



Information session on Weave

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

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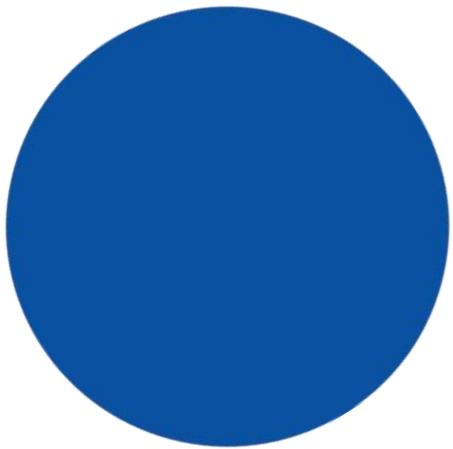
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Overview

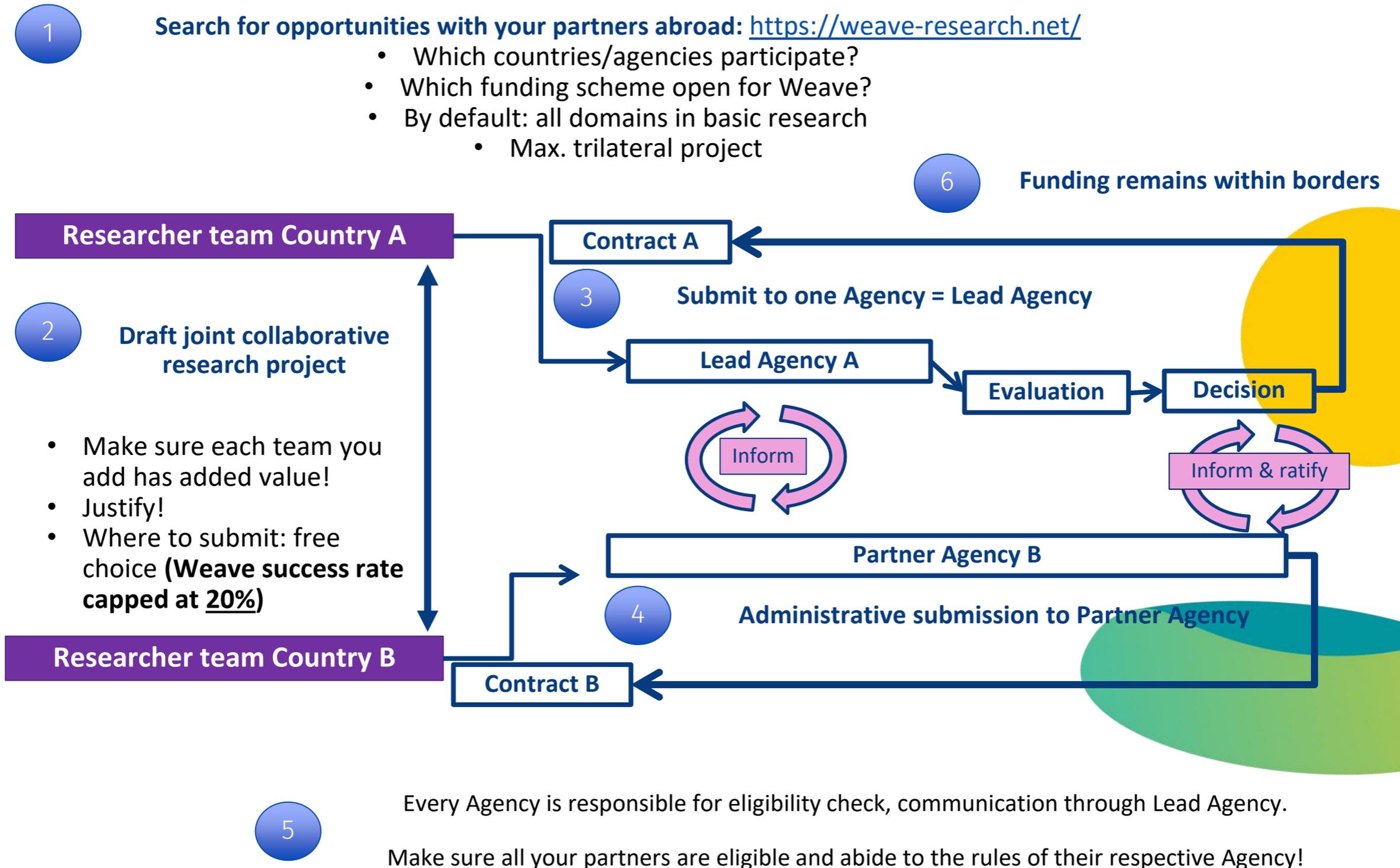
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1. *Weave in General*
 2. *Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS*
 3. *Weave within FWO*
 4. *Questions and answers*

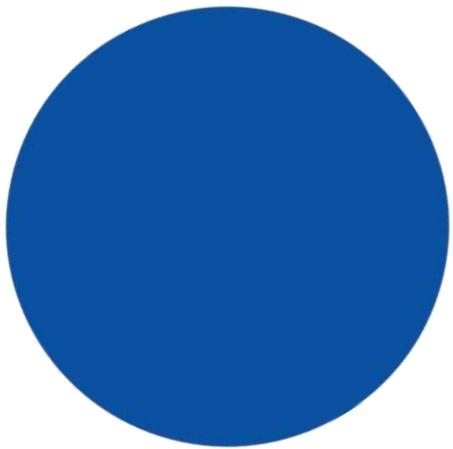
What is Weave?



Weave video: <https://youtu.be/dwRMKYiCNxc>

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, ...)
- No double jeopardy
- Applicants familiar with regulations as Weave is embedded in existing funding programs



Participating Funding Organisations



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 Agency/*ARRS*
SLOVENIA



Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development/*FORMAS*
SWEDEN



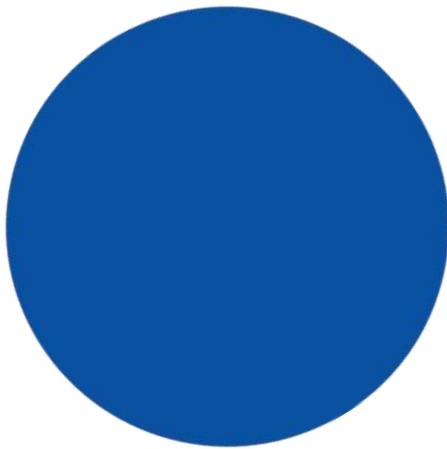
Swiss National Science Foundation/*SNSF*
SWITZERLAND





In practice

2 possibilities:

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1. Submit at your own funding agency for which you are an eligible researcher
 - FWO “Junior and Senior Research Projects” 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 of the funding agency applies
 2. Submit full proposal elsewhere
 - For researchers from the Flemish community: 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

The Weave tool : <https://weave-research.net/>



Organisation

Choose 2 or 3 organizations

Submission date

Today - 2024-01-05

SEARCH

Search results generated on 2023-01-19 10:26:48

Today - 2025-01-19 FWO FRS-FNRS

Lead agency	Partner agency	Submission deadline	Indicative earliest joint start	Indicative latest joint start	Comments
FWO	FRS-FNRS	2023-04-01	2024-01-01	2024-01-01	^
The FWO call for fundamental research projects opens mid-January, with a deadline on the 1st of April and a start of the granted projects on January 1st of the next year. Please notice that depending on the procedures of the partner organisation, it is possible that the decision is communicated after January 1st. If the F.R.S.-FNRS is a partner agency, then a copy of the proposal submitted to the lead agency must be sent to the F.R.S.-FNRS within 7 days after the deadline of the lead agency.					
FRS-FNRS	FWO	2023-07-04 (indicative)	2024-01-01 (indicative)	2024-01-01 (indicative)	^
F.R.S.-FNRS has one call for lead-agency proposals per year, which opens end of May and has a submission deadline typically on the first Tuesday of July. The granted projects formally start on January 1st of the following year. If FWO is a partner agency, then an administrative submission needs to be done to the FWO within 7 days after the deadline of the lead agency.					

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NEW SEARCH

Collaboration within Belgium

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

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023
- ✓ Submit administrative version at F.R.S.-FNRS before 10th of April 2023 (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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration within Belgium

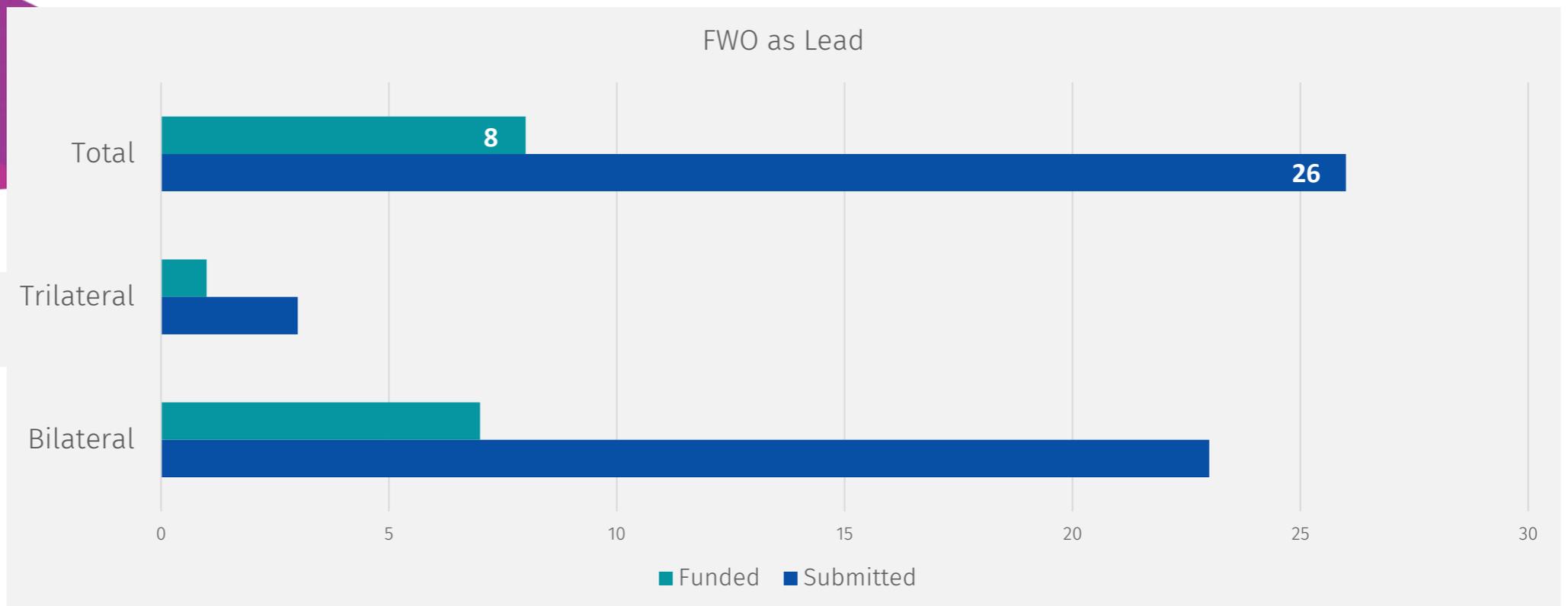
Trilaterals are allowed with:
Luxembourg (FNR); Germany (DFG) and Switzerland (SNSF)

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

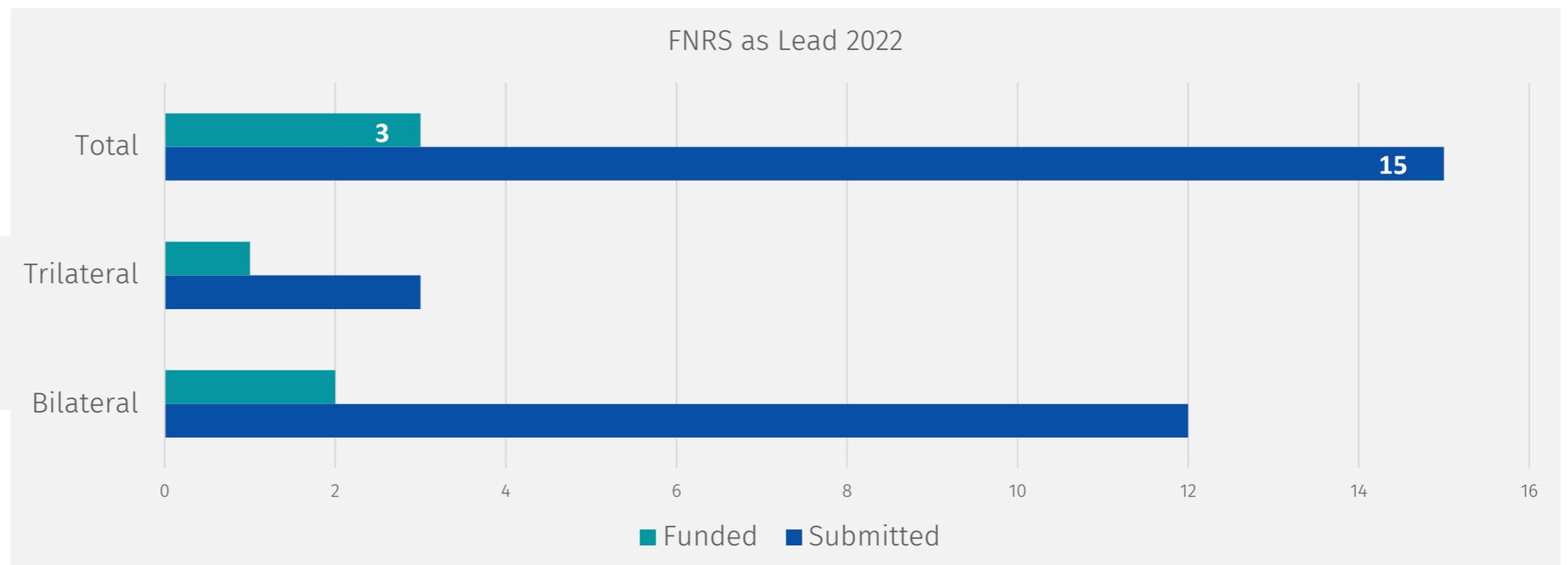
- ✓ Deadline: 6th of July 2023
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO before 18th of July 2023
- *Please be aware: No more administrative pre-submission needed when FWO is involved as Partner Agency!*
- ✓ All FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Flemish partners must abide to [FWO regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration: max. 4 years (equal project duration on both sides)
- ✓ F.R.S.-FNRS performs evaluation
- ✓ F.R.S.-FNRS proposes funding decision to FWO
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Collaboration within Belgium in 2022

FWO = Lead

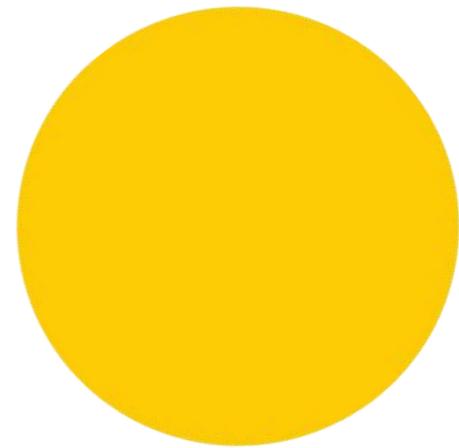


FNRS = Lead



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Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS



WEAVE COLLABORATIONS OF THE F.R.S.-FNRS IN 2022



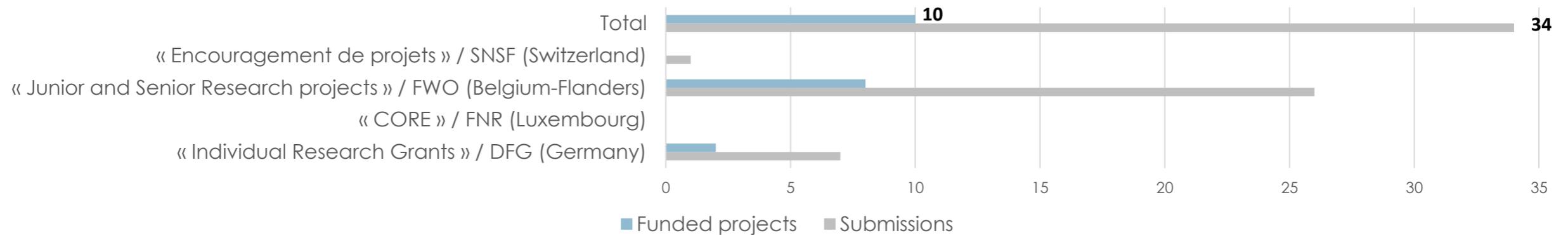
F.R.S.-FNRS collaborated with:

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



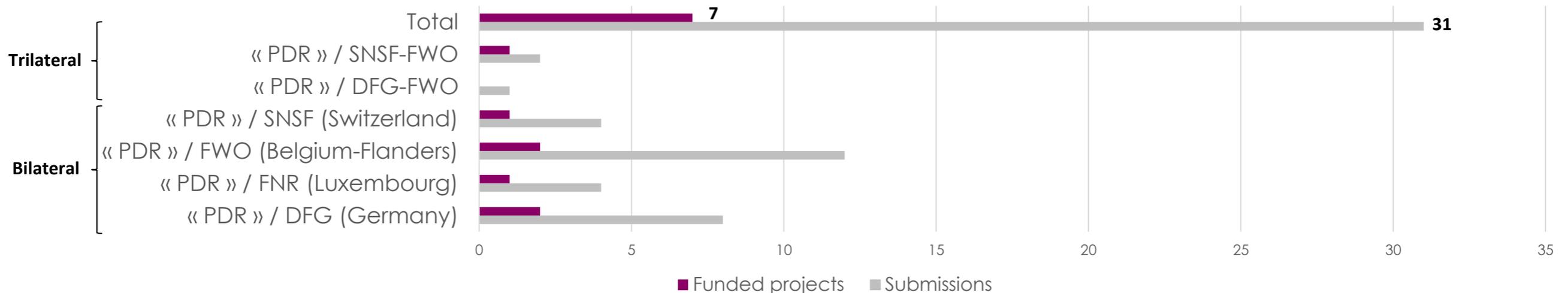
PDR-Weave → Weave

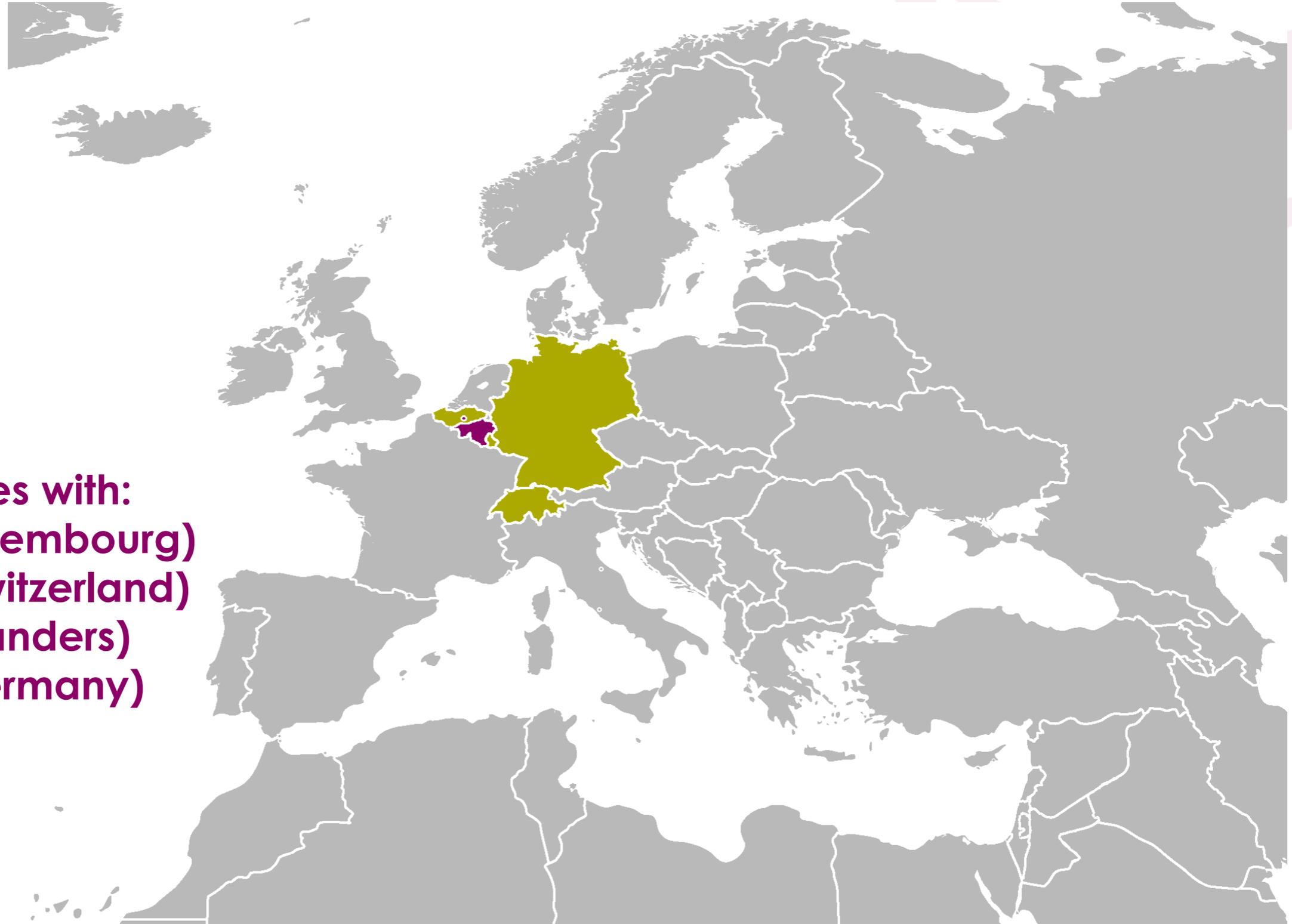
Weave 2022



PDR

PDR 2022





F.R.S.-FNRS

collaborates with:

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

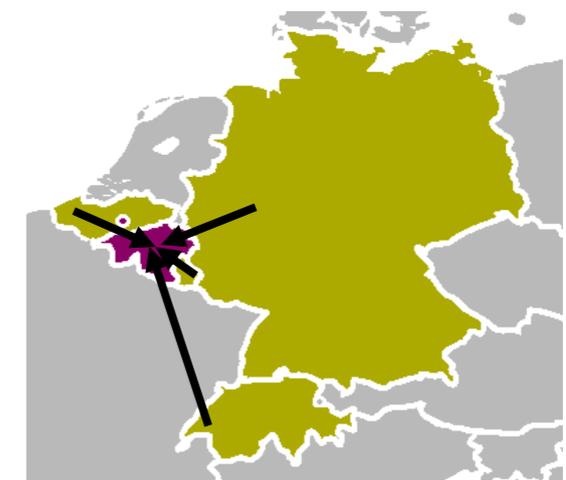
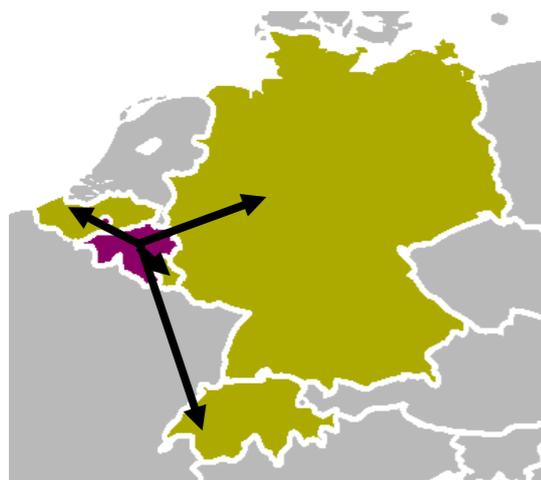
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At Lead Agency

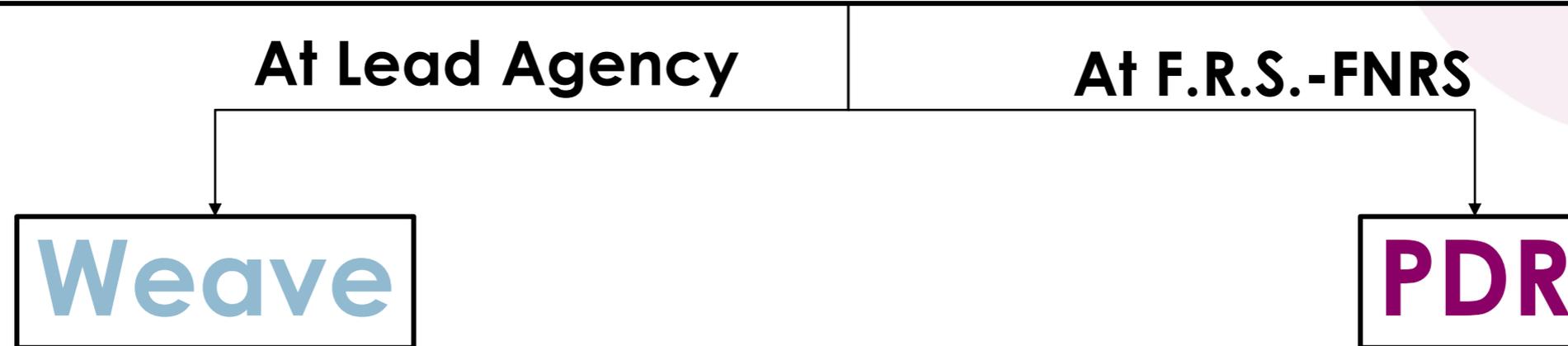
At F.R.S.-FNRS

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

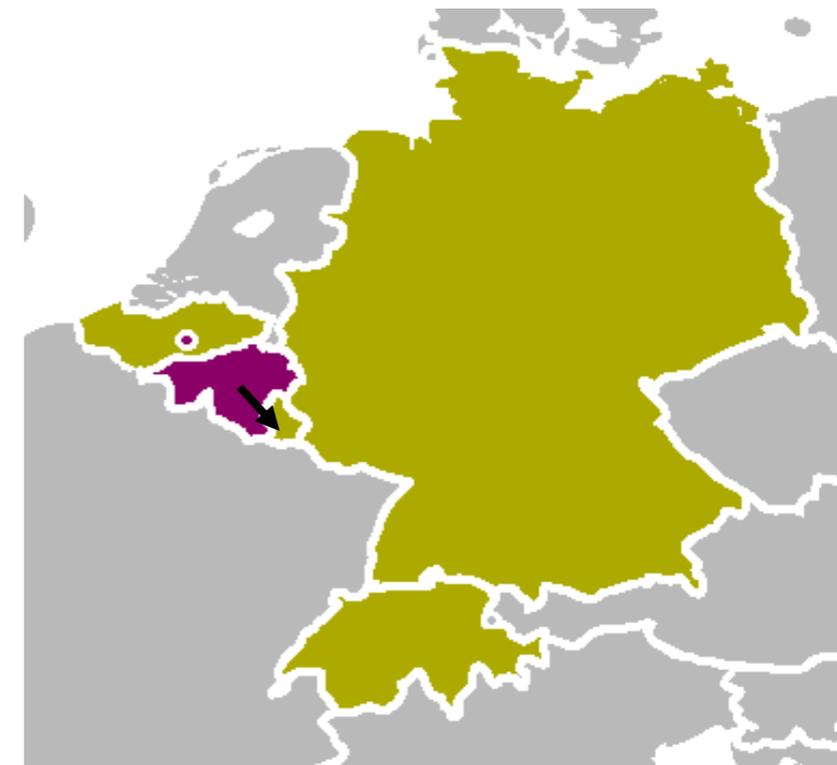
- FNR deadline: April 20, 2023
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 27, 2023
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

Evaluation

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

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

- January 1st, 2024



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

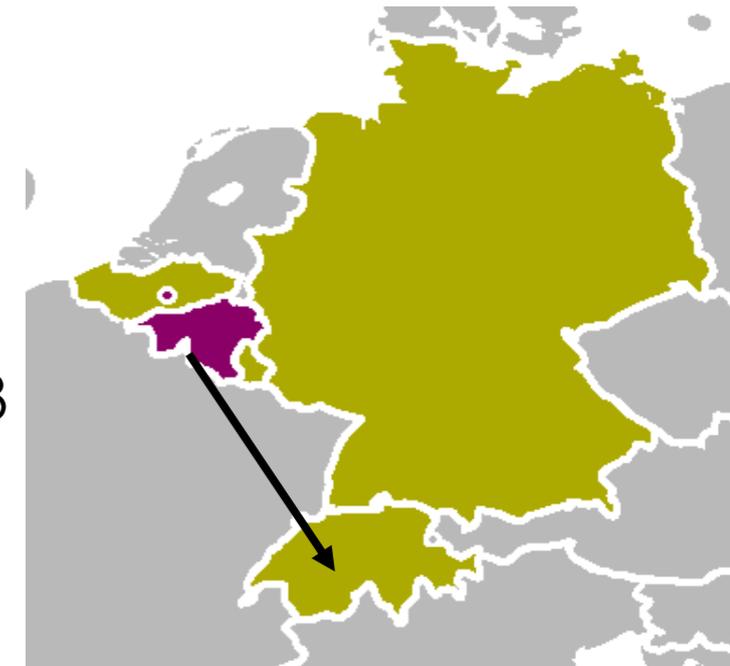
- SNSF deadlines: April 3, 2023 and October 2, 2023
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadlines: April 10, 2023 and October 9, 2023
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

Evaluation

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

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

- For April deadline: January 1st, 2024
- For October deadline: June 1st, 2024



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

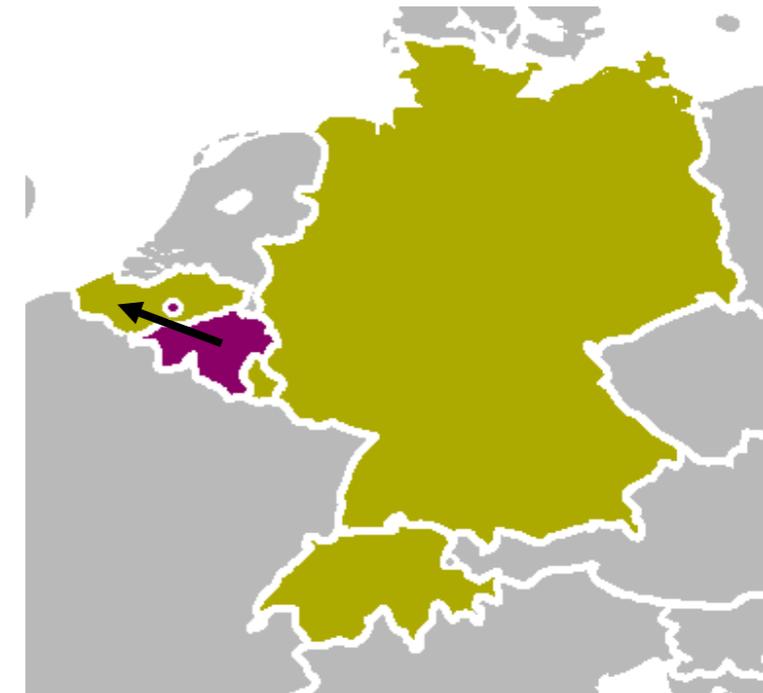
- FWO deadline: April 3, 2023
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 10, 2023
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

Evaluation

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

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

- January 1st, 2024



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

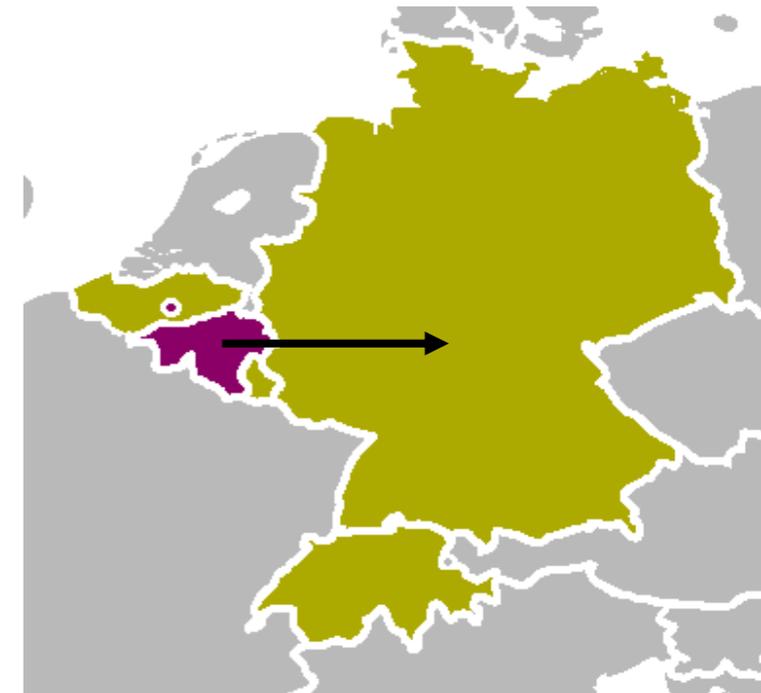
- DFG deadline: April 3, 2023
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 10, 2023
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

Evaluation

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

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

- January 1st, 2024



SUMMARY

	Deadlines Lead	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
FNR (LU)	April 20, 2023	April 27, 2023	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2024	
SNSF (CH)	April 3, 2023 and October 2, 2023	April 10, 2023 and October 9, 2023	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2024 and June 1, 2024	
FWO (BE-FL)	April 3, 2023	April 10, 2023	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2024	
DFG (DE)	April 3, 2023	April 10, 2023	3 years	84.000€/year or 120,750€/year	January 1, 2024	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

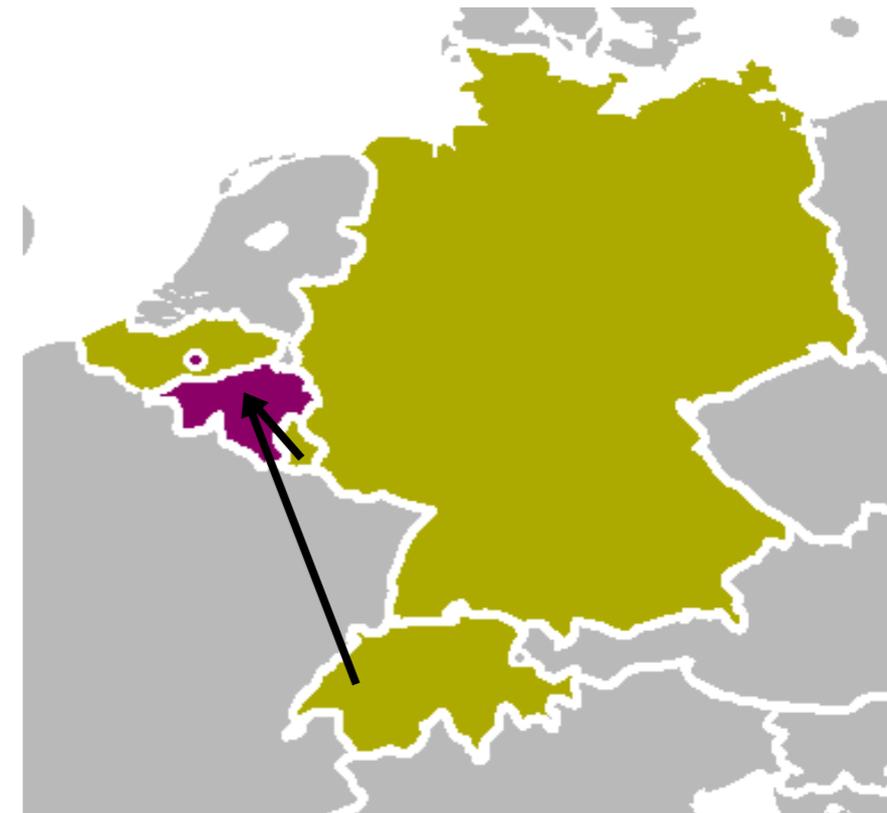
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 6, 2023
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

Evaluation

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

Project start date

- January 1st, 2024 (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

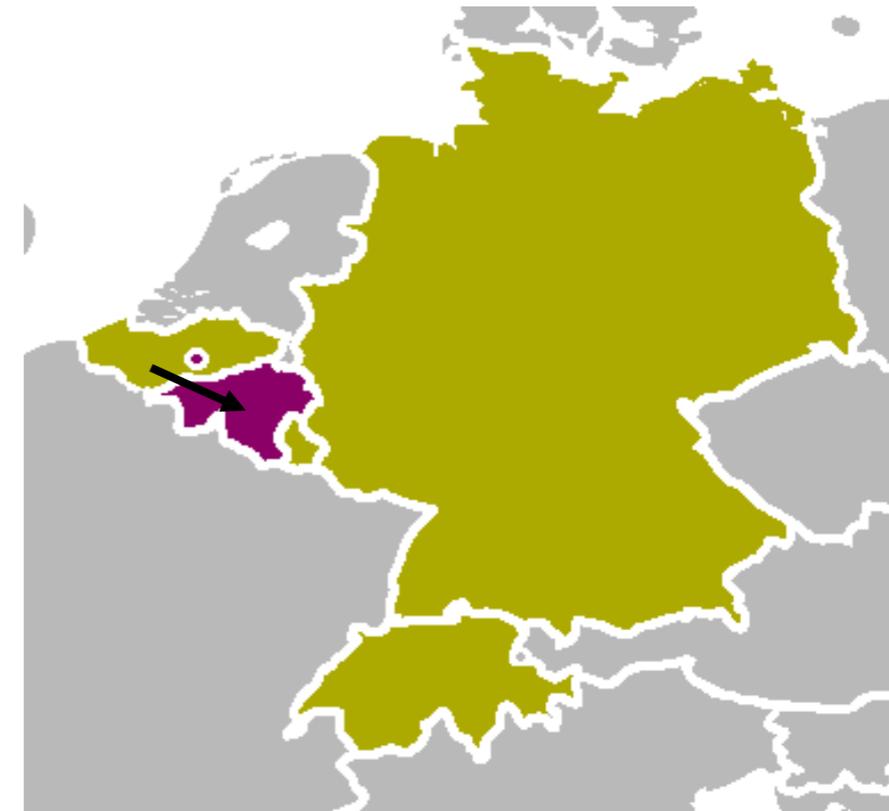
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Evaluation

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

Project start date

- January 1st, 2024 (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 6, 2023
- 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

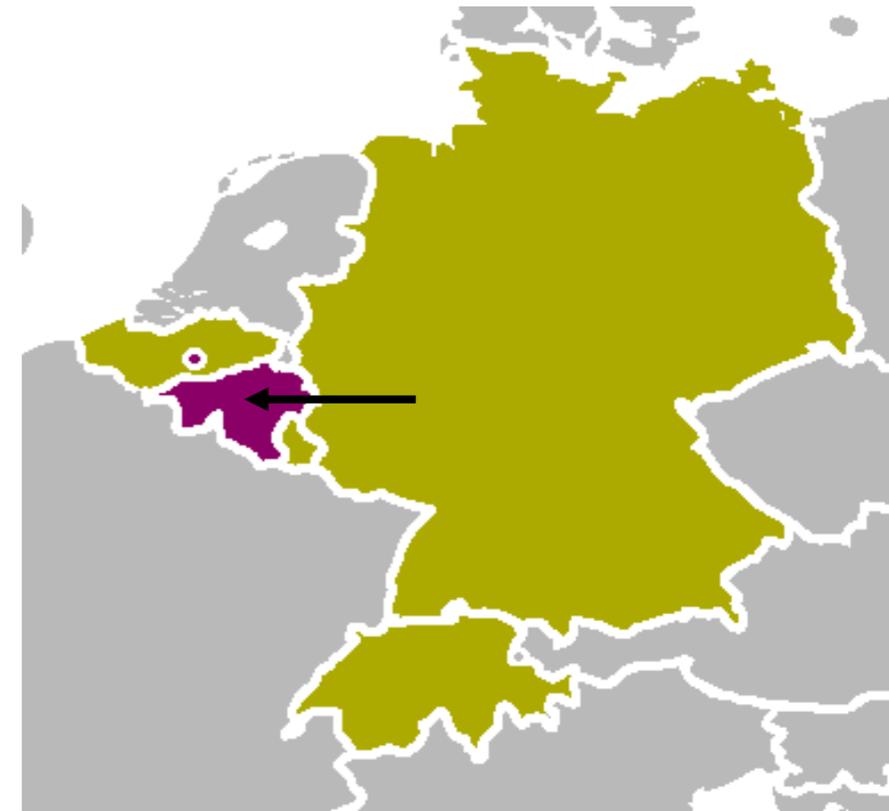
- Cost for entire duration of PhD (48 months) included in the maximum budget

Evaluation

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

Project start date

- April 1st, 2024 (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

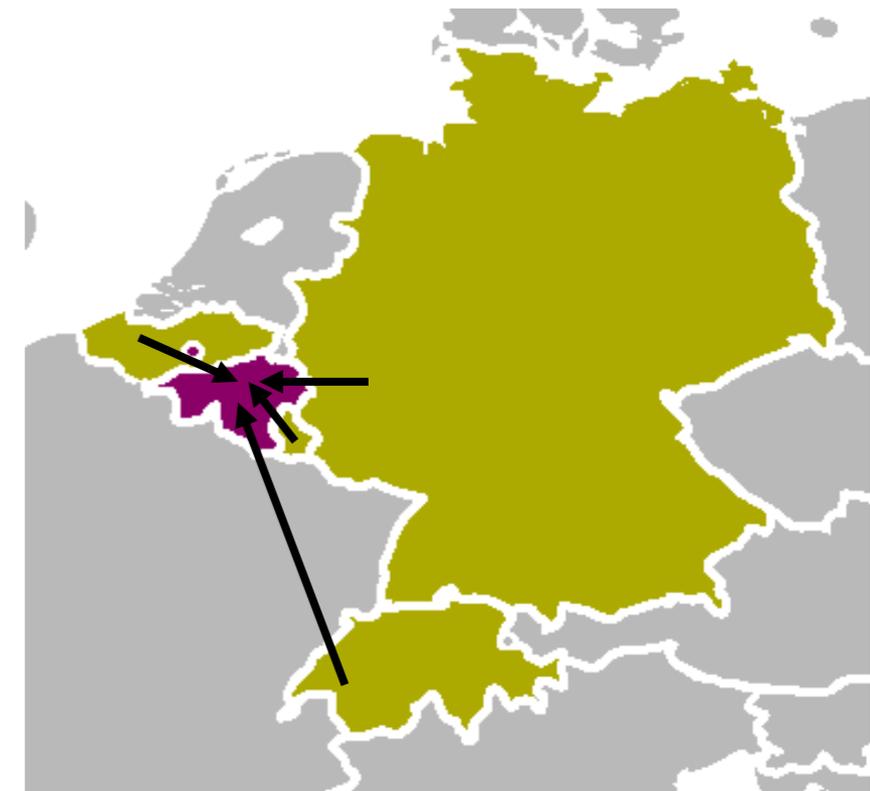
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 6, 2023
- Partners deadline 7 working days after F.R.S.-FNRS

Evaluation

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

Project start date

- January 1st, 2024 for projects not involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)
- April 1st, 2024 for projects involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



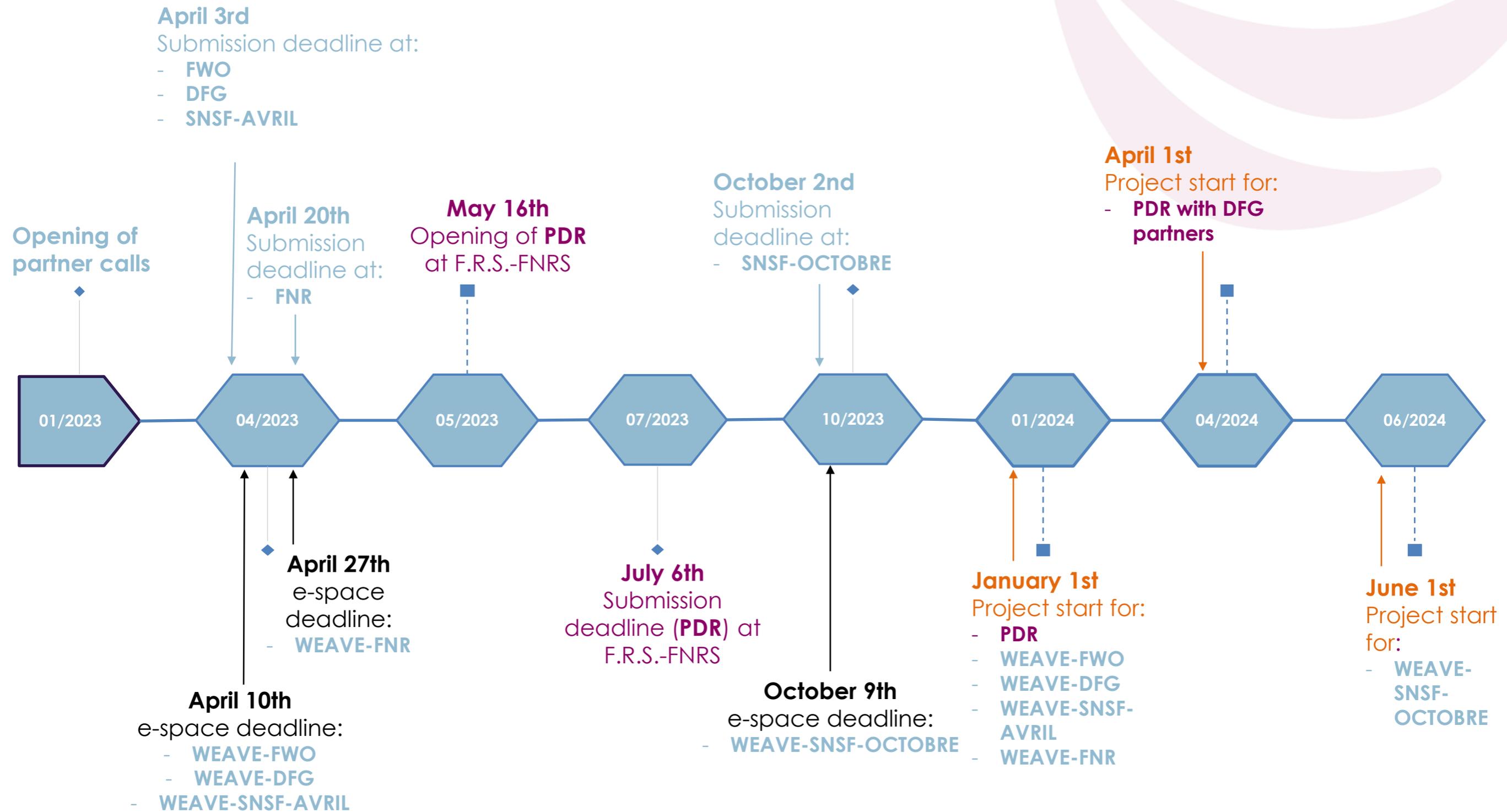
F.R.S.-FNRS AS LEAD AGENCY → « PDR »



SUMMARY

	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Deadline partner	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
FNR (LU)	July 6, 2023	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, 2024 (April 1, 2024 if DFG)	
SNSF (CH)	July 6, 2023	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, 2024 (April 1, 2024 if DFG) and June 1, 2024	
FWO (BE-FL)	July 6, 2023	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, 2024 (April 1, 2024 if DFG)	
DFG (DE)	July 6, 2023	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	3 years	336.000€ or 483,000€ per project	April 1, 2024	Whole funding of PhD included in budget

TIMELINE



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Weave within FWO



Weave Call 2022 within FWO

FWO as Lead

Weave partners involved	Bilateral eligible	Trilateral eligible	Bilateral granted	Trilateral granted
FWO-ARRS (Slovenia)	17		1	
FWO-DFG (Germany)	8		2	
FWO-FNR (Luxembourg)	5		1	
FWO-FNRS (Wallonia)	23		7	
FWO-FWF (Austria)	13		3	
FWO-NCN (Poland)	2		0	
FWO-SNSF (Switzerland)	11		4	
FWO-ARRS-DFG		2		0
FWO-ARRS-NCN		1		0
FWO-ARRS-SNSF		1		0
FWO-DFG-NCN		2		0
FWO-FNRS-SNSF		2		1
FWO-FNRS-FWF		1		0
FWO-FWF-SNSF		1		1
FWO-FWF-NCN		1		0
Total	79	11	18	2
		90		20

Weave Call 2022 within FWO FWO as Partner

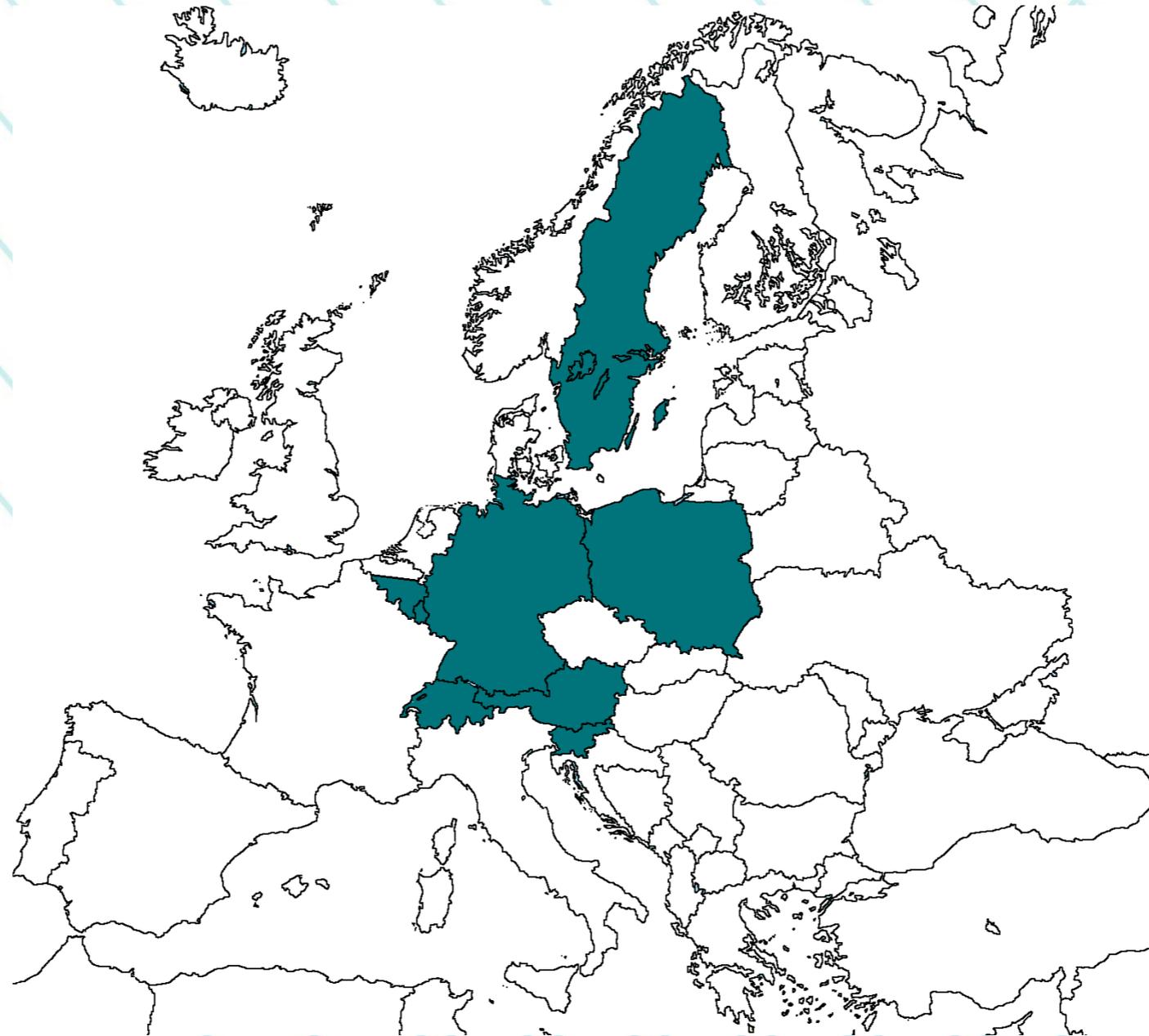
Weave partners involved	Bilateral eligible	Trilateral eligible	Bilateral granted	Trilateral granted
ARRS-FWO	5		1	
DFG-FWO	18		3	
FNR-FWO	2		1	
FWF-FWO	14		3	
SNSF-FWO	4		1	
FNRS-FWO	12		2	
ARRS-FWO-HRZZ		1		0
DFG-FWO-SNSF		1		1
DFG-FWO-GACR		0		0
FNR-FWO-NCN		1		0
FNR-FWO-FWF		1		0
FWF-FWO-ARRS		0		0
FWF-FWO-DFG		1		0
FNRS-FWO-DFG		1		0
FNRS-FWO-SNSF		2		1
Total	55	8	11	2
		63		13

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 AGENT)
 - **Panel structure reform**: panel scopes reformed, new MED9 panel created, 'specific interdisciplinary panel'
 - **New 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 working days after deadline Lead
 - Use specific form: RESEARCH PROJECT WEAVE (FWO ACTS AS PARTNER AGENT)
- 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 2023 FWO collaborates with:

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

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

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
- New partners that might sign Weave agreement in future

Additional opportunities for researchers in Flanders

Weave collaboration opportunities for researchers in Flanders - 2023

FWO as Partner agency

		... 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 ARRS	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 FNR												since 2021
	Austrian partner(s) at FWF												since 2022
	Slovenian partner(s) at ARRS												new from 2023 onwards
	Swiss partner(s) at SNSF												
	Polish partner(s) at NCN												
	Walloon partner(s) at F.R.S.-FNRS												
	German partner(s) at DFG												
	Swedish partner(s) at Formas												

*Please be aware that within the Weave initiative only bilateral or trilateral collaborations are possible.

Collaboration with Austrian partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 can only be done in March 2024, so conditional allocation mid-December 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024 (flexible starting date for FWF part: within 6 months after approval FWF Board)

Collaboration with Austrian partners

2. Submitting at FWF (FWO = Partner Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:
Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF),
Slovenia (ARRS), Poland (NCN), Germany
(DFG)

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (specific deadline!)
- ✓ 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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024 (flexible starting date for FWF part: within 6 months after approval FWF Board)

Collaboration with Swiss partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with Swiss partners

2. Submitting at SNSF (FWO = Partner Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (not possible to submit within 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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

2. Submitting at FNR (FWO = Partner Agency)

- ✓ Deadline: 20th of April 2023
- ✓ 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 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 4th budget year!**
- ✓ FNR performs evaluation
- ✓ FNR proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ FNR communicates results first, to be expected end of 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

Collaboration with Slovenian partners

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) **(NEW!)**

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at ARRS in time (identical PDF!)
 - **Deadline administrative submission to ARRS: 3rd of April at 2 PM (CET) sharp**
+ copy of full application as submitted to FWO needs to be submitted as well to ARRS within 8 days after FWO deadline!
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ All Slovenian partners must abide to [ARRS regulations](#)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = max. 4 years
(different in case submitted at ARRS!)
- ✓ FWO proposes funding decision to ARRS who ratifies results
- ✓ Communication results together with projects FO mid-December 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with Slovenian partners

2. Submitting at ARRS (FWO = Partner Agency)

- ✓ Deadline: 28th of February 2023, 2 PM sharp (!)
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this ARRS 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 (!)
- ✓ ARRS performs evaluation
- ✓ ARRS proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ ARRS communicates results first, to be expected after Summer 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024 (ARRS part can start earlier)

Trilaterals are allowed with:
Switzerland (SNSF), Poland (NCN), Austria (FWF), Croatia (HRZZ) and Luxembourg (FNR) (NEW!)

Collaboration with German partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:
Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF),
Slovenia (ARRS), Poland (NCN), Austria
(FWF), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden
(Formas) **(NEW!)**

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 2024, so conditional allocation mid-December 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with German partners

2. Submitting at DFG (FWO = Partner Agency)

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (specific deadline!)
- ✓ 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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024 (flexible starting date for DFG part: within 1 year after approval DFG Board)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

Collaboration with Polish partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:
Luxembourg (FNR), Switzerland (SNSF),
Slovenia (ARRS), Austria (FWF), Germany
(DFG), Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS) and Sweden
(Formas) **(NEW!)**

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Collaboration with Polish partners

2. Submitting at NCN (FWO = Partner Agency)

- ✓ Deadline: 15th of December 2023
- ✓ 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-2024
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January **2025** (Polish researchers may start earlier)

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

NEW from 2023 onwards: Collaboration with Swedish partners

1. Submitting at FWO (FWO = Lead Agency)

Trilaterals are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 3rd of April 2023 (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 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

NEW from 2023 onwards: Collaboration with Swedish partners

2. Submitting at Formas (FWO = Partner Agency)

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

- ✓ Deadline: 30th of March 2023
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this Formas website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ 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, to be expected December 2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2024

Other important messages

- 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 requested budgets in Lead Agency application are identical to the requested budgets in administrative submissions to Partner Agency – 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.
- Make sure to upload in administrative submission to Partner Agency the complete and identical application with all attachments (not only project description) as submitted to the Lead Agency

Other important messages

- You cannot submit the identical Weave project to more than one funding agency in the same 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:

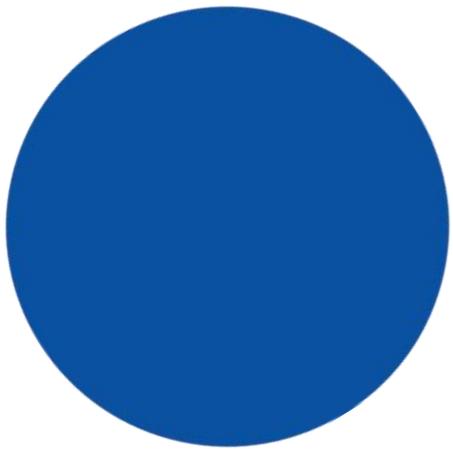
- [European Weave webpage](#) including simulation tool: With whom can I submit what where?
- Weave-specific [FWO webpage](#) including more background info as well as what to do in case FWO acts as Lead Agency or Partner Agency
- FWO contacts:
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 - Isabelle Verbaeys – Head of International Affairs – T +32 2 550 15 31
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Questions and Answers





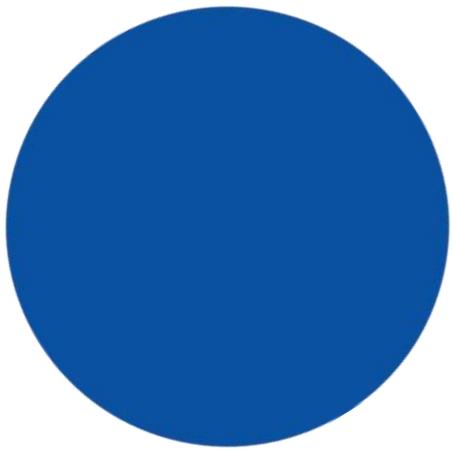
Il est toujours utile de disposer des présentations en version électronique et enregistrée à l'issue du webinaire. Est-ce que ce sera le cas ? Par avance, je vous remercie.



→ All slides and the video recording of this info-session will be made available on the FWO and FNRS websites.

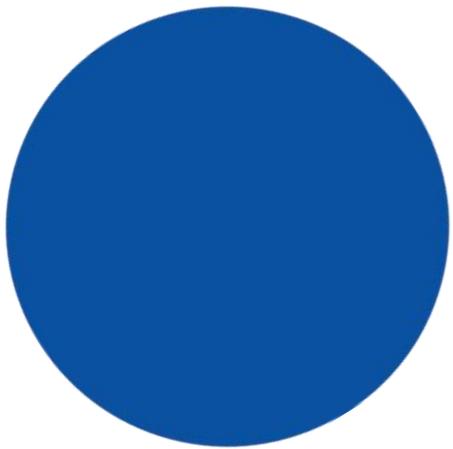


Is it possible to submit a project bringing together researchers from FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS and another partner?

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- ➔ Trilateral collaborations are possible. Depending on the Lead Agency chosen, partners may differ.
 - ➔ 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), ARRS (SI), F.R.S.-FNRS (BE-FR), NCN (PL) and **Formas (SE) – NEW from 2023 onwards!**



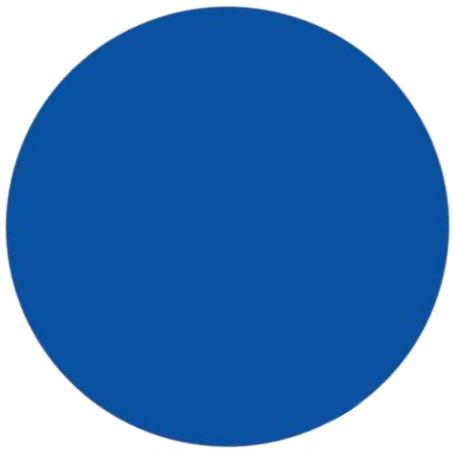
How are the chances of success influenced by picking the lead agency? For instance, will the lead agency give most value to the scientific weight of its own applicant? So is it better to apply with the agency of the 'more senior', 'more excellent' partner?



➔ No, the Lead Agency is responsible for the evaluation of the entire project proposal, so the Lead Agency will assess all researchers involved (its own researchers + researchers applying for funding at another funding agency (Partner Agency)) applying the same scientific criteria and weight.



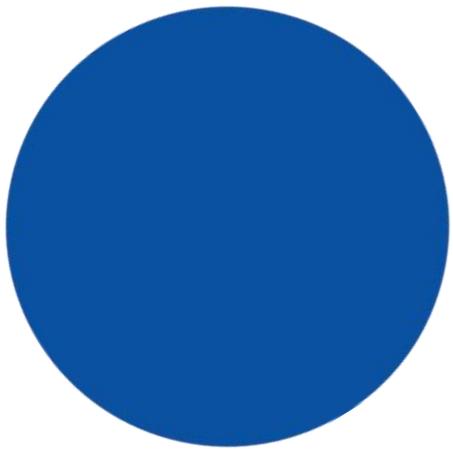
I live in Austria. If I want to apply for weave and FWF is the lead organisation, when should I apply? According to FWF I should apply according to the guidelines of Stand-Alone Projects which have no strict deadlines but a processing time of 4 to 6 months in general. Is this correct?



→ In principle, FWF as Lead Agency indeed has a continuous submission system but when FWO is involved as Partner Agency (when researchers from Flanders are involved), FWF agreed to also set a deadline (03/04/2023). The result will be ratified end-2023 and successful projects will start at Flemish side on 01/01/2024.



The WEAVE website mentions two deadlines for WEAVE-calls between Poland and FWO. However, the FWO website mentions that only specific deadlines apply and that the current deadline for the call for collaborations between Poland and FWO is closed. We were wondering how we should interpret this apparent contradiction.



→ Please be aware that the FWO Weave webpages will be updated today (launch of the new Weave call at FWO).

For bilateral Flemish-Polish collaboration within Weave there are indeed 2 possibilities:

- (1) Submit to FWO as Lead (deadline: 03/04/2023)
- (2) Submit to NCN as Lead (deadline: 15/12/2023)

Please see aforementioned slides on FWO-NCN collaboration for more details.



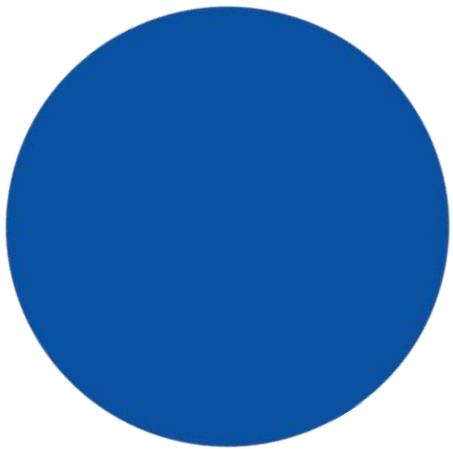
It appears that a collaborative project involving the FWO and the GACR Czech Science Foundation is currently not among the possible applications under WEAVE. Is this the case and will this change in the near future or not?

➔ Yes, this is correct since FWO and GACR don't have a bilateral Weave agreement/collaboration yet. (see aforementioned slide "Current FWO Weave partners")



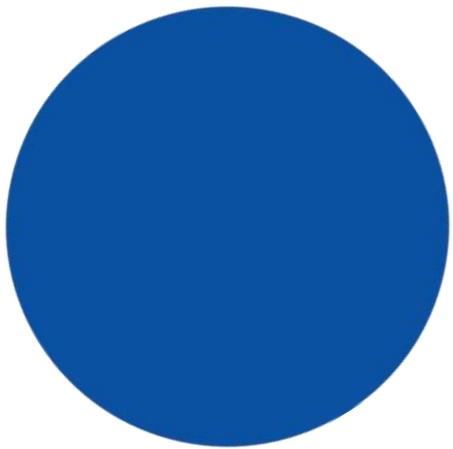
How many WEAVE projects were applied for (and granted) for Flanders and Wallonia since the initiative was launched?

In Weave call 2022:

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- ➔ 26 submissions - 8 projects funded with FWO as Lead
 - ➔ 15 submissions - 3 projects funded with FNRS as Lead



Can partners from countries that are not already included in the Weave agreement be involved as a third party? (e.g. Norway)

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- Other countries can participate but on their own funds.
 - For FWO: apart from the foreign research institutions deemed eligible by the foreign Weave partner(s), no other non-Flemish research institutions are allowed to participate in the Weave application (in contrast with regular sr/jr projects where 10% of total project budget can go abroad).



Is it possible to say anything about success rates?

- ➔ 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, capped at 20%. Most included funding agencies have a regular success rate around 20%.



This question relates to projects between DFG and FWO. Last year, only 3 years of funding could be requested instead of the typical 4 years. Will there be opportunities to request funding for the 4th year at FWO in the 2023 call?

➔ No, for consortia involving German and Flemish researchers in Weave call 2023 the max. project duration allowed at German as well as at Flemish side will still be max. 3 years.



I was wondering whether, given the inflation, the budget (for personnel) would be adjusted accordingly?

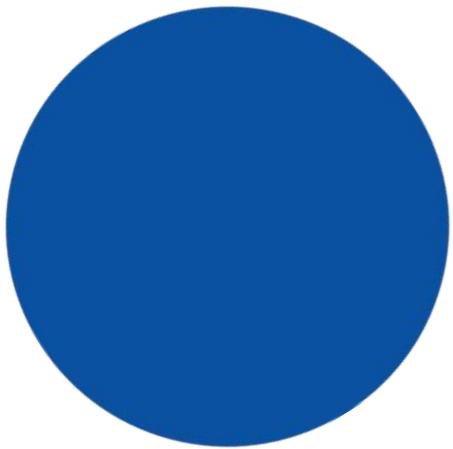
→ F.R.S.-FNRS: amounts have been adapted for 2023

→ FWO: Budgets limits have been increased:

- Staff and consumables (NEW budget forks!): at least € 50,000 per year for the entire project (all Flemish, federal and non-Flemish institutions included) and at most € 145,000 per year per Flemish/federal institution (before it was € 130,000).
- Equipment: max. € 150,000 per project (all Flemish and federal institutions included).

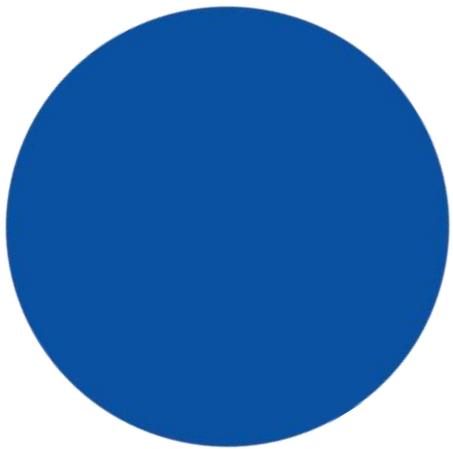


The FWO panel structure has proven particularly problematic for me. I am a physicist and develop computational models and data analysis techniques, but I am affiliated to a faculty of psychology, and this most often means that my proposals are not understood at their foundations. Is there a cross-panel double-check between the Belgian and foreign partner which would allow to detect and mitigate these issues?

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- ➔ **FWO as Lead:** It is the responsibility of the applicant to choose the (correct) expert panel and motivate this choice. There is no cross check with the foreign Weave research foundation. Applications can be submitted within the (reformed) FWO expert panel ‘Specific Interdisciplinary Panel’, and a new approach for multidisciplinary applications within the mono-disciplinary panels has been implemented. For more information see [this Panel Structure Reform website](#), [this brochure](#) or more details on [the scope of the Specific Interdisciplinary Panel](#).



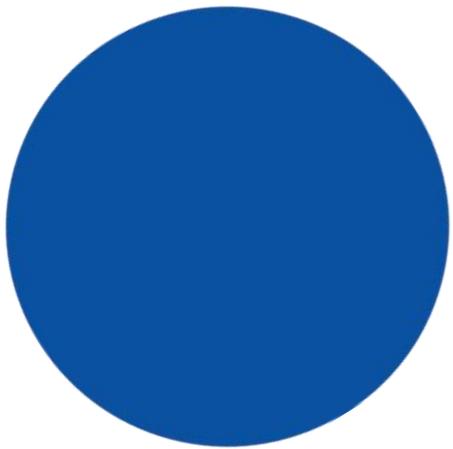
Is the focus on fundamental research? Is novel applied research also eligible?



➔ The programmes opened up by each partner to the Weave initiative are the fundamental basic research programmes.



As a research station, we form the bridge between fundamental research and the practical application of new inventions and developments. Is it possible for us to be involved in the fundamental research to make the next step into an in practice usable technique easier?

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- If based on the FWO/FNRS regulations, your institution is eligible to apply for FWO/FNRS funding and the project proposal focuses on fundamental basic research, then you can participate.
 - At FNRS side, please check the eligibility of your institution in the [PDR](#) and/or [Weave](#) regulations
 - At FWO side [the regulations fundamental research projects](#) apply. Please be aware that the main applicant (principal host institution) at Flemish side has to be one of the institutions as listed in Art. 7 §2

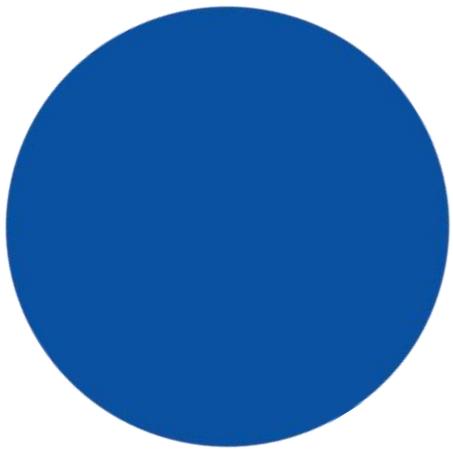


Do you need to have the budget from the partner university when submitting the proposal? If yes, how and where this should be detailed.

- 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.
- Make sure the requested budgets in the Lead Agency application are identical to the requested budgets in the administrative submissions to Partner Agency.

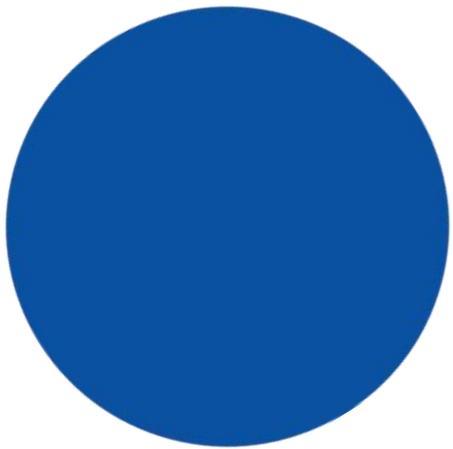


Is weave included in the max of two running FWO projects?

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- Yes, Weave projects are taken into account for the maximum of 2 projects 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.



For the FWB, what will be the maximum average cost per year? Same as PDR-2022, or index foreseen?

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- ➔ When FNRS has the Lead, costs for PDR is applied (see particular case of projects with German partners)
 - ➔ When FNRS is a Partner Agency, average costs per year are the same as that of the PDR call of the year of application. So for 2023, same as for PDR 2023. All costs are detailed in the Weave regulations.



What is the budget with the different partner organizations?

- ➔ For F.R.S.-FNRS: max. budget of 84.000 €/year for single-institution projects and 120.750 €/year for multi-institution projects.

- ➔ For FWO: rules for research projects fundamental research apply:
 - Staff and consumables (**NEW budget forks!**): at least € 50,000 per year for the entire project (all Flemish, federal and non-Flemish institutions included) and at most € 145,000 per year per Flemish/federal institution.

 - Equipment: max. € 150,000 per project (all Flemish and federal institutions included).

- ➔ For other agencies: check their website or ask your foreign partners, who are familiar with the rules in place.



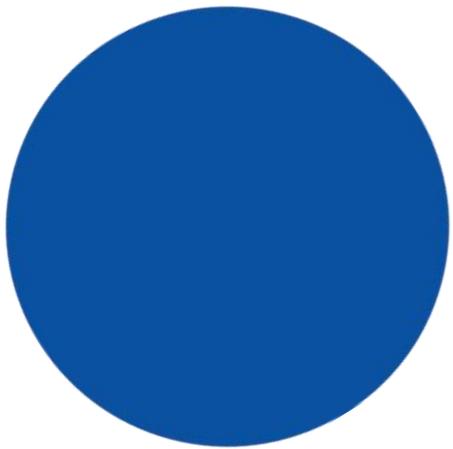
I am heading for a joint DFG-FNRS application, with the DFG being the lead agency. Although I understand that the scientific evaluation in this case lies entirely on the German side, it is not totally clear to me to which extent the FNRS has an influence on the final acceptance of the application (in other words, if the application passes on the side of the DFG, will it pass in any case, including the Belgian part?). Thank you

- ➔ Evaluation is the sole responsibility of the Lead Agency. All participating agencies have agreed to follow and accept the evaluation of the Lead Agency.



Is there any list of preferred topics?

→ Both the FWO and the FNRS are bottom-up funding agencies. There are no preferred topics.



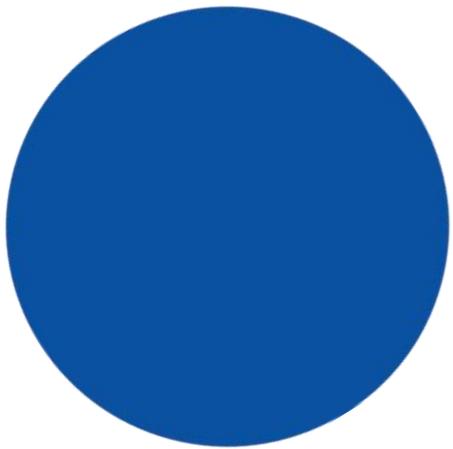
However, when collaborating with partners abroad you should check if the partner agencies have preferred topics. For example Formas (Sweden): funds bottom-up fundamental and need-driven research in all scientific domains but with a focus on the following areas of activity:

- Environment
- Agricultural Sciences
- Spatial Planning

The aforementioned information is a crucial part of the eligibility check at Swedish side. Therefore Swedish researchers (and the Swedish part of the joint Weave proposal) must adhere to the restrictions within Formas' areas of responsibility.



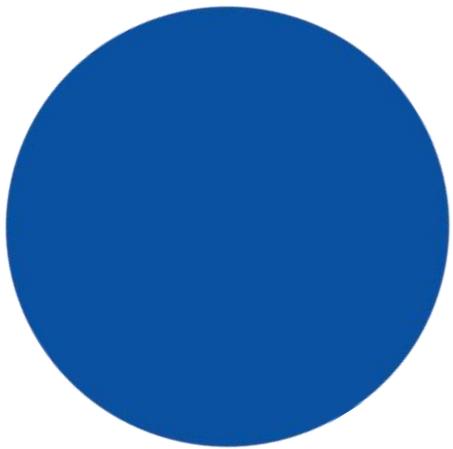
Would Weave allow me to jointly conduct research at both KU Leuven and ULiège? What is the difference between Weave and a 'Co-tutelle'. As a Co-tutelle would allow me two PhD degrees between the two universities how does Weave differ ?



→ Yes, if the scientific necessity of a co-tutelle (joint PhD) for the research is clearly justified and integrated in the project proposal, this is possible. Financially and logistically, you need to discuss this with the concerned host institutions. One can ask the budget for the PhD for example in the first two years at FWO and in the next two years at F.R.S.-FNRS, depending on the arrangements the host institutions are willing to take.

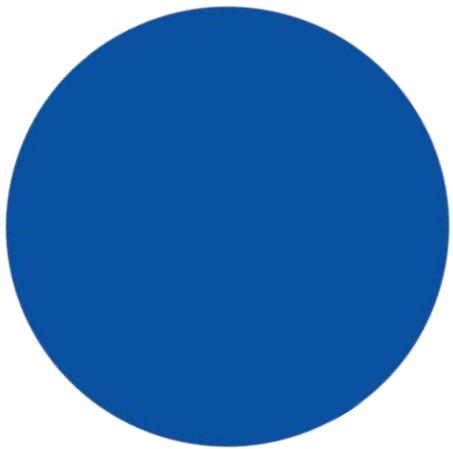


It is possible to apply for two different weave projects?

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- FNRS: one can only apply as a promoter to one Weave project at a time. One can only apply as a promoter to one PDR project at a time.
 - FWO: Yes, but keep in mind that Weave projects are taken into account for the maximum of 2 projects 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.

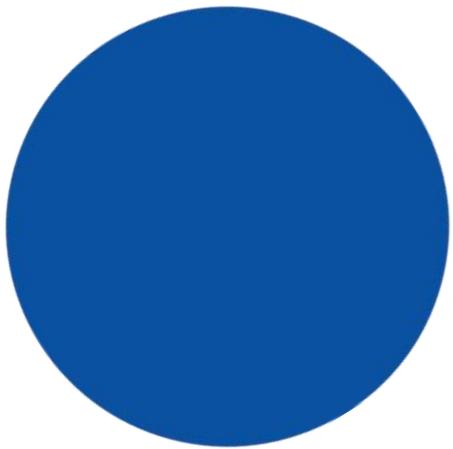


I started my PhD in Sept '22. I have acquired an initial understanding of my topic and am currently working towards achieving an initial proof-of-concept demo by March '23 for my PhD topic. Is it still in time or I'm already late to consider applying?

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- ➔ Please make sure to check the eligibility criteria of your funding agency for taking up an official role in a Weave application. Please note that any ineligibility issue will render the entire project ineligible.
 - ➔ At FNRS side, please check the promoter eligibility conditions in the [PDR](#) and/or [Weave](#) regulations.
 - ➔ At FWO side the [regulations fundamental research projects](#) apply. Please carefully check Chapter 2 for the eligibility criteria for taking up the role of supervisor or co-supervisor.



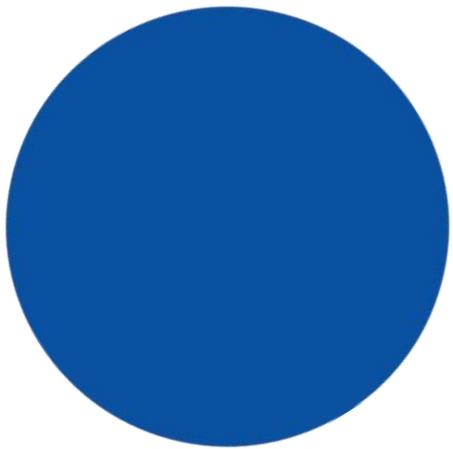
Will Weave projects be judged in the same way and by the same panels as the classical FWO research projects? Or is it a different category (with possibly different panels and success rates)?

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- Evaluation is only done by the Lead agency.
 - When the project is submitted at FWO (as Lead Agency), then the FWO evaluation procedures apply. In practice this means you have to submit to one of the **32** (please check information on [FWO panel structure reform!](#)) FWO expert panels as a jr or sr research project fundamental research. Be aware that also the postdoctoral seniority of all foreign (co-) supervisors needs to be taken into account for classification in jr or sr category. Your proposal is not a different category and will be evaluated in competition with all other jr or sr projects submitted to this panel. The success rate of the Lead agency applies, capped at 20% (FWO success rate is quite similar however).



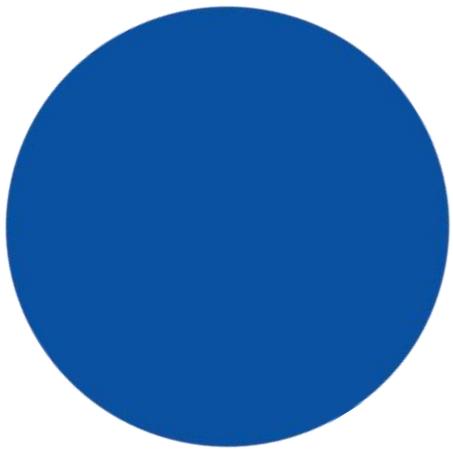
Can we submit simultaneously a PDR through the F.R.S.-FNRS website and a project through the Weave network?

What are the restrictions / limits with ongoing FWO / F.R.S.-FNRS projects?

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- ➔ For F.R.S.-FNRS: it is possible to combine one PDR (with or without partners from Weave countries that the F.R.S.-FNRS works with) and one PDR-Weave project. Double financing is not allowed so projects have to be different.
 - ➔ For FWO: your Weave proposal is included in the quota of max. 2 projects per application round and max. of 2 requested + running projects, independent of the choice of Lead Agency. You cannot submit the identical Weave project to more than one agency in the same year.



*How does the financial split between different funders work (for example FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS)?
Can a collaboration include a private partner such as a spin-off?*

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- ➔ If a proposal is recommended for funding, each funding agency will fund its respective researchers (so a Flemish researcher will receive project funding from FWO and a French-speaking researcher from F.R.S.-FNRS).
 - ➔ In order to see which partners are eligible for funding, you have to check the eligibility criteria of each concerned funding agency. At FWO and at F.R.S.-FNRS, inclusion of a private partner/spin-off is not possible.

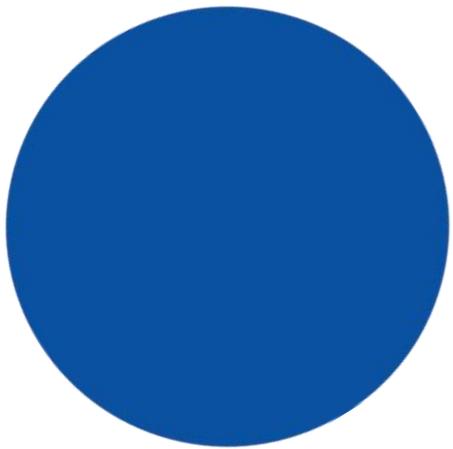


What is the difference for the researchers if the foreign agency has the lead instead of FWO?

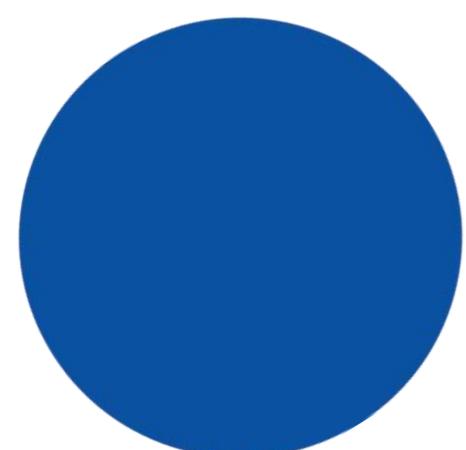
- ➔ Evaluation will be done by the Lead Agency (success rate capped at 20%).
- ➔ Project duration however can vary depending on choice Lead Agency. For example: 3 years when Flemish-Slovenian project is submitted in Slovenia (ARRS), 4 years when submitted at FWO.
- ➔ Project start date can vary as well.
- ➔ Modalities of project call of Lead Agency apply. In case FWO is Lead Agency: differentiation is made between junior and senior projects (separate competitions). Be aware that also the postdoctoral seniority of all foreign (co-)supervisors needs to be taken into account for classification in jr or sr category. This differentiation is not made when FWO is Partner Agency.



Does applying with 3 instead of 2 applicants (host institutions) have any impact on the chances?



➔ The number of partners will not impact chances of success. The main evaluation criteria is namely scientific excellence, no matter the amount of partners. All included partners should therefore have an added value. Consortium composition needs to be thoroughly scientifically justified in the proposal as well as their budgets requested.



Thank you for your attention