



# Information session on Weave

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

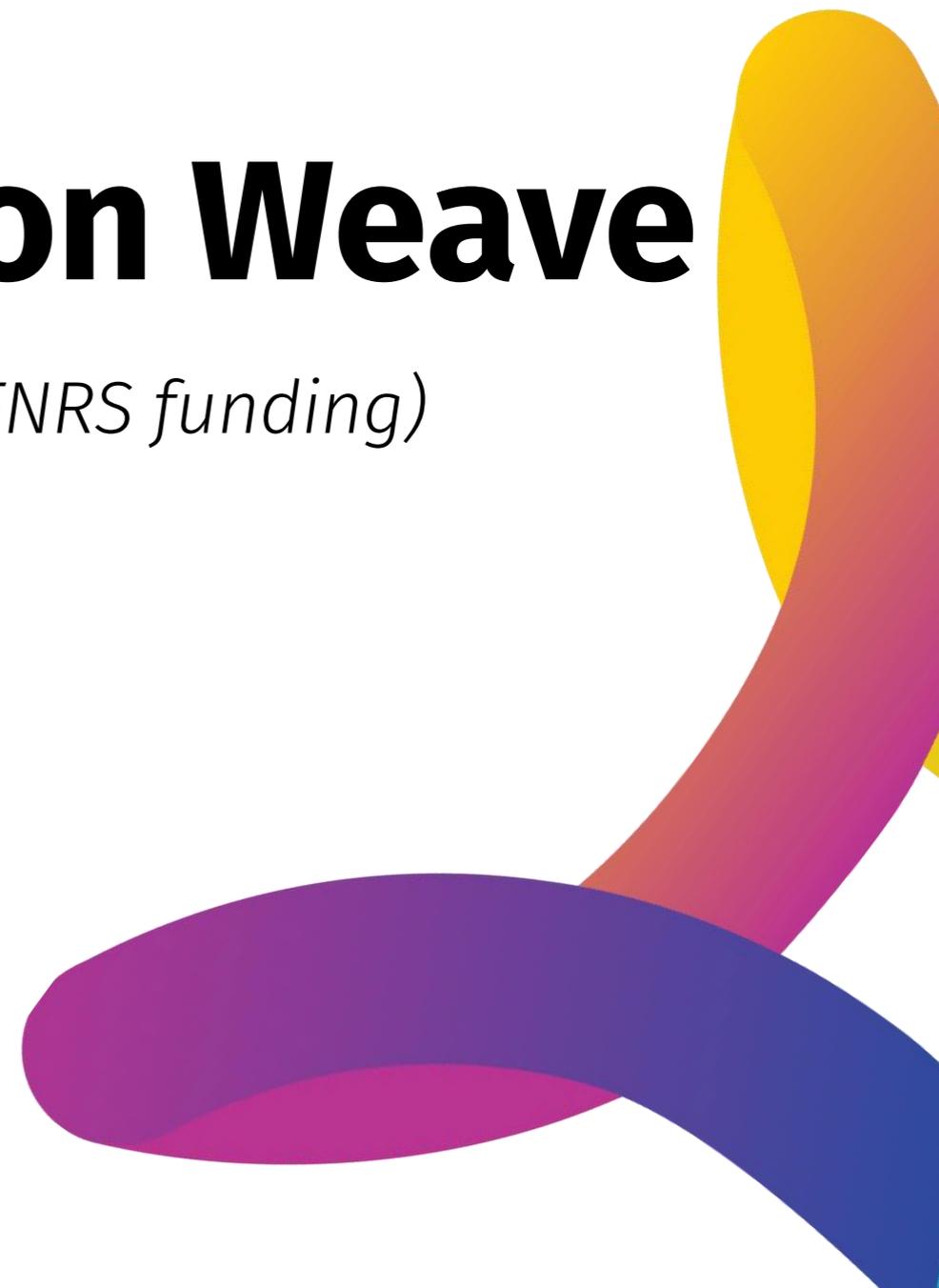
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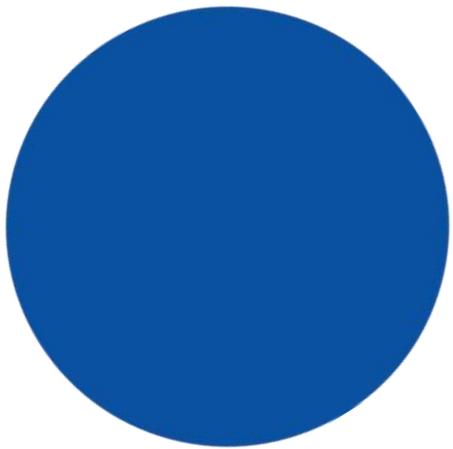
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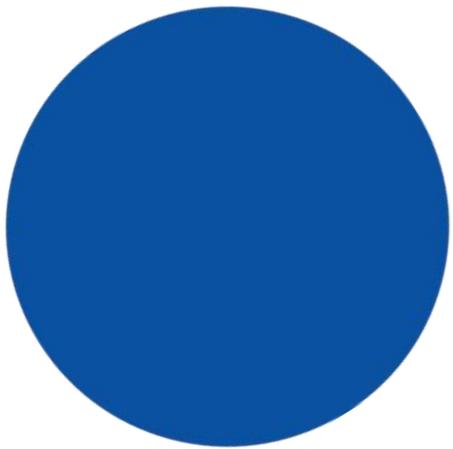


# General information

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1. *This session is recorded. Presentation and recording will be posted on the FWO and FNRS websites.*
  2. *Please use the Q&A button to ask your questions.*



# Overview

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1. *Weave in General*
  2. *Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS*
  3. *Weave within FWO*
  4. *Questions and answers*

# What is Weave?

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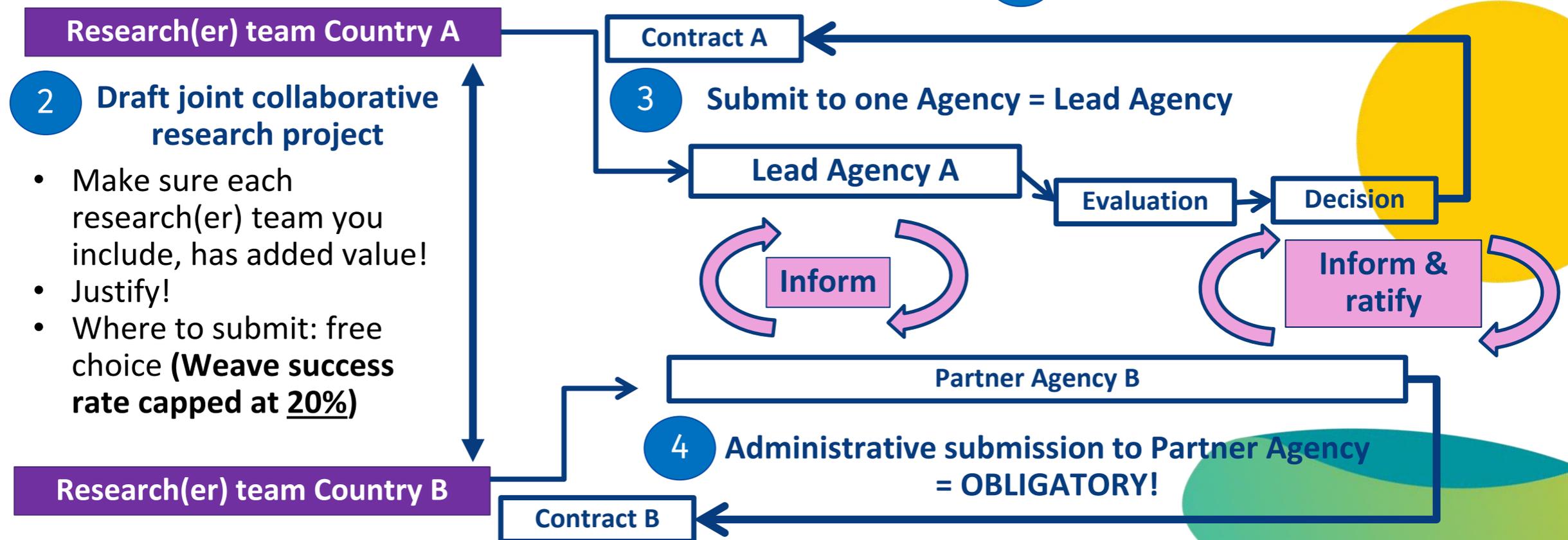
<https://weave-research.net/>

# How does Weave work in practice?

1 Search for opportunities with your partners abroad: <https://weave-research.net/>

- Which countries/agencies participate?
- Which funding scheme open for Weave?
- By default: all domains in basic research
  - Max. trilateral project

6 Funding remains within borders



2 Draft joint collaborative research project

- Make sure each research(er) team you include, has added value!
- Justify!
- Where to submit: free choice (**Weave success rate capped at 20%**)

3 Submit to one Agency = Lead Agency

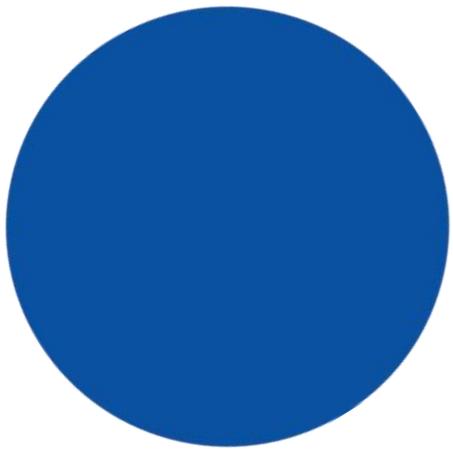
4 Administrative submission to Partner Agency = OBLIGATORY!

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Every Agency is responsible for eligibility check of its own research(er) team, communication through Lead Agency. Make sure all your partners are eligible and abide to the rules of their respective Agency!



## Added value of Weave?

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- Fosters balanced collaboration: apply for funding needed by each partner (reciprocity)
  - 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
  - Simplified submission and evaluation procedure (no double jeopardy)

Carte blanche for cooperations with European partners  
(balanced budgets / bi- or trilateral / bottom-up)

# Participating Funding Organisations



Der Wissenschaftsfonds.

**Austrian Science Fund /FWF**

AUSTRIA



LA LIBERTÉ DE CHERCHER

**Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS/FNRS**

BELGIUM



**Research Foundation Flanders /FWO**

BELGIUM



Croatian Science Foundation

**Croatian Science Foundation /HRZZ**

CROATIA



CZECH SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**Czech Science Foundation /GAČR**

CZECH REPUBLIC



Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft

**German Research Foundation /DFG**

GERMANY



Luxembourg National Research Fund

**Luxembourg National Research Fund /FNR**

LUXEMBOURG



The Research Council of Norway

**Research Council of Norway /RCN**

NORWAY



NATIONAL SCIENCE CENTRE POLAND

**National Science Centre /NCN**

POLAND



Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency

**Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency /ARIS**

SLOVENIA



**Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development /FORMAS**

SWEDEN



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FONDO NAZIONALE SVIZZERO  
SWISS NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

**Swiss National Science Foundation /**

SNSF SWITZERLAND



# In practice

## 2 possibilities:

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
- Obligatory administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies
- Regular evaluation procedure and timing of the funding agency applies

2. Submit full proposal elsewhere (funder abroad)

- For researchers from the Flemish community: ARIS, DFG, FNR, FORMAS, F.R.S.-FNRS, FWF, NCN, SNSF & NWO Domain Science (pilot call)
- For researchers from the French-speaking community: DFG, FWO, FNR & SNSF
- Lead partner submits full proposal with budget details for all partners at Lead Agency abroad
- Obligatory 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: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026
- ✓ Submit administrative version at F.R.S.-FNRS before 8<sup>th</sup> of April 2026 (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 2026
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration within Belgium

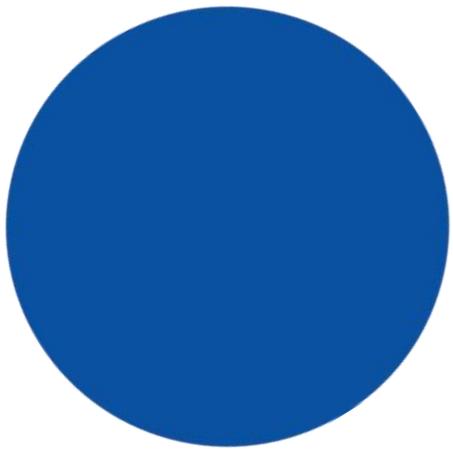
**Trilaterals** are allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR), Germany (DFG) and Switzerland (SNSF)

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

- ✓ Deadline: 7<sup>th</sup> of July 2026
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO before 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2026
- ✓ 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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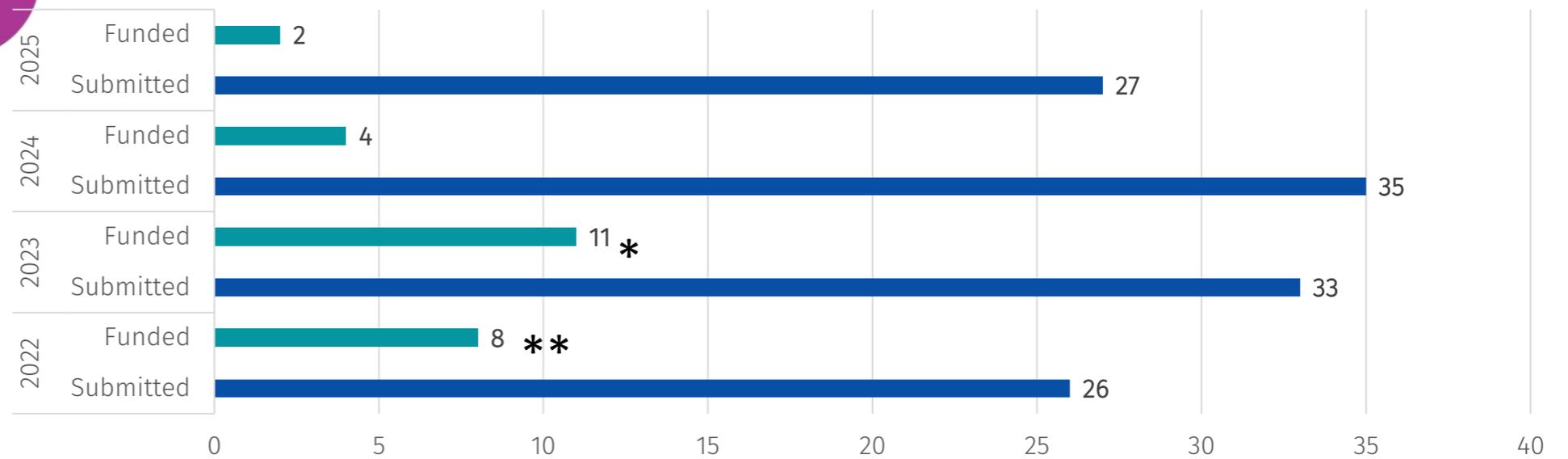
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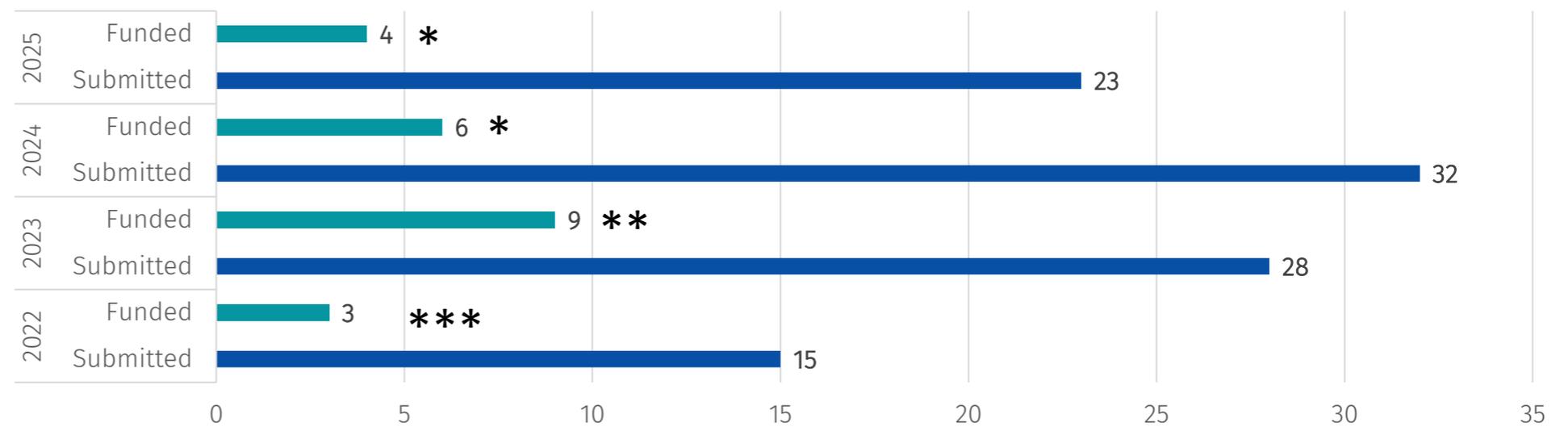
FNRS = Lead

FWO as Lead



\* 1 trilateral with FWF (Austria) / \*\*1 trilateral with SNSF (Switzerland)

FNRS as Lead



\*1 trilateral with DFG (Germany)/\*\*1 trilateral with FNR (Luxembourg) / \*\*\*1 trilateral with SNSF (Switzerland)

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# Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS



# WEAVE COLLABORATIONS OF THE F.R.S.-FNRS IN 2025

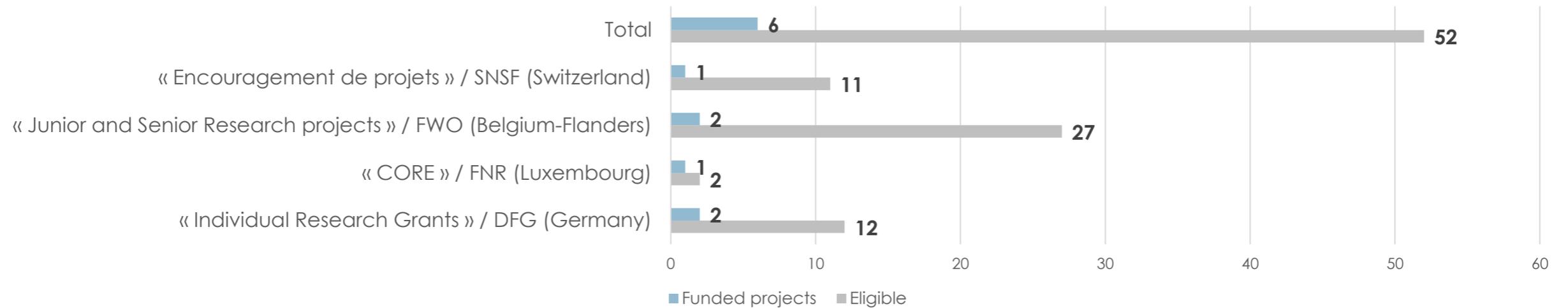


## F.R.S.-FNRS collaborated with:

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

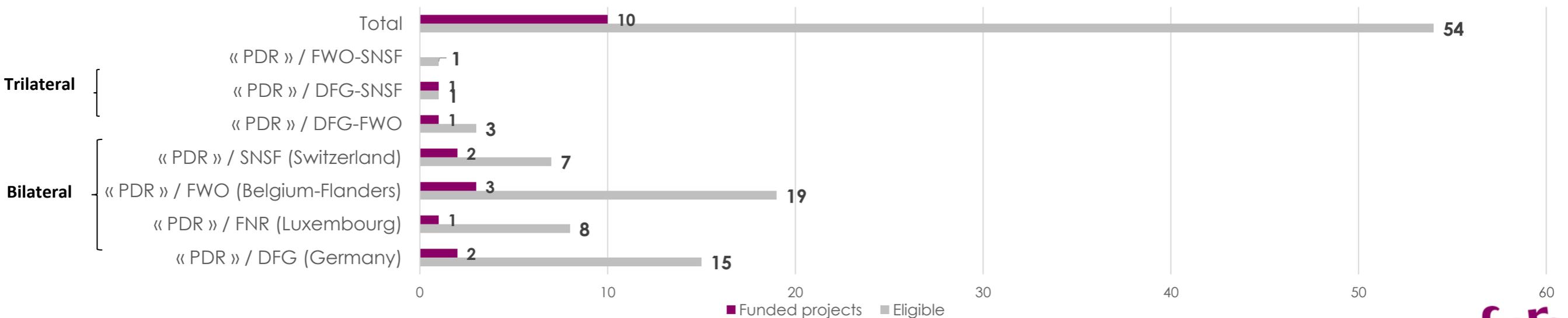
## WEAVE

### WEAVE 2025



## PDR

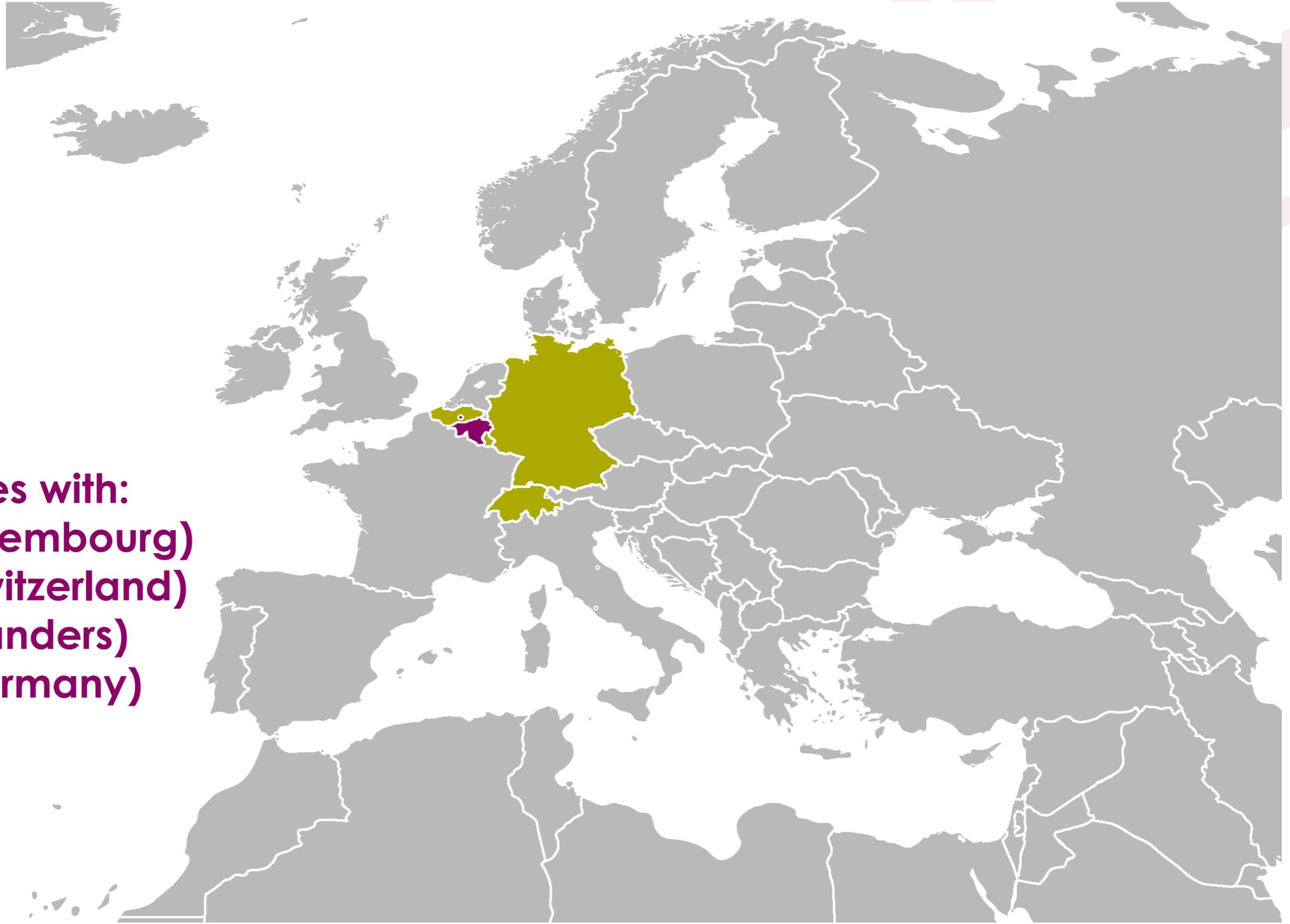
### PDR 2025



## **F.R.S.-FNRS**

**collaborates with:**

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



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

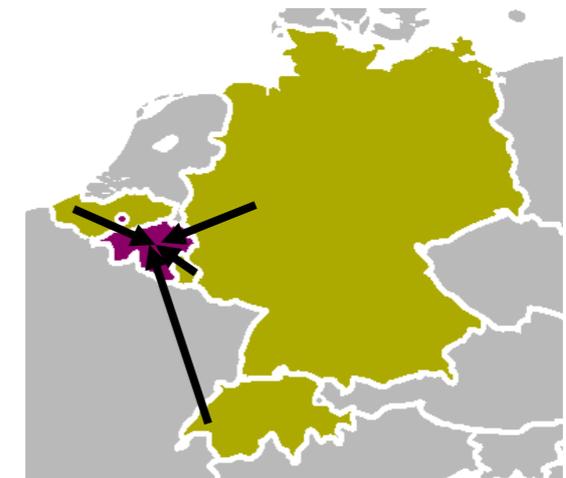
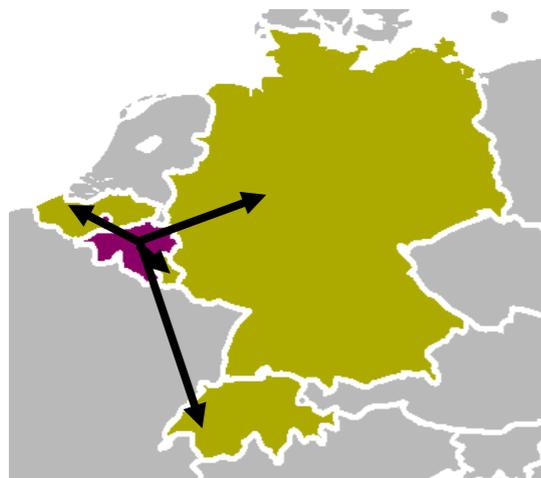
**At Lead Agency**

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

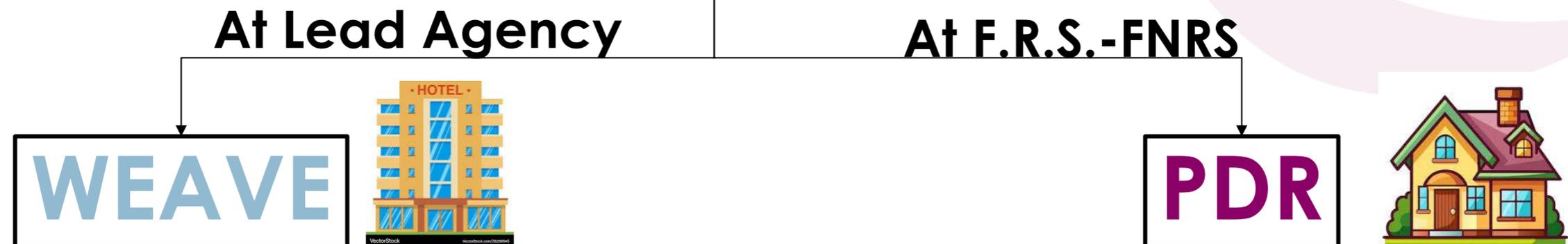
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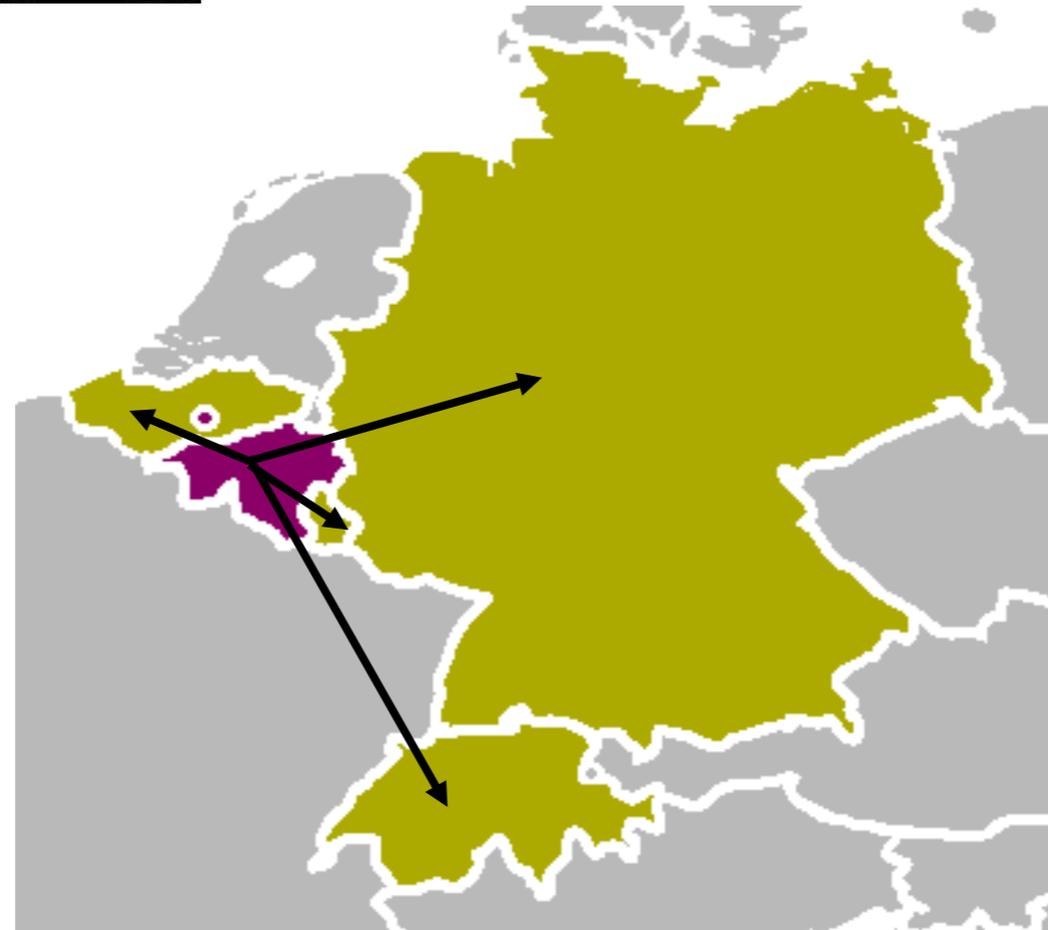
- ❑ Partner Agency responsible for entire evaluation
- ❑ Administrative submission via [e-space](#) within 7 days after call closure
- ❑ WEAVE rules (only 1 WEAVE application at a time) apply for the French speaking Belgian applicants – Weave partners should respect the rules set in place by the partner 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)
- ❑ [Règlement WEAVE](#)

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- ❑ Weave partners should make an administrative submission to their respective agencies within 7 days after call closure
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- ❑ 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)
- ❑ [Règlement PDR](#)

# Other agency as Lead



WEAVE



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

# 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

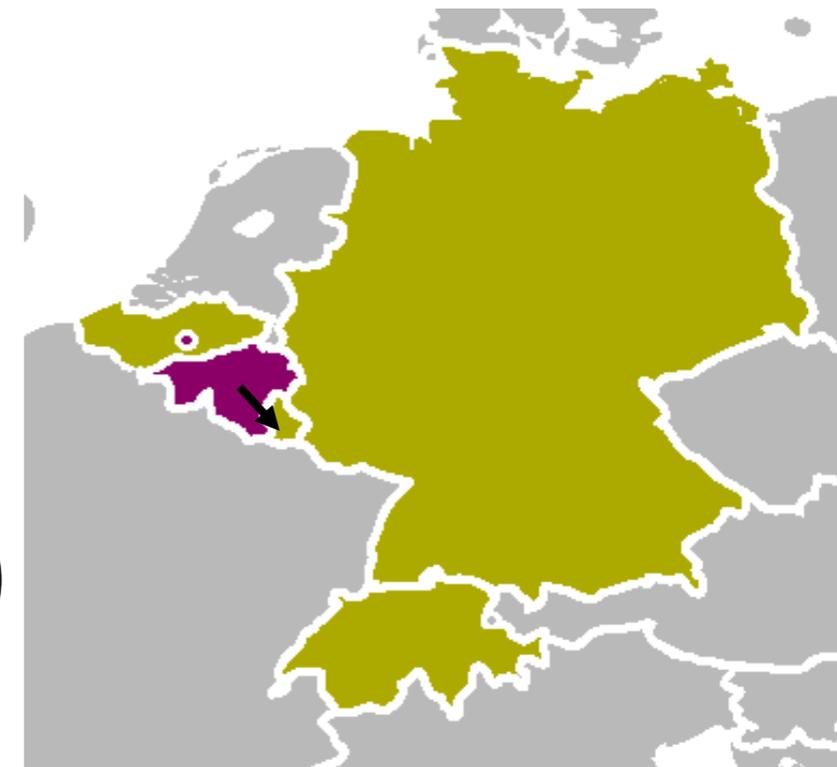
- FNR deadline: April 21, 2026
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 28, 2026
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

## Evaluation

- Evaluation procedures of **FNR (LU)** apply

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

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027



# 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-October)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

### Project duration

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

### Key dates

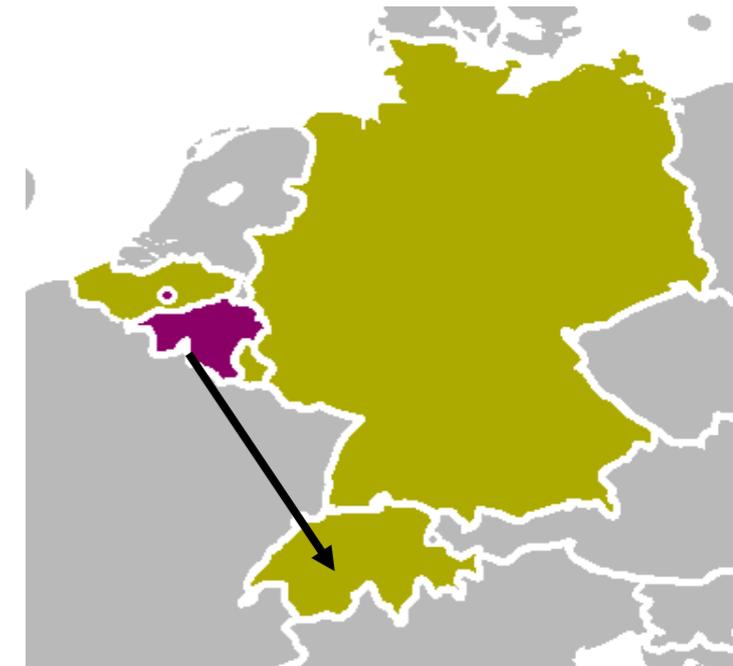
- SNSF deadlines: April 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadlines: April 8, 2026 and October 8, 2026
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedures of **SNSF (CH)** apply

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

- For April deadline: January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027
- For October deadline: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027



## *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

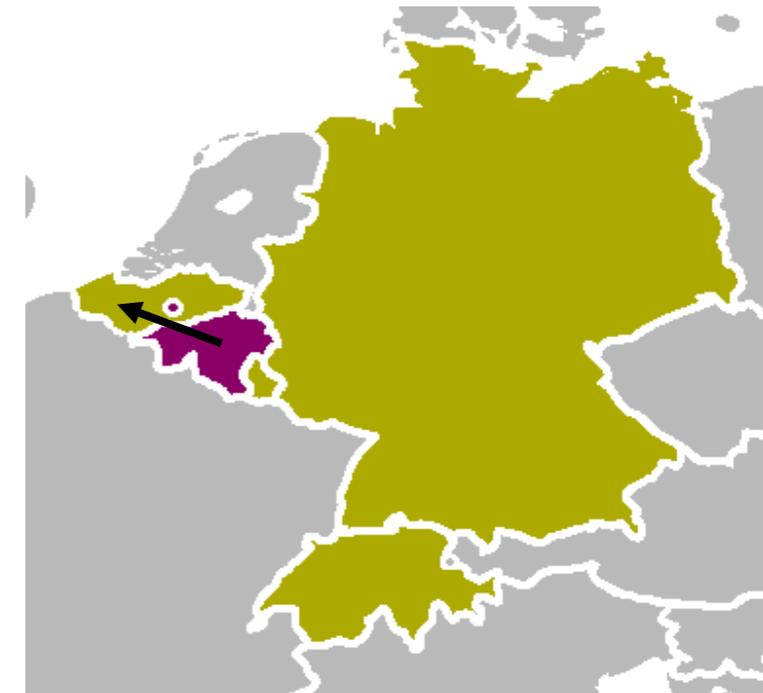
- FWO deadline: April 1, 2026
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 8, 2026
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedures of **FWO (BE-FL)** apply

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

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027



## *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

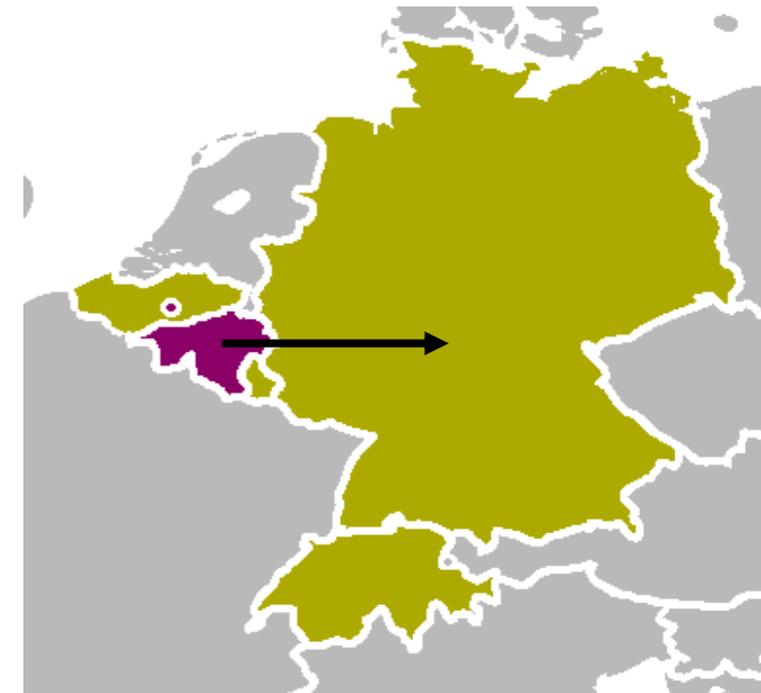
- DFG deadline: April 1, 2026
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 8, 2026
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

- Evaluation procedures of **DFG (DE)** apply

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

- January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2027



## SUMMARY

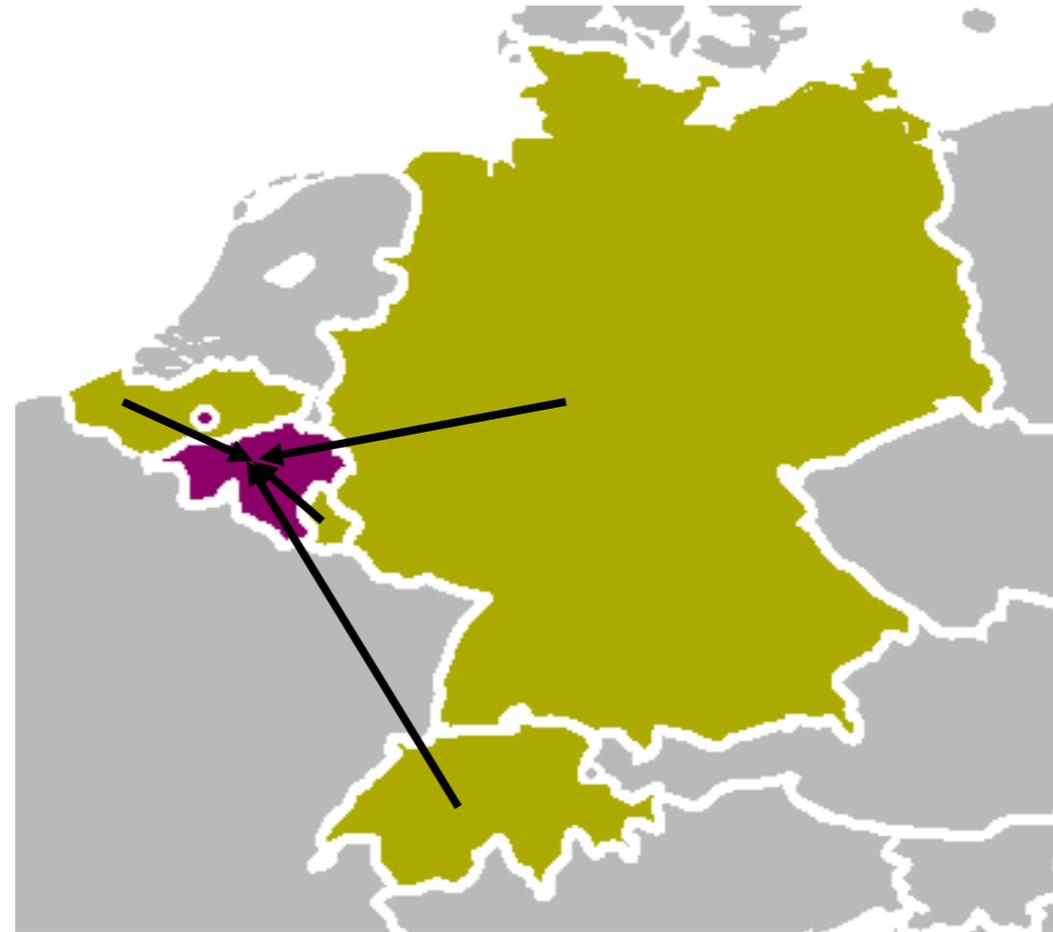
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<b>FNR (LU)</b>	<a href="#">Core</a>	April 21, 2026	April 28, 2026	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	<a href="#">Encouragement de projets</a>	April 1, 2026 and October 1, 2026	April 8, 2026 and October 8, 2026	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027 and June 1, 2027	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	<a href="#">Junior and Senior Research projects</a>	April 1, 2026	April 8, 2026	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	<a href="#">Individual Research Grant</a>	April 1, 2026	April 8, 2026	3 years	January 1, 2027	1 year extra funding for PhD student

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

## F.R.S.-FNRS as Lead



**PDR**



**Specific rules and regulations: [Règlement PDR](#)**

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



*Bilateral collaboration with **FNR (Luxembourg)**, **SNSF (Switzerland)** and **FWO (Belgium – 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

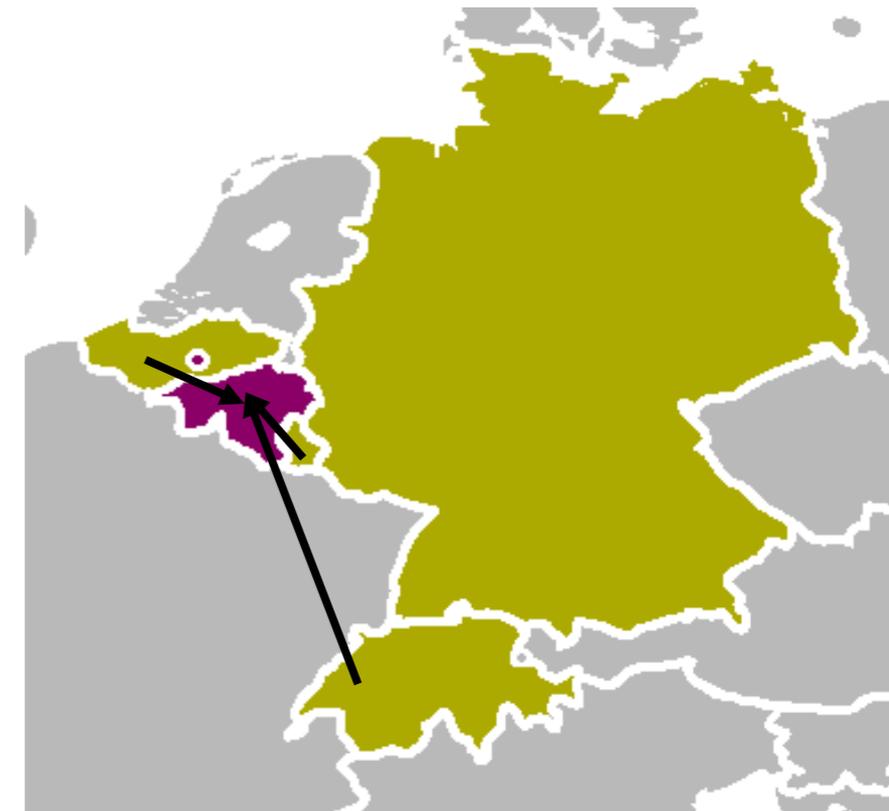
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2026 (TBC)
- Partners deadline 7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS

## Evaluation

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

## Project start date

- January 1st, 2027 (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 7, 2026
- Partners deadline 7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS

### Doctoral Student

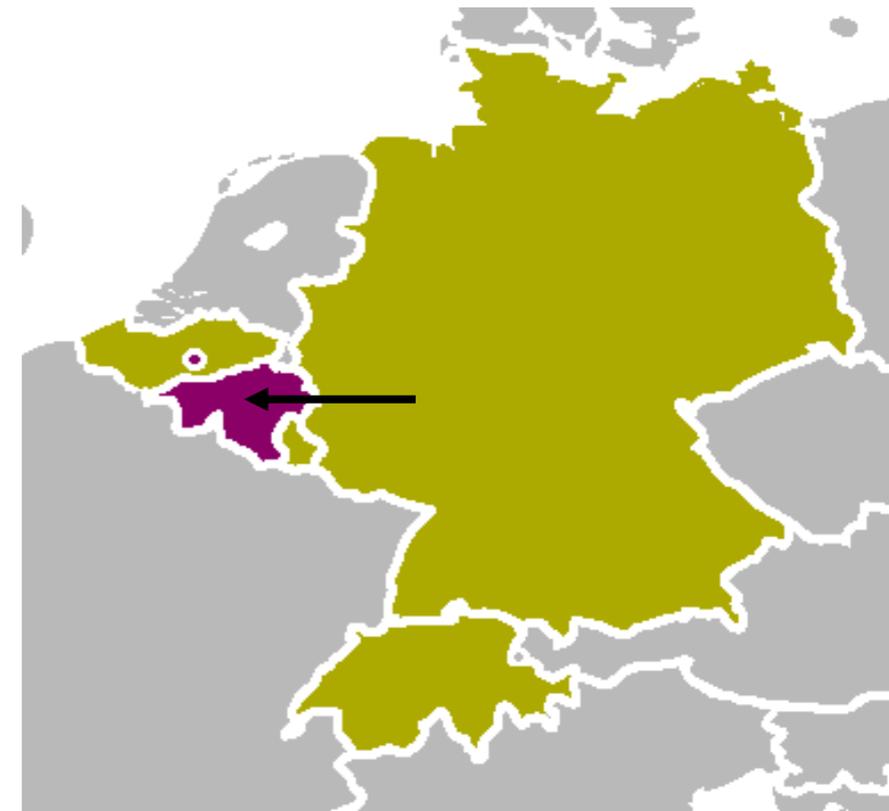
- Cost for entire duration of PhD (48 months) included in the maximum budget

### Evaluation

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

### Project start date

- April 1st, 2027 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



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



Trilateral collaborations → possible with all partners

## 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

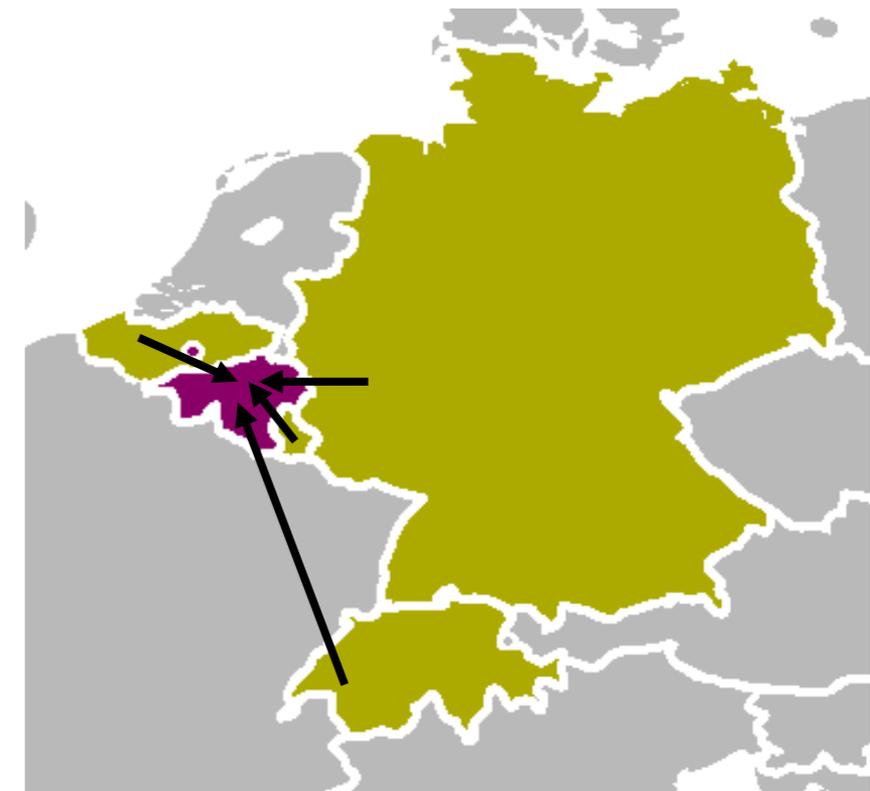
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2026
- Partners deadline 7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS

## Evaluation

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

## Project start date

- January 1st, 2027 for projects not involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)
- April 1st, 2027 for projects involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



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



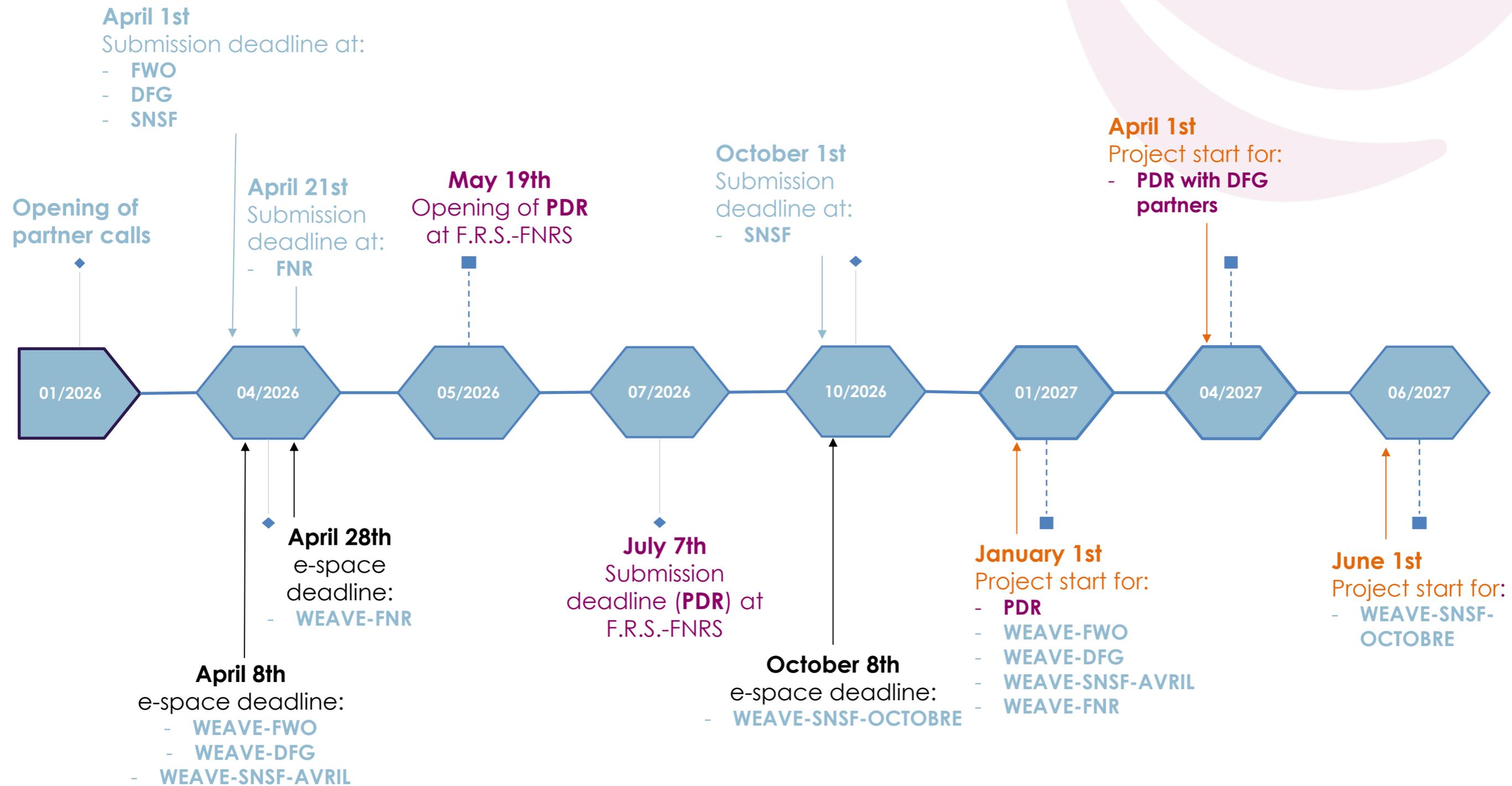
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	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Deadline partner	Project Duration	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
<b>FNR (LU)</b>	July 7, 2026	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027 (April 1, 2027 if DFG)	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	July 7, 2026	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027 (April 1, 2027 if DFG)	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	July 7, 2026	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	January 1, 2027 (April 1, 2027 if DFG)	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	July 7, 2026	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	3 years	April 1, 2027	Whole funding of PhD included in budget

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# TIMELINE



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# Weave within FWO



# Weave within FWO - General

## **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)
  - **Tab 'Research Security'**: 10 questions – self assessment by applicant
    - × Slides online info session available [here](#)
    - × Dedicated contact persons at host institutions: overview available [here](#)
  - [Overview of FWO expert panel structure](#): more information on panel scopes, the 'specific interdisciplinary panel', [recent changes to panel structure](#), etc.
- ▶ Evaluated in competition with all submitted FWO jr or sr research projects fundamental research
- ▶ FWO formulates and justifies 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
- ▶ 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)
  - **Tab 'Research Security'** (see above)
- ▶ Funding propositions by Lead Agency ratified by FWO Board, no FWO evaluation
- ▶ FWO funds the involved Flemish researchers of the applications proposed for funding

# Weave within FWO - General

**Regardless of whether FWO is Lead or Partner Agency**, for researchers in Flemish community – requesting FWO funding – following rules and conditions **always** apply:

- ▶ Regulations (eligibility, budget, ... ) [research projects fundamental research](#)
- ▶ FWO budget forks for staff and consumables:
  - At least € 50,000 per year for entire project (all Flemish, federal and non-Flemish institutions included = *all institutions included in the overall Weave proposal*)
  - At most € 145,000 per year per Flemish/federal institution (= *all institutions applying specifically for FWO funding*)

**Regardless of whether FWO is Lead or Partner Agency**, an individual researcher can act at FWO-side as (co-)supervisor(-spokesperson) for:

- Max. **1** (!) research project fundamental research per application round
- Max. 2 research projects fundamental research requested + running
- Reference date = date on which newly awarded research project fundamental research (including Weave) would normally start
- For example: Weave project submitted to FWO or to FNRS as Lead in year 2026
  - Counts as max. 1 project submitted in round 2026 (i.e. group of projects fundamental research starting on 01/01/2027)
  - Max. 2 running projects on 01/01/27: If successful, this project will start on 01/01/2027 so on that date you can have max. 1 other project fundamental research ongoing (regular FWO-project or Weave)

# FWO as Lead Agency – Evaluation Procedure

## Step 1

### Remote assessment:

2 external reviewers + 2 panel members  
+ **Rebuttal** by applicants  
*(only for correction/clarification)*

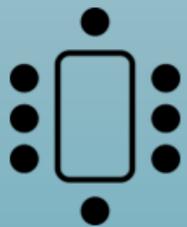


→ Synthesis by panel rapporteur

## Step 2

### Panel meeting:

Consensus scoring & ranking



Selected proposals



Rejected proposals

# FWO as Lead Agency – Evaluation Procedure

## Research Team – 25% weight

- Scientific capacity, track record and collaboration

## Project – 75% weight

- Scientific quality, relevance & originality
- Quality of research approach & feasibility

## Budget

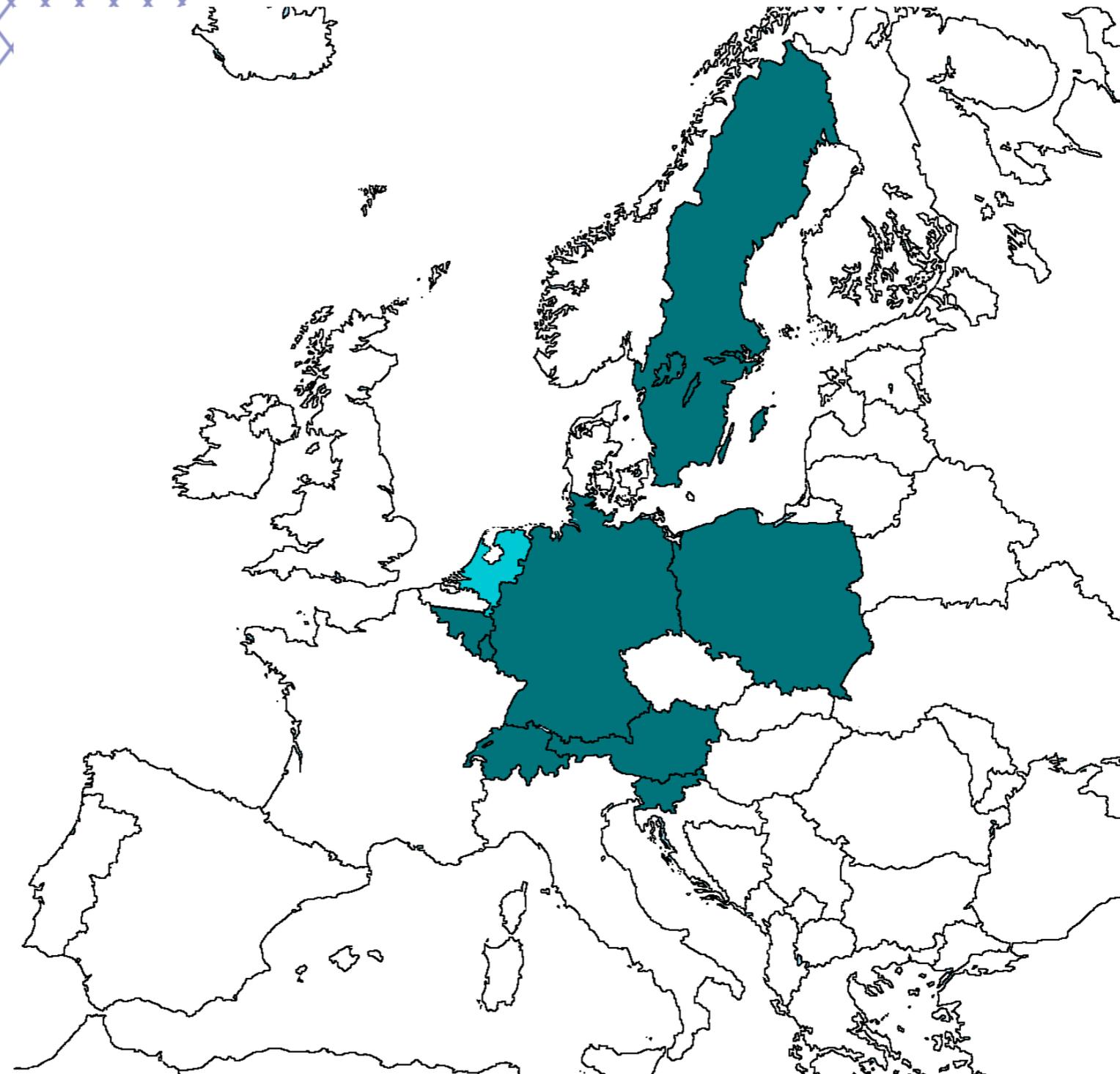
- No criterium, but advice by panel to board of trustees can be given

# FWO as Lead Agency – Timeline



# Weave within FWO

## Call 2026



**In addition!**

Pilot call with **NWO Domain Science**, The Netherlands

# Weave within FWO Partners

## Current partners:

- Austria (FWF)
- French-speaking Community Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS)
- Germany (DFG)
- Luxembourg (FNR)
- The Netherlands (NWO Domain Science) – **Pilot!**
- Poland (NCN)
- Slovenia (ARIS)
- Switzerland (SNSF)
- 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.**

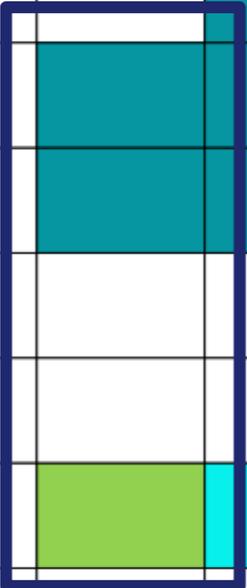
**Please note: with NWO Domain Science, only bilateral projects possible.**

## Further roll-out in coming years:

- Czech Republic: GAČR
- Norway: RCN
- Croatia: HRZZ
- 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.											
	Lead Agency ↓	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	
Flemish researcher(s) submitting a joint research project with...	Luxembourg partner(s) at <b>FNR</b>												since 2021
	Austrian partner(s) at <b>EWE</b>												since 2022
	Slovenian partner(s) at <b>ARIS</b>												since 2023
	Swiss partner(s) at <b>SNSF</b>												2024: no new opportunities
	Polish partner(s) at <b>NCN</b>												since 2025
	Walloon partner(s) at <b>F.R.S.-FNRS</b>												since 2026
	German partner(s) at <b>DFG</b>												
	Swedish partner(s) at <b>Formas</b>												



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

# Collaboration with Austrian partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026 (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 2027, so conditional allocation mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Austrian partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWF-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (specific “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 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Swiss partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ FWO-Deadline: **1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (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 fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Swiss partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ SNSF-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026 (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 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (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](#)
  - Please be aware: recent changes to eligibility criteria and conditions at FNR-side (e.g. budget forks, application pause, topics within Luxembourg National Research Priorities, ...) – **Make sure to check FNR website and documents!**
- ▶ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years **(different in case submitted at FNR!)**
- ▶ FWO performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to FNR who ratifies results
- ▶ Communication results together with projects fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ FNR-Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2026
- ▶ For their specific regulations see [this FNR website](#)
  - Please be aware: recent changes to eligibility criteria and conditions at FNR-side (see previous slide) – **Make sure to check FNR website and documents!**
- ▶ 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 4th year allowed.** In case PhD student is requested in 4th year at FNR: Flemish applicant also allowed to apply for 4th 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 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Slovenian partners

## Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ▶ Submit administrative version at ARIS in time **(identical PDF!)**
- ▶ 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 performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to ARIS who ratifies results
- ▶ Communication results together with projects fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Slovenian partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ ARIS-Deadline: **31<sup>st</sup> of March 2026** (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ▶ 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, to be expected probably by Autumn 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with German partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (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 performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to DFG who ratifies results
- ▶ Ratification by DFG can only be done in Spring 2027, so **conditional allocation** mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with German partners

## Trilaterals allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **DFG-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (specific “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, project duration is three years. (In trilateral projects as well!)**
- ▶ DFG performs evaluation
- ▶ DFG proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ▶ DFG communicates results first, to be expected end of 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Polish partners

**Trilaterals** allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (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 performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to NCN who ratifies results
- ▶ Communication results together with projects fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Polish partners

Trilaterals allowed with:

Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF), Slovenia (ARIS), Austria (FWF) and Germany (DFG).

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

- ▶ **NCN-Deadline**: *Current call recently closed mid-December 2025, next call launch not yet decided (probably mid-September 2026 – start of successful projects 01/01/2028)*
- ▶ 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-2026 (*for current call that was recently closed*)
- ▶ Start of FWO contract (*for current call that was recently closed*): 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Swedish partners

**Trilaterals** allowed with:

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

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (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 (+ Swedish part of joint Weave proposal) must adhere to restrictions within **Formas' areas of responsibility**: environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. See [this overview](#).
- ▶ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years **(different in case submitted at Formas!)**
- ▶ FWO performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to Formas who ratifies results
- ▶ Communication results together with projects fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Swedish partners

Trilaterals allowed with:  
Luxembourg (FNR) and Switzerland (SNSF).

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

- ▶ **Formas-Deadline**: *Current call recently closed mid-October 2025, next call launch not yet decided (probably Autumn 2026 – start of successful projects 01/01/2028)*
- ▶ 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 (+ Swedish part of joint Weave proposal) must adhere to restrictions within **Formas' areas of responsibility**: environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. See [this overview](#).
- ▶ Project duration = max. 4 years at Flemish side / **fixed at 4 years at Swedish side** (shorter project duration currently not possible)
- ▶ Formas performs evaluation
- ▶ Formas proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ▶ Formas communicates results first, to be expected mid-2026 (*for current call that was recently closed*)
- ▶ Start of FWO contract (*for current call that was recently closed*): 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Dutch partners

## Pilot call!

Trilaterals **not** allowed. Only bilateral FWO-NWO projects possible.

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

- ▶ **FWO-Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2026** (respect internal deadlines at your host institution!)
- ▶ Submit administrative version at NWO Domain Science in time **(identical PDF!)**
- ▶ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ▶ All Dutch partners must abide to [NWO Domain Science regulations](#)
- ▶ **Be careful in drafting the proposal.** Following elements **may impact eligibility**:
  - Pilot call organized with **NWO Domain Science (ENW)**. Only proposals eligible within fields of earth sciences, astronomy, chemistry, computer science, life sciences, physics and mathematics. **Therefore, some scopes (FWO expert panels) not eligible. Make sure to check!**
  - All NWO Domain Science rules apply at Dutch side: e.g. **max. 1 Dutch applicant allowed. Make sure to check!** when filling out Dutch part of FWO-application.
  - **Carefully read [these guidelines](#) before starting your application.**
- ▶ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ▶ FWO performs evaluation
- ▶ FWO proposes funding decision to NWO Domain Science who ratifies results
- ▶ Communication results together with projects fundamental research mid-December 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

# Collaboration with Dutch partners

## Pilot call!

Trilaterals **not** allowed. Only bilateral FWO-NWO projects possible.

## 2. Submitting at NWO Domain Science (FWO = Partner Agency)

- ▶ NWO-Deadline: 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2026
- ▶ For their specific regulations see [this NWO Domain Science 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**:
  - Pilot call organized with **NWO Domain Science (ENW)**. Only proposals eligible within fields of earth sciences, astronomy, chemistry, computer science, life sciences, physics and mathematics. **Therefore, some scopes (FWO expert panels) not eligible. Make sure to check!**
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  - Carefully read [these guidelines](#) before starting your application.
- ▶ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
- ▶ NWO Domain Science performs evaluation
- ▶ NWO Domain Science proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ▶ NWO Domain Science communicates results first, to be expected Autumn 2026
- ▶ Start of FWO contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2027

## 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.
  - **Attention!** Make sure to respect rules and conditions of Partner Agency/ies, e.g. NWO Domain Science only allows for max. 1 Dutch applicant (no co-applicants allowed).
- ▶ 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.

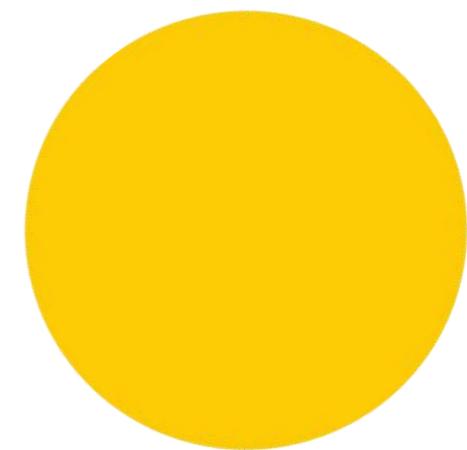
## Points of Attention

- ▶ 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](#).
  - Please be aware: at FWO side the project duration of the **entire integrated project** (as a whole) is taken into account (eg. for calculation quota, timing reports, etc.), not only the period in which FWO funding is requested.
- ▶ The success rate of the Lead Agency applies, capped at 20%.
- ▶ Communication with the researchers is done through the Lead Agency (where proposal is submitted and evaluated).

## Weave at FWO

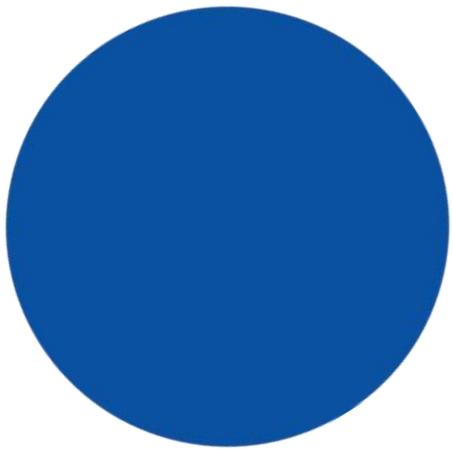
- ▶ [European Weave webpage](#)
- ▶ Weave-specific FWO webpages including more background info, deadlines, criteria, ...
  - FWO as [Lead](#)
  - FWO as [Partner](#)
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# Questions and Answers



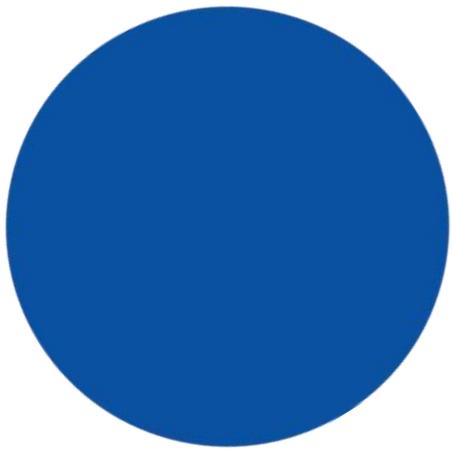


*Nota: my research project concerns Urban Animal Welfare. It is a transdisciplinary project, so I consider the research domains are either LS and SH. Is this an advantage for WEAVE funding ?*

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- Weave is a bottom-up initiative. There are no thematic restrictions or bonuses.
  - One needs to choose the appropriate thematic evaluation committee.

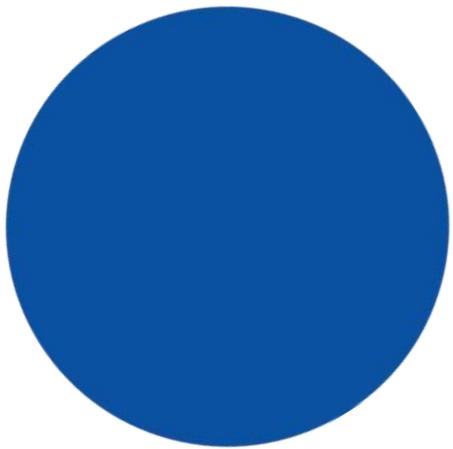


*Is it possible to submit a joint research project involving universities in Belgium, France, and the Netherlands?*

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- France is not part of the Weave initiative (yet). ANR is *observer* and involved in the Weave discussions since the very beginning but they did not sign the formal Weave agreement (yet). Interests in collaborating within Weave with colleagues in France can always be directly expressed to ANR, for example via your French partners.
  - BE-NL projects are possible for FWO as part of a pilot call with NWO Domain Science. Please read the [specific conditions](#) of this pilot before starting your application.



*Does FWO allow 2 Flemish institutions to collaborate in WEAVE, with 1 German partner, with the Flemish institutions being responsible for a joint PhD project tied to WEAVE?*

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- At Flemish (FWO) side it is possible to include more than 1 institution, being responsible for a joint PhD, as long as the scientific added value of each partner and this joint PhD is clearly justified in the application.
  - All budgets requested (for this joint PhD or any other expenses for staff, consumables, equipment) should always be described and justified in detail as well.
  - The Lead Agency is responsible for the evaluation of the entire proposal, including all budgets requested at Lead and Partner sides.

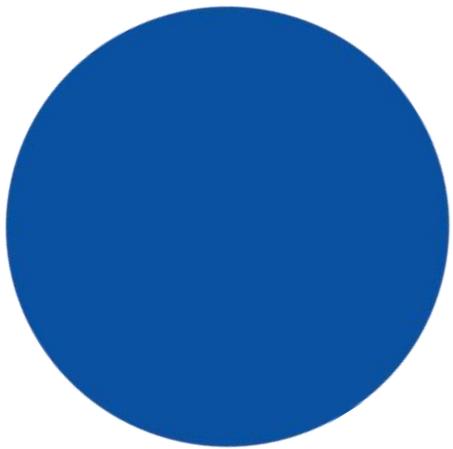


*Do we have the possibility to be the promotor of both a Weave project and PDR-FNRS project?*

➔ WEAVE and PDR can be cumulated. You can be a main promoter for 1 WEAVE (participating in call from partner agency) and 1 PDR (participating in Credits-Projects call of the F.R.S.-FNRS).

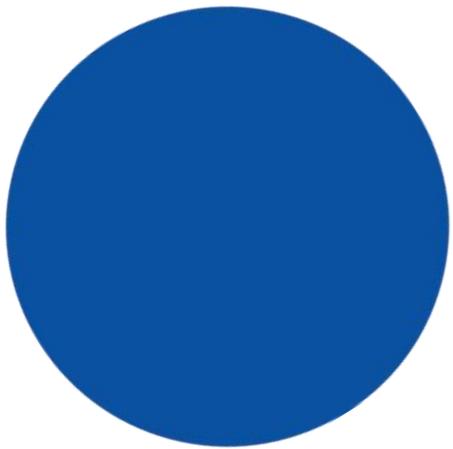


*I have two questions for the speaker: (i) is it possible to resubmit an application which has been submitted the year before (after revision)? (ii) will the format for the FNRS submission be the same as last year?*

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- Yes, you can resubmit an application that was submitted before (as long as you respect the accumulation rules of your agency). Please make sure to clearly indicate in all transparency that it concerns a resubmission and where/how your consortium took into account the feedback of the experts.
  - The format will not change for the FNRS submission.



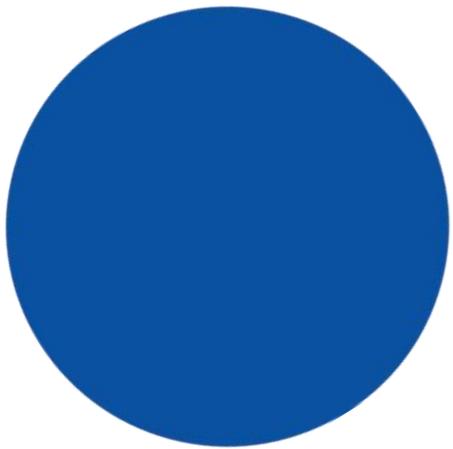
*In case I am the main promoter of a PDR with a Weave partner from Flanders, should my co-promoter from Flanders match his budget to the FNRS scale or could he add additional tasks for his lab in the project and increase his budget to the FWO scale (twice higher)?*



➔ There does not need to be an exact match. Budget should be planned according to the regulations of your funding agency and according to the scientific needs.

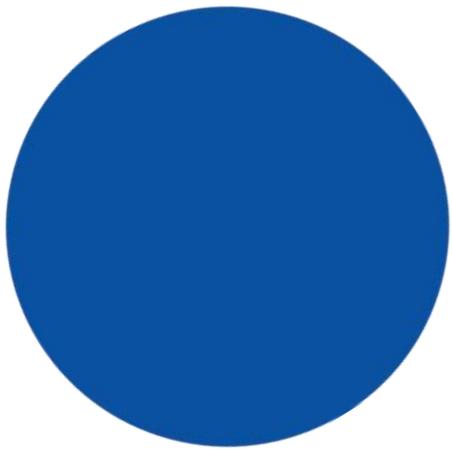


*What are the deadlines in 2026 for FWO and for FNRS  
? two different deadlines for the same joint  
application ?*

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- Depends which funding agency is Lead.
  - FWO call: deadline – April 1<sup>st</sup> + mandatory administrative application to F.R.S.-FNRS – April 8<sup>th</sup>
  - FNRS call: deadline – July 7<sup>th</sup> + mandatory administrative application to FWO – July 14<sup>th</sup>

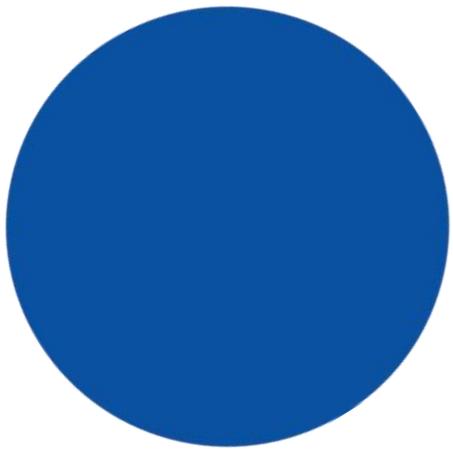


*Is it the lead agency which decides on whether to fund a WEAVE project or do both agencies do that?*

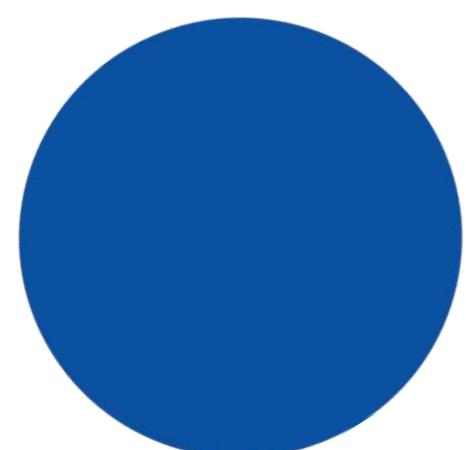
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- The Lead agency evaluates the projects; makes funding recommendations based on its own procedures and submits it to the partner agency.
  - The partner agency ratifies the recommended projects.



*Can I submit a WEAVE application with FWO as the lead agency in addition to an application of a "junior research project" submitted to FWO? If not, can I submit both proposals if FWO is the partner agency for the WEAVE proposal?*



→ No, this is not possible due to the FWO accumulation rule that states: regardless of the fact whether the FWO is Lead or Partner Agency, Weave projects are always taken into account for the maximum of one research project fundamental research per application round for which you can act as (co-)supervisor(-spokesperson), regardless of whether budget is requested or not.



**Thank you for your attention**