, consumables and equipment).

Concerning scientific stays, it is important to check the individual requirements of each funding agency.

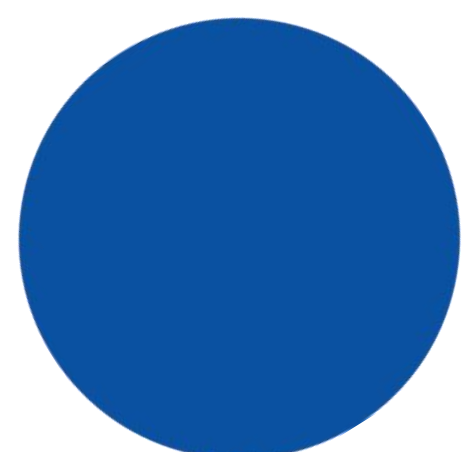
➔ **FWO:** For the FWO mobility schemes, please check out the website of the [FWO travel grants](#) and the [FWO mobility project schemes](#).

➔ **FNRS:** for the FNRS mobility schemes , please check out the FNRS website on [Mobility](#) and [the research mobility projects](#)





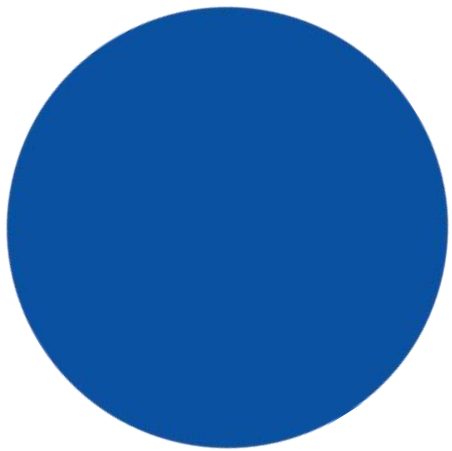
*Is it an asset if the partners can show that they had previous collaborations, or is Weave rather aiming at gathering groups that never cooperated before?*




Weave is not specifically targeted at the establishment of new collaborations. Please note that the main evaluation criteria is **scientific excellence**, no matter if the partners are new partners or already had previous collaborations. It is, however, important to show the interest of the collaboration and that this collaboration will greatly benefit the project. All included partners should have an **added value** and consortium composition needs to be thoroughly scientifically justified in the proposal as well as the budgets requested.



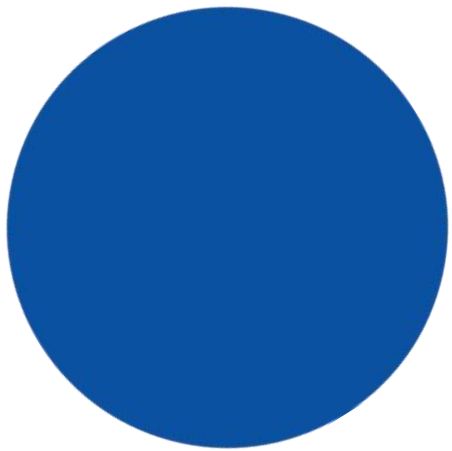
*How to best tackle the proposal resubmission given the feedback received in the previous round?*




Make sure to **clearly and scientifically justify** in the re-submission what changes have been made in comparison to the previous project proposal, taking into account the feedback received in the previous round. Eg. How did you adapt the work packages based on the feedback? What changes were made to the budget, planned activities, timeline, etc. to tackle the possible concerns raised in the feedback? Which (additional) mitigating measures are being implemented?



*Is it possible to submit a project bringing together researchers from FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS and another partner?*

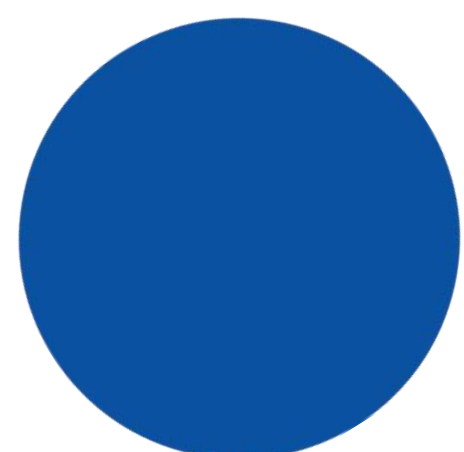
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- ➔ **Trilateral collaborations are possible.** Depending on the Lead Agency chosen, partners may differ. For the opportunities for researchers in Flanders (FWO as Partner Agency), see [this overview](#).
  - ➔ **If F.R.S.-FNRS is Lead Agency:** possibility to add partners from FWO (BE-FL), SNSF (CH), FNR (LU) and DFG (DE).
  - ➔ **If FWO is Lead Agency:** possibility to add partners from: FWF (AT), SNSF (CH), DFG (DE), FNR (LU), ARIS (SI), F.R.S.-FNRS (BE-FR), NCN (PL) and Formas (SE).



*Do you need to have the budget from the partner university when submitting the proposal? If yes, how and where this should be detailed.*

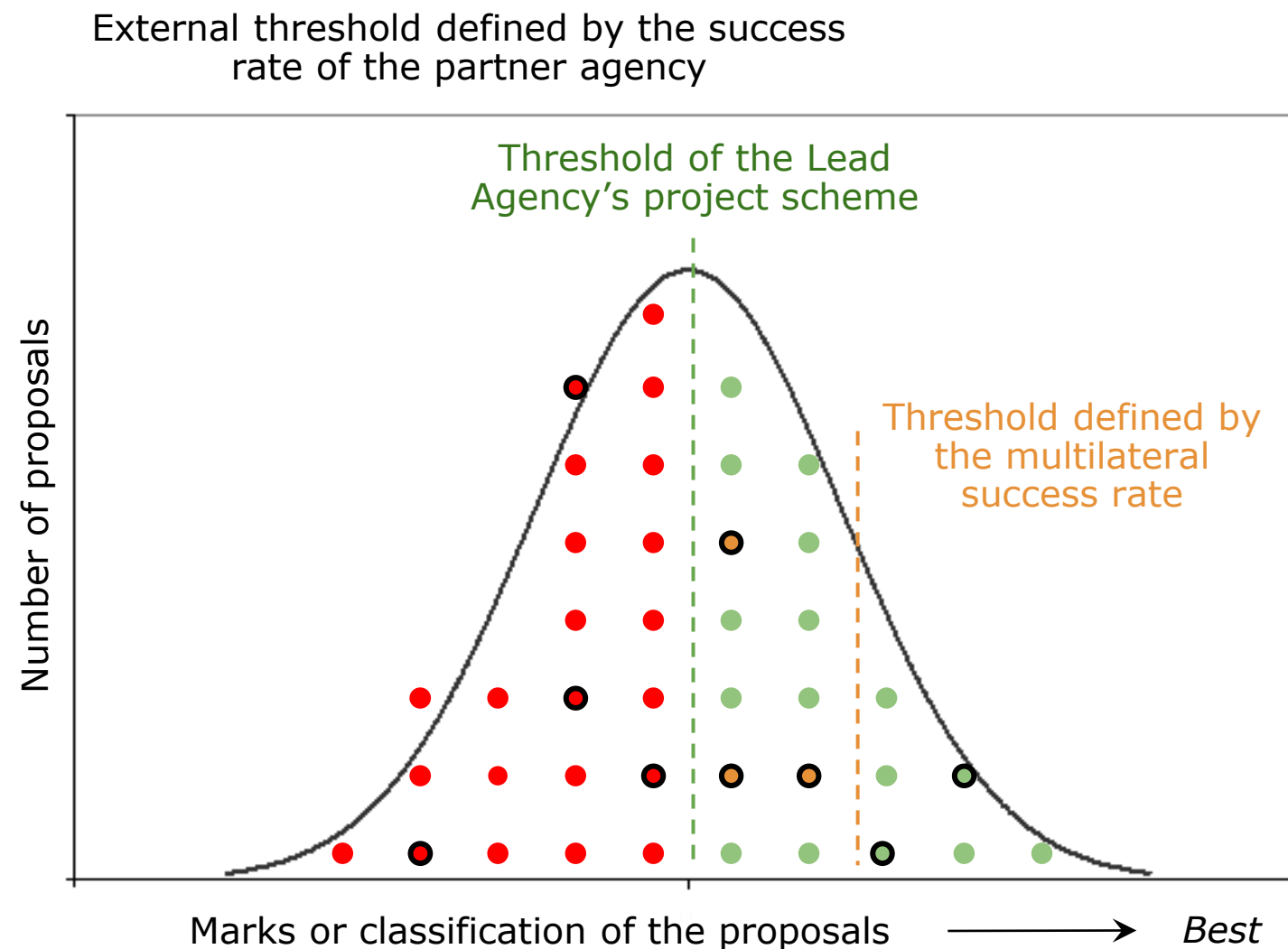
- ➔ Yes, **all budgets** (requested at Lead Agency + at Partner Agency/Agencies) **should be clearly indicated and scientifically justified** in the submission to the Lead Agency. This is mandatory, since the Lead Agency is responsible for the evaluation of the entire project proposal (including all budgets requested).
- ➔ How and where to list these details depends on the application form of the Lead Agency. Best practice is to check the requirements of the Lead Agency and **start your online application asap** to see what is being requested, in which format, etc.
- ➔ Make sure the **requested budgets** in the Lead Agency application **are identical** to the requested budgets in the administrative submissions to Partner Agency!





Thank you for your attention

# Preparation of the Decision: Application of the Multilateral Success Rate



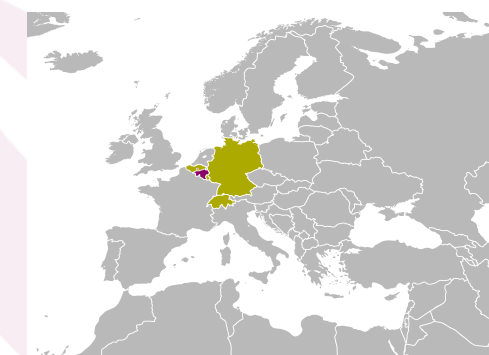
- Funded: Proposals of the Lead Agency above Lead Agency's threshold
- Funded: LA proposals above LA's and multilateral threshold

- Not funded: LA proposals above LA's threshold, but below multilateral threshold

- Not Funded: LA proposals, proposals of the Lead Agency below LA's threshold

## F.R.S.-FNRS collaborated with:

- FNR (Luxembourg)
- SNSF (Switzerland)
- FWO (Flanders)
- DFG (Germany)



## PDR-Weave → Weave

Call/partner	Submissions	Funded projects
« Individual Research Grants » / DFG (Germany)	7	2
« CORE » / FNR (Luxembourg)	0	0
« Junior and Senior Research projects » / FWO (Belgium-Flanders)	26	8
« Encouragement de projets » / SNSF (Switzerland)	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>

## PDR

	Call/partner(s)	Submissions	Funded projects
<b>Bilateral</b>	« PDR » / DFG (Germany)	8	2
	« PDR » / FNR (Luxembourg)	4	1
	« PDR » / FWO (Belgium-Flanders)	12	2
	« PDR » / SNSF (Switzerland)	4	1
<b>Trilateral</b>	« PDR » / DFG-FWO	1	0
	« PDR » / SNSF-FWO	2	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>7</b>



# In practice

## 3 possibilities:

### 1. Submit your proposal in the FWO “Junior and Senior Research Projects” call

- Submit full proposal with budget details for all partners in FWO call
- Administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies (ARRS, DFG, FWF, FNR, F.R.S.-FNRS, NCN, SNSF & FORMAS (**NEW from 2023 onwards!**))
- Regular evaluation procedure of FWO applies

### 2. Submit your proposal in the F.R.S.-FNRS “Projets de Recherche” (PDR) call

- Submit full proposal with budget details for all partners in F.R.S.-FNRS call
- Administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies (DFG, FWO, FNR, SNSF)
- Please be aware: No more administrative **pre**-submission needed when FWO is involved as Partner Agency!
- Regular evaluation procedure of F.R.S.-FNRS applies

### 3. Submit full proposal elsewhere (**For Flemish** researchers: ARRS, DFG, FWF, FNR, F.R.S.-FNRS, NCN, SNSF & **FORMAS (NEW from 2023 onwards!)**), (**For researchers from French-speaking community: DFG, FWO, FNR, SNSF**)

- Lead partner submits full proposal with budget details for all partners at Lead agency abroad
- Administrative submission for all other partners at respective agencies
- Regular evaluation procedure of lead agency (partner abroad) applies