



# Information session on Weave

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

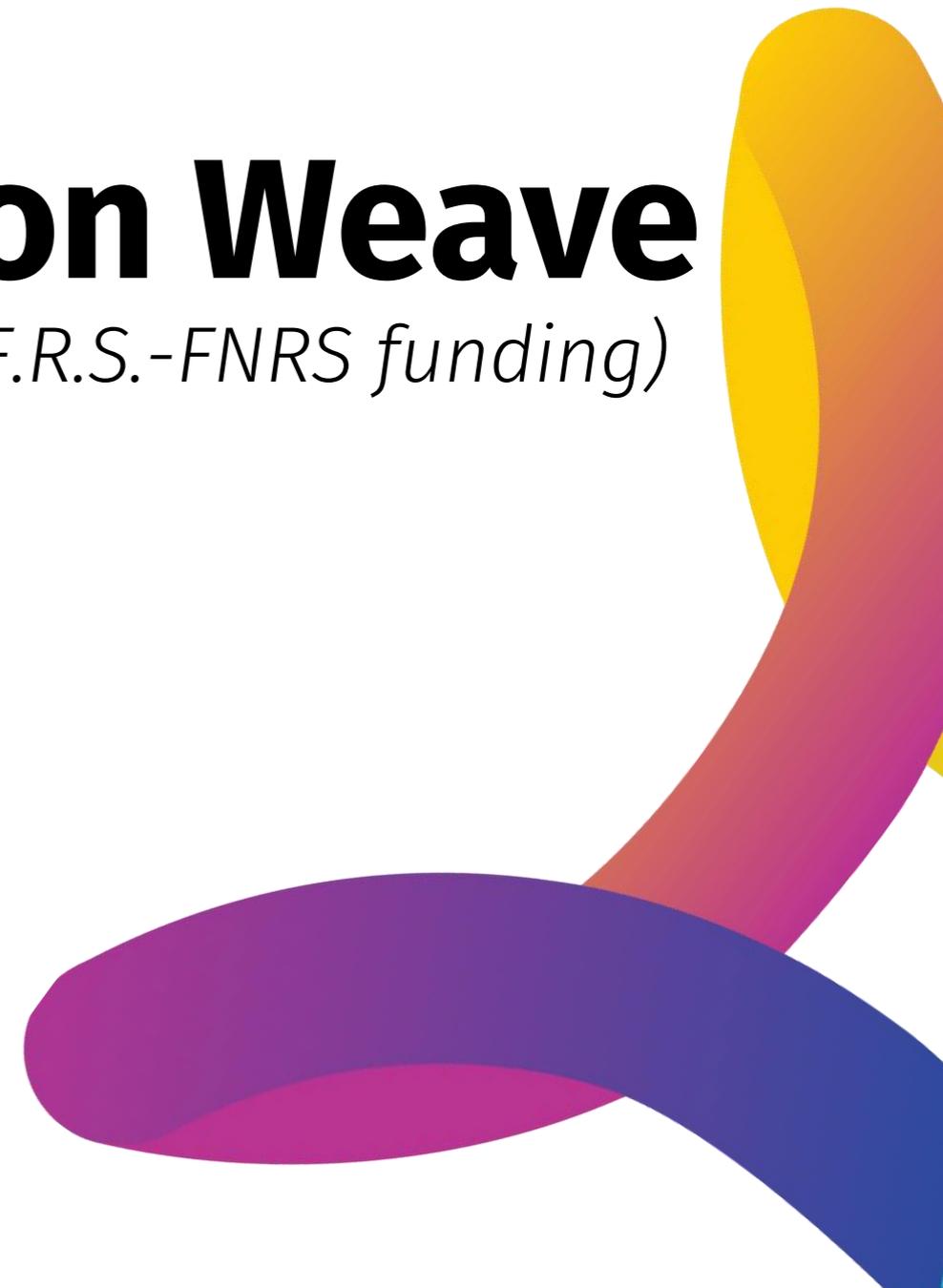
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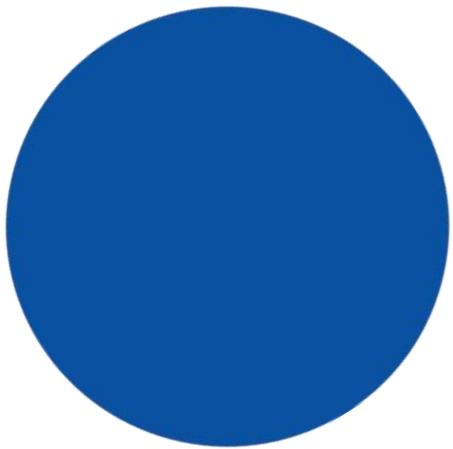
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# Overview

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1. *Weave in General*
  2. *Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS*
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# What is Weave ?

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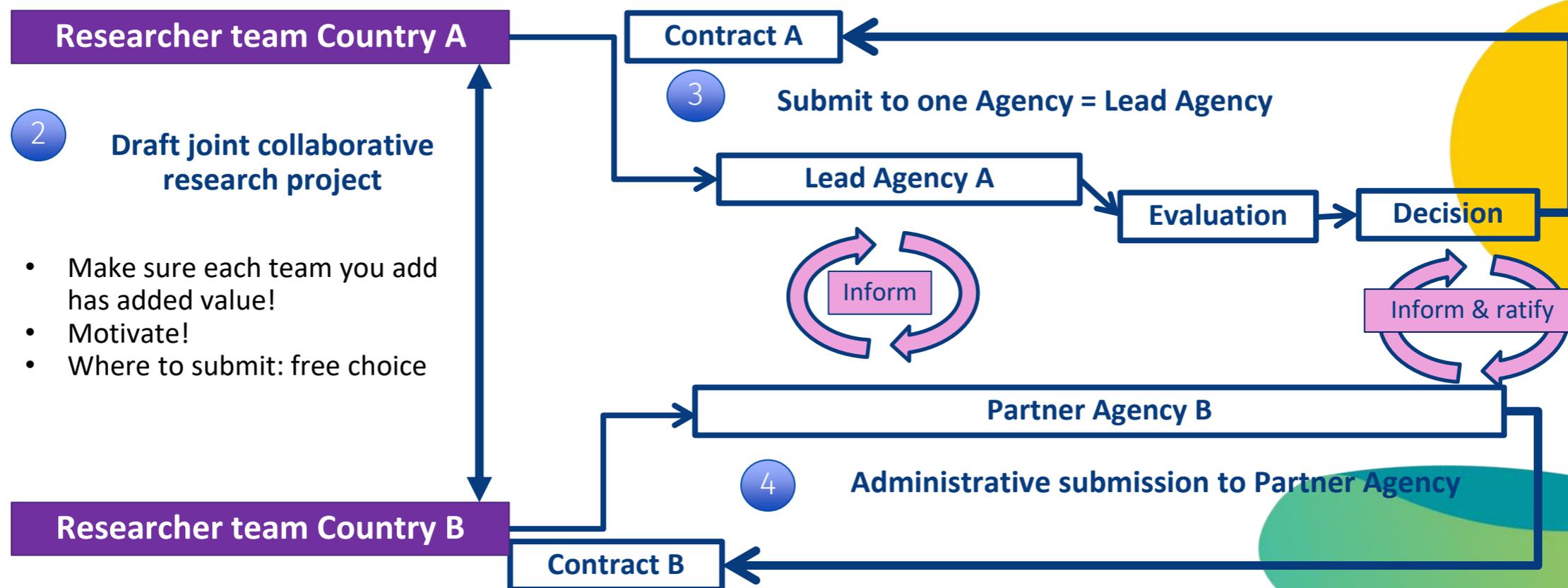
**Weave video: <https://youtu.be/dwRMKYiCNxc>**

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# How does Weave work in practice?

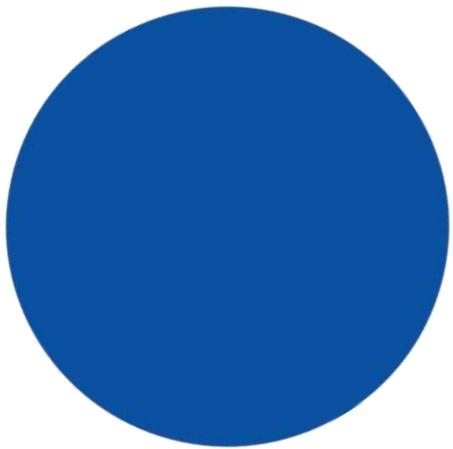
- 1 **Search for opportunities with your partners abroad:** <https://weave-research.net/>
  - Which countries/agencies participate?
  - Which funding scheme open for Weave?
  - By default: all domains in basic research
    - Max. trilateral project

6 **Funding remains within borders**



- 2 **Draft joint collaborative research project**
  - Make sure each team you add has added value!
  - Motivate!
  - Where to submit: free choice

- 5 Every Agency is responsible for eligibility check, communication through Lead Agency. Make sure all your partners are eligible and abide to the rules of their respective Agency!



## **Added value of Weave?**

- Fosters balanced collaboration: apply for funding needed by each partner
- Bottom-up, no thematic restrictions
- 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

## 3 possibilities:

1. Submit your proposal in the FWO “Junior and Senior Research Projects” call
  - Submit full proposal with budget details for all partners in FWO call
  - Administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies (ARRS, DFG, FWF, FNR, F.R.S.-FNRS, NCN, SNSF)
  - Regular evaluation procedure of FWO applies
2. Submit your proposal in the F.R.S.-FNRS “Projets de Recherche” (PDR) call
  - Submit full proposal with budget details for all partners in F.R.S.-FNRS call
  - Administrative submission for other partners at respective agencies (DFG, FWO, FNR, SNSF)
  - Regular evaluation procedure of F.R.S.-FNRS applies
3. Submit full proposal elsewhere (For Flemish researchers: ARRS, DFG, FWF, FNR, F.R.S.-FNRS, NCN, SNSF), (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 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 2022-01-05 11:06:16

Today - 2024-01-05 FWO FRS-FNRS

Lead agency	Partner agency	Submission deadline	Indicative earliest joint start	Indicative latest joint start	Comments
FWO	FRS-FNRS	2022-04-01	2023-01-01	2023-01-01	^
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	2022-07-05 (indicative)	2023-01-01 (indicative)	2023-01-01 (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, please be aware that for administrative-technical reasons, an administrative submission to the FWO needs to be done before the deadline of F.R.S.-FNRS (exact date for this pre-submission can be found on the FWO website).					

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# Collaboration within Belgium

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

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

- ✓ Deadline: 1st of April 2022
- ✓ Submit administrative version at F.R.S.-FNRS before the 8th of April (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
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2023

# 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: 7th of July 2022
- ✓ Administrative presubmission at FWO: 24th of May 2022
  - Title, names PI and co-PI and Flemish budget must be final
  - Abstract and full proposal will be exchanged between F.R.S.-FNRS & FWO
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Ratification by FWO in December
- ✓ Start of contract: 1st of January 2023

# Weave within F.R.S.-FNRS

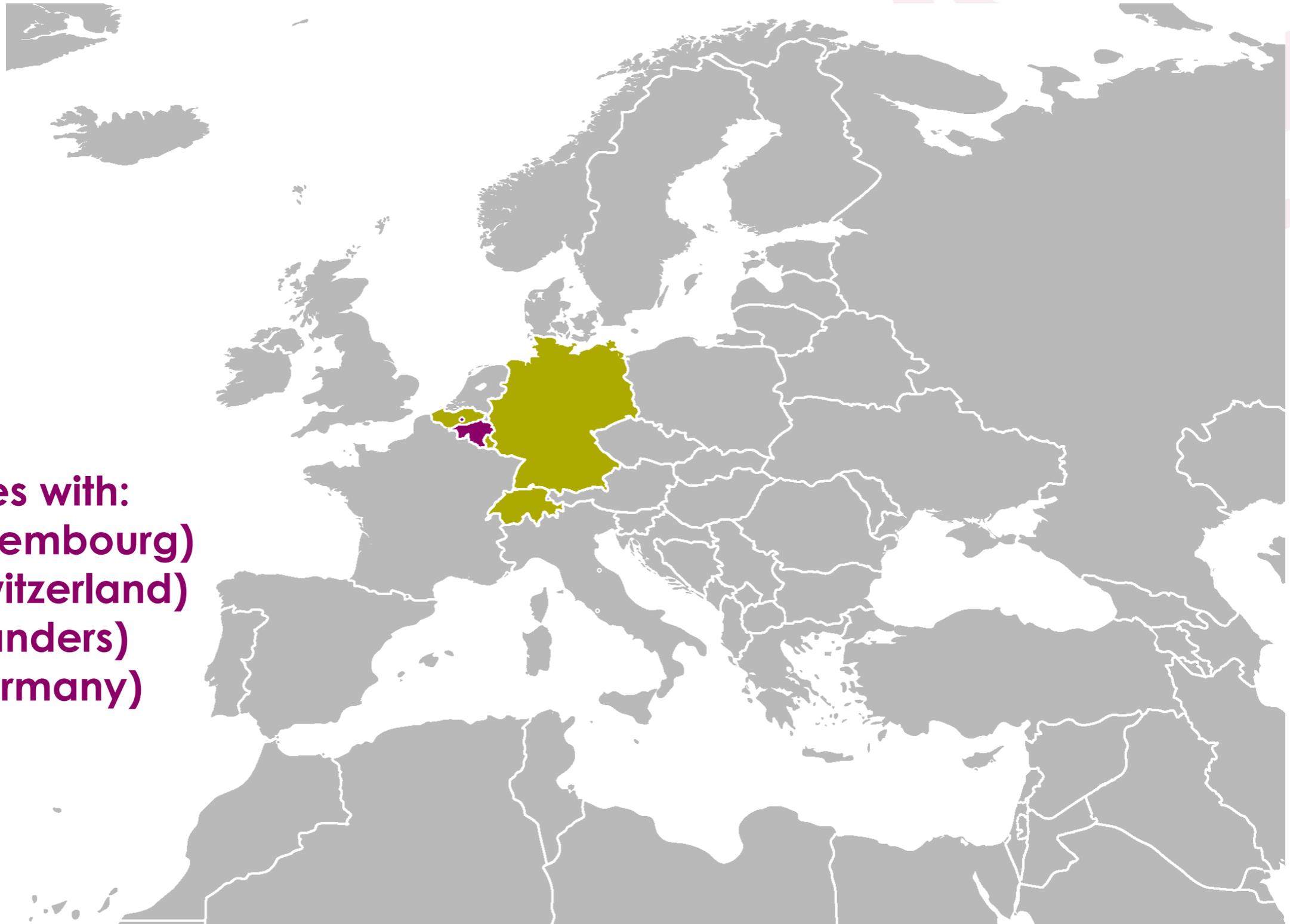




## **F.R.S.-FNRS**

**collaborates with:**

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



### Modus Operandi when you submit to a call of one of our partners:

- ❑ Weave funder abroad (Lead) responsible for entire evaluation
- ❑ Administrative submission via e-space within 7 days after call closure
- ❑ PDR-Weave application can be cumulated with running PDR project
  - ❑ BUT: not possible to submit a second PDR-Weave application as long as another proposal is being evaluated
- ❑ Funding proposition of Lead Agency ratified by the F.R.S.-FNRS after written internal procedure (results announced almost simultaneously with Lead Agency)

# F.R.S.-FNRS AND FNR (LUXEMBOURG)



## FNR (LU) – Lead

### Submission

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

### Project duration

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

### Key dates

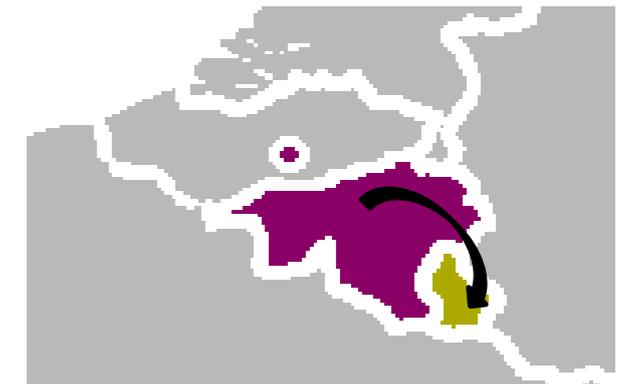
- FNR deadline: April 21, 2022
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 28, 2022
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

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

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

- January 1st, 2023



# F.R.S.-FNRS AND SNSF (SWITZERLAND)



## SNSF (CH) – Lead

### Submission

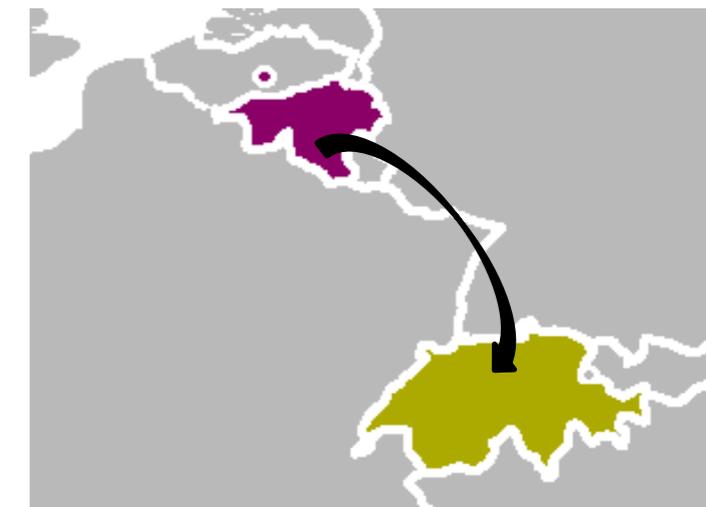
- Full proposal submission in the « [Encouragement de projets](#) » call of the **SNSF (CH)**
- Administrative submission [e-space](#) (PDR-WEAVE-SNSF-Avril or PDR-WEAVE-SNSF-October)
- Administrative submission for other partners (if trilateral project)

### Project duration

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

### Key dates

- SNSF deadlines: April 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadlines: April 8, 2022 and October 8, 2022
- 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, 2023
- For October deadline: June 1st, 2023

# F.R.S.-FNRS AND FWO (FLANDERS)



## **FWO (BE-FL) – Lead**

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Junior and Senior Research projects](#) » call of the **FWO (BE-FL)**
- Administrative submission on [e-space](#) (PDR-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, 2022
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 8, 2022
- 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, 2023



# F.R.S.-FNRS AND DFG (GERMANY)



## DFG (DE) – Lead

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Individual Research Grant](#) » call of the **DFG (DE)**
- Administrative submission [e-space](#) (PDR-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

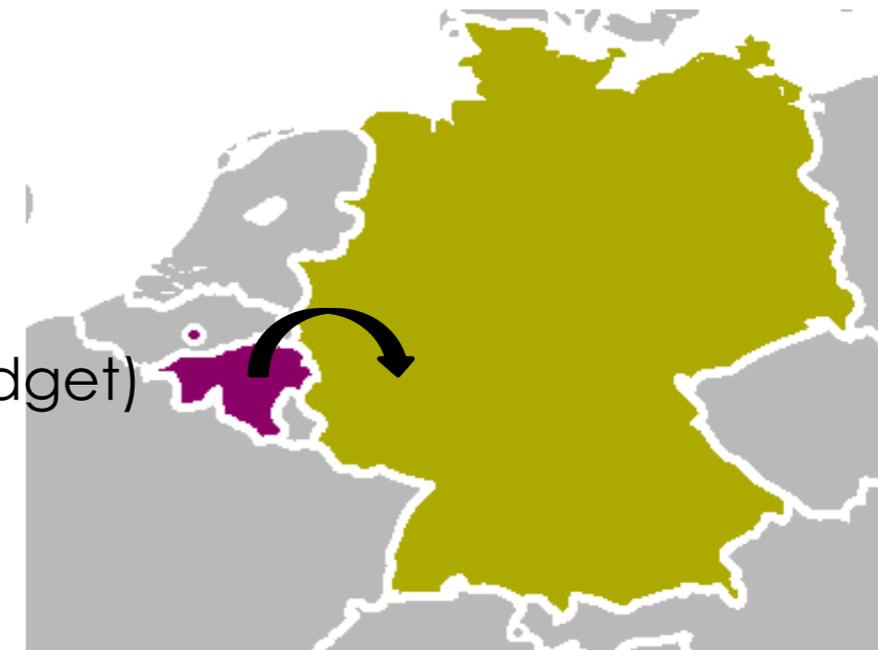
- DFG deadline: April 1, 2022
- F.R.S.-FNRS deadline: April 8, 2022
- Check other partners deadline (if trilateral project)

### Evaluation

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

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

- January 1st, 2023



# SUMMARY

## F.R.S.-FNRS as a partner agency

	Deadlines Lead	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
<b>FNR (LU)</b>	April 21, 2022	April 28, 2022	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	April 1, 2022 and October 1, 2022	April 8, 2022 and October 8, 2022	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023 and June 1, 2023	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	April 1, 2022	April 8, 2022	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	April 1, 2022	April 8, 2022	3 years	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023	1 year extra funding for PhD student

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

### Modus Operandi when you submit a Weave proposal in the Projet de Recherche (PDR) call of the F.R.S.-FNRS:

- ❑ Proposal submitted to the PDR call of the F.R.S.-FNRS – Weave partners should make an administrative submission to their respective agencies
- ❑ 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
- ❑ F.R.S.-FNRS evaluation procedure decides on funding
- ❑ Weave partners funded by their respective agencies

# F.R.S.-FNRS « PDR » CALL



## F.R.S.-FNRS – Lead

### *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: SNSF (CH) or FNR (LU)

## Project duration

- 2 or 4 years

## Key dates

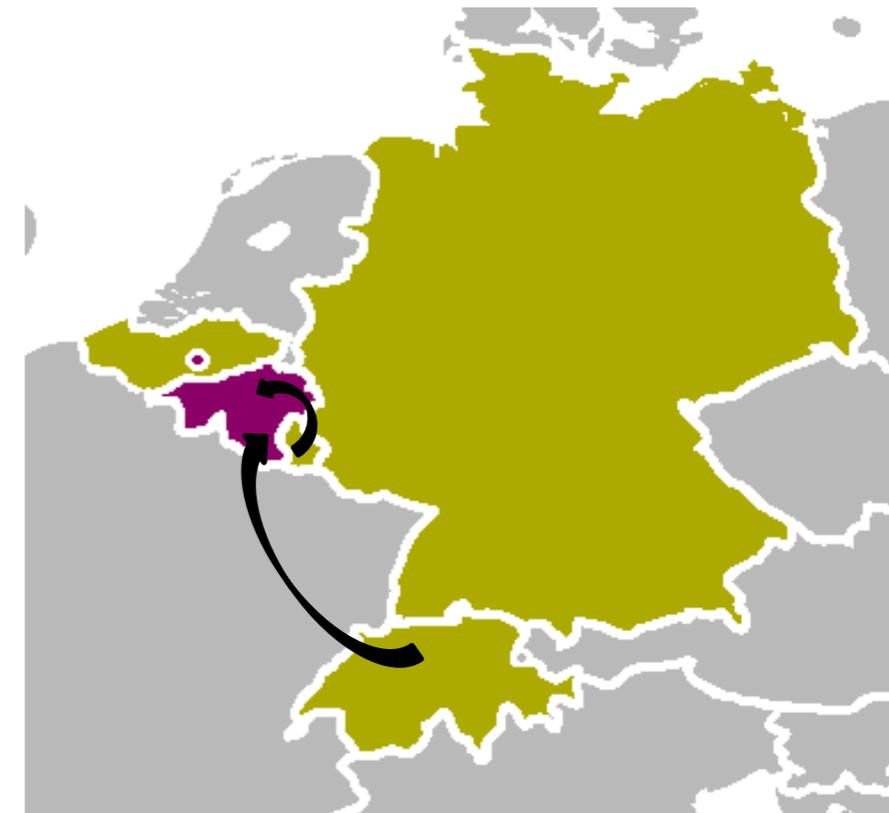
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2022
- Check other partners deadline

## Evaluation

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

## Project start date

- January 1st, 2023 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



# F.R.S.-FNRS « PDR » CALL



## F.R.S.-FNRS – Lead

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

#### Submission

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

#### Project duration

- 2 or 4 years

#### Key dates

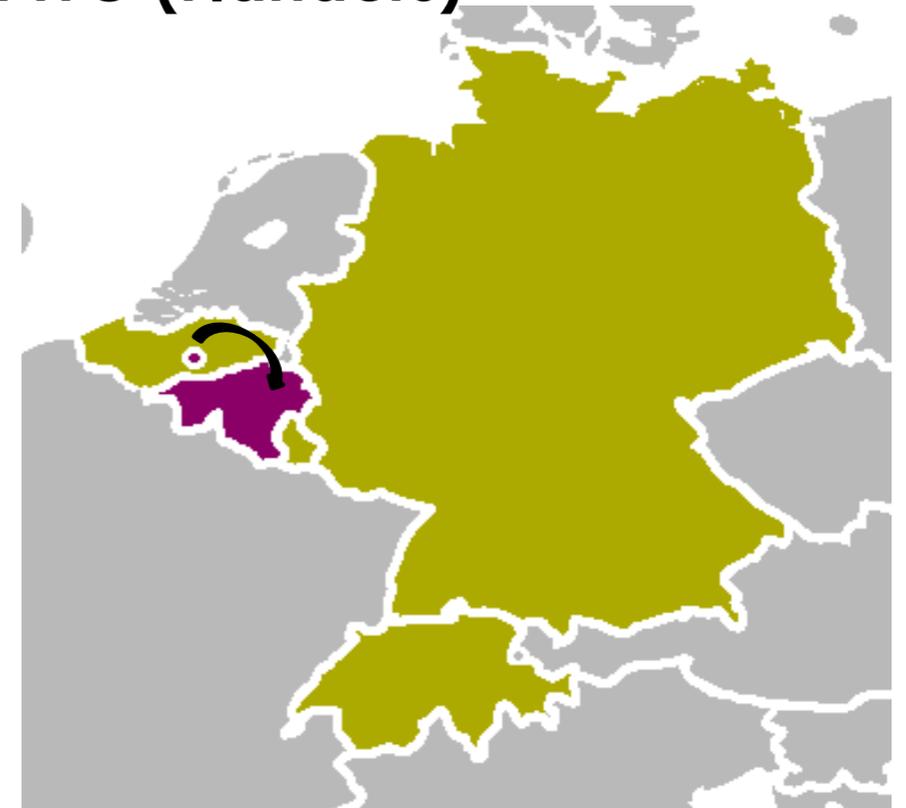
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2022
- **Mandatory pre-submission at FWO:**  
May 24, 2022

#### Evaluation

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

#### Project start date

- January 1st, 2023 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



# F.R.S.-FNRS « PDR » CALL



## F.R.S.-FNRS – Lead

### *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 partner: **DFG (DE)**

#### Project duration

- **3 years**

#### Key dates

- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2022

#### Project budget

- Max 320.000 € if single-institution project
- Max 460.000 € if multi-institution project

#### Doctoral Student

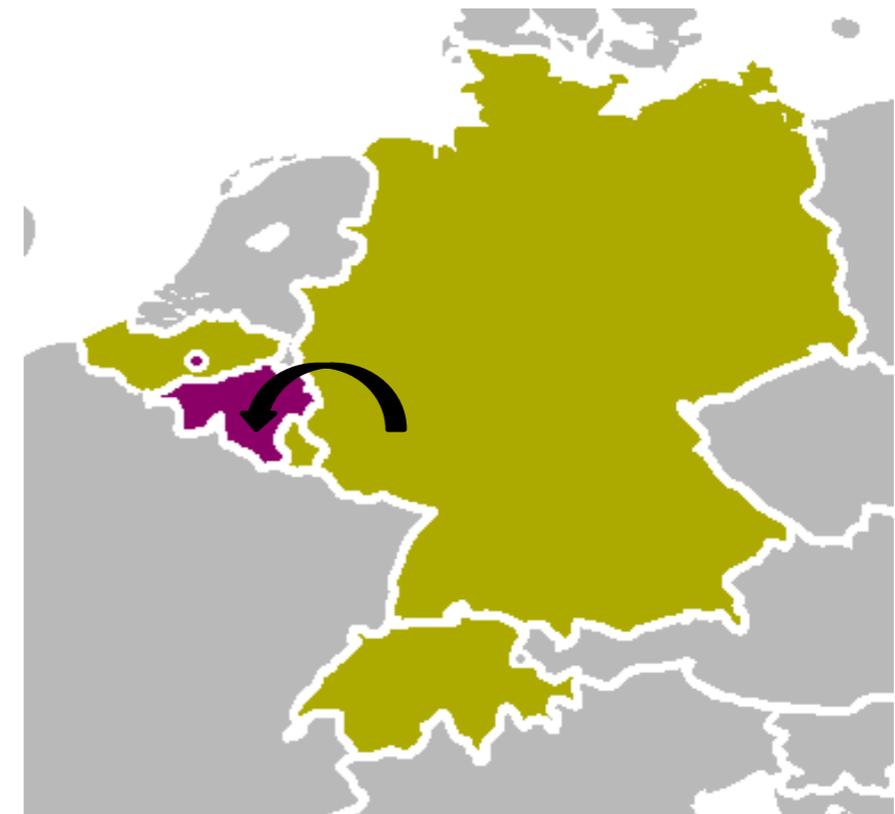
- Cost for entire duration of PhD (48 months) included in the maximum budget

#### Evaluation

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

#### Project start date

- April 1st, 2023 (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



# F.R.S.-FNRS « PDR » CALL



## F.R.S.-FNRS – Lead

## Trilateral collaborations

### Submission

- Full proposal submission in the « [Projet de Recherche](#) » call of the **F.R.S.-FNRS**
- Administrative submission for other partners: **DFG (DE), FWO (BE-FL), SNSF (CH), FNR (LU)**

### Project duration

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

### Key dates

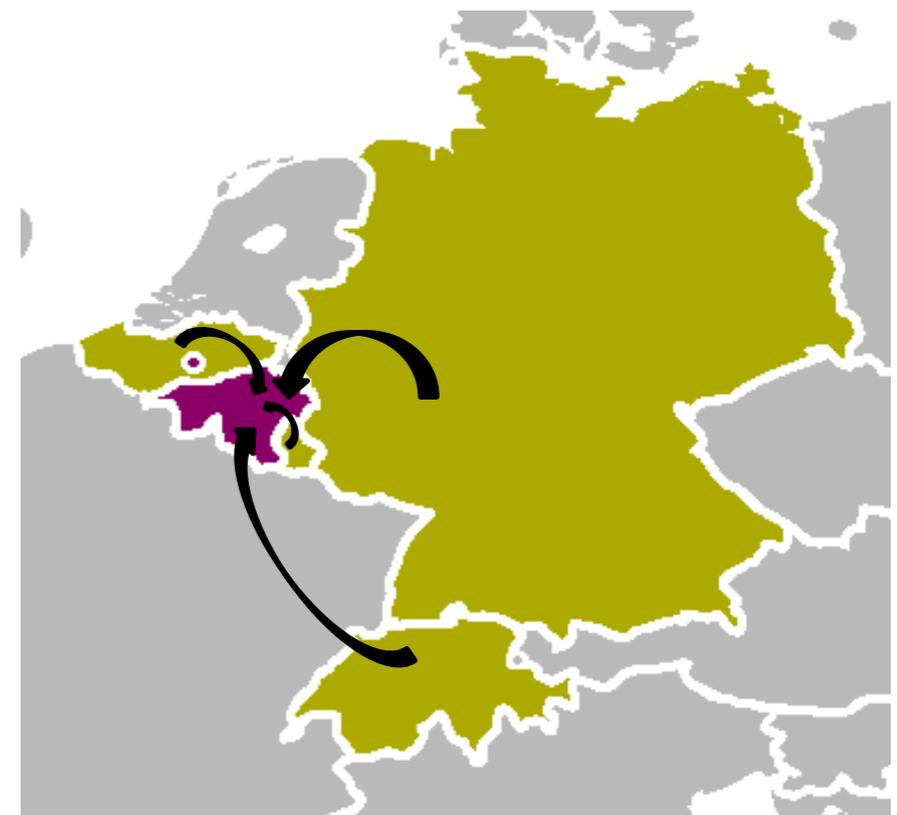
- **F.R.S.-FNRS** deadline: July 7, 2022
- **Pre-submission to FWO: May 24, 2022**
- Check other partners deadline

### Evaluation

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

### Project start date

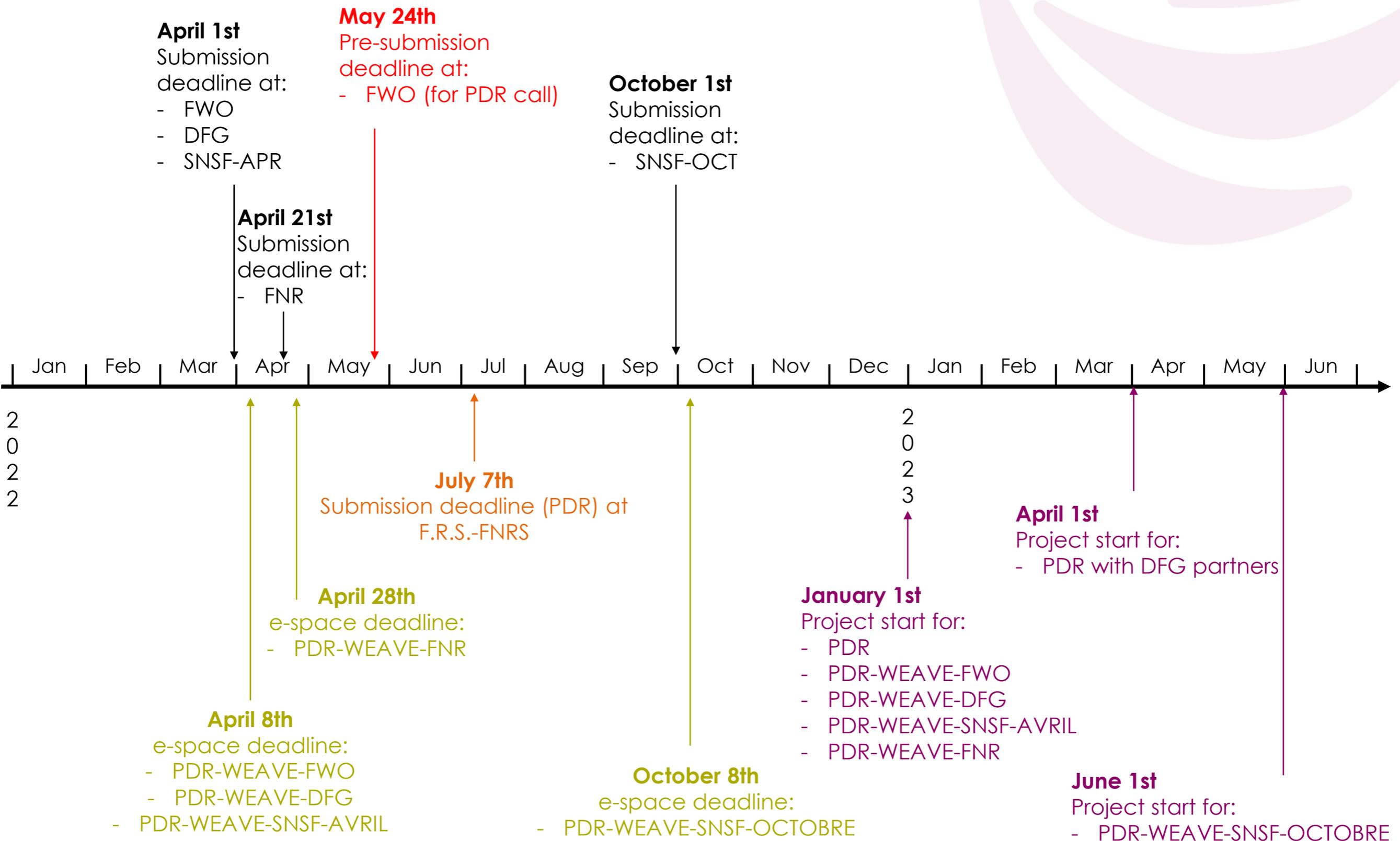
- January 1st, 2023 for projects not involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)
- April 1st, 2023 for projects involving DFG (start of Weave partners according to partner agency rules)



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

	Deadline F.R.S.-FNRS	Deadline partner	Project Duration	Maximum budget	Project start date for F.R.S.-FNRS partner(s)	Other
<b>FNR (LU)</b>	July 7, 2022	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023 (April 1, 2023 if DFG)	
<b>SNSF (CH)</b>	July 7, 2022	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023 (April 1, 2023 if DFG) and June 1, 2023	
<b>FWO (BE-FL)</b>	July 7, 2022	<b>May 24, 2022</b> and 7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	2 or 4 years (3 years if DFG)	80.000€/year or 115,000€/year	January 1, 2023 (April 1, 2023 if DFG)	
<b>DFG (DE)</b>	July 7, 2022	7 days after F.R.S.-FNRS deadline	3 years	320.000€ or 460,000€ per project	April 1, 2023	Whole funding of PhD included in budget

# TIMELINE



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# Weave within FWO



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Research funding without borders

# Weave within FWO

## **FWO as LEAD Agency:**

- Submitted to one of the 31 FWO panels as a jr or sr research project fundamental research
  - Use specific form: RESEARCH PROJECT WEAVE (FWO ACTS AS LEAD AGENT)
- **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

## Current FWO Weave partners

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

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

### **Will be added in coming years:**

- Sweden: FORMAS
- Czech Republic: GAČR
- Norway: RCN
- Croatia: HRZZ
- New partners that might sign Weave agreement in future

## Weave collaboration opportunities for researchers in Flanders - 2022

		... can include, if desired, researchers from one of the following countries/regions* in the research proposal.											
		Luxembourg through FNR	Austria through FWF	Slovenia through ARRS	Switzerland through SNSF	Germany through DFG	Czech Republic through GACR	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												new from 2022 onwards
	Slovenian partner(s) at ARRS												
	Swiss partner(s) at SNSF												
	Polish partner(s) at NCN												
	Walloon partner(s) at F.R.S.-FNRS												
	German partner(s) at DFG												

\*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) and Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS)

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2023, so [conditional allocation](#) mid-December 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 (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: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 (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), Slovenia (ARRS),  
Poland (NCN), Germany (DFG), Austria  
(FWF) and Wallonia (F.R.S.-FNRS)

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# 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: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (not possible to submit 1<sup>st</sup> of October!)
- ✓ 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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

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

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# Collaboration with Luxembourg partners

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

- ✓ Deadline: 21<sup>st</sup> of April 2022
- ✓ For their specific regulations see [this FNR website](#)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at FWO in time (identical PDF!)
- ✓ All FWO regulations apply, including project quota (!)
- ✓ Project duration (equal project duration on both sides) = **max. 3 years, however PhD in 4<sup>th</sup> year allowed**. In case PhD student is requested in 4<sup>th</sup> year at FNR: Flemish applicant also allowed to apply for 4<sup>th</sup> budget year, with only costs for a PhD and bench fee. **Scientifically motivate this 4<sup>th</sup> budget year!**
- ✓ FNR performs evaluation
- ✓ FNR proposes funding decision to FWO who ratifies results
- ✓ FNR communicates results first, to be expected end of 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

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

# Collaboration with Slovenian partners

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

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

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (respect internal deadlines at your host institution)
- ✓ Submit administrative version at ARRS in time (identical PDF!)
  - **Deadline administrative submission to ARRS: 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 2 PM (CET) sharp**  
+ copy of full application as submitted to FWO needs to be submitted as well to ARRS within 7 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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# Collaboration with Slovenian partners

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

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:  
Switzerland (SNSF), Poland (NCN), Austria (FWF) and Croatia (HRZZ)

- ✓ Deadline: 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2022, **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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 (ARRS part can start earlier)

# Collaboration with German partners

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

**Trilaterals** are allowed with:

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

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2023, so conditional allocation mid-December 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# Collaboration with German partners

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

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023 (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), Germany (DFG), Austria (FWF) and Wallonia (FNRS)

- ✓ Deadline: 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2022 (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 2022
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023

# Collaboration with Polish partners

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

- ✓ Deadline: 15<sup>th</sup> of December 2022
- ✓ 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-2023
- ✓ Start of contract: 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2024 (Polish researchers may start earlier)

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

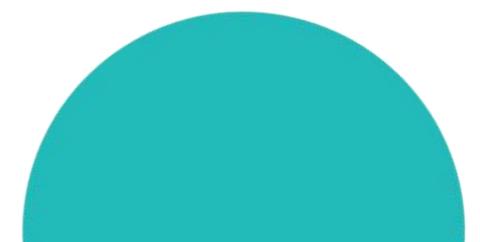
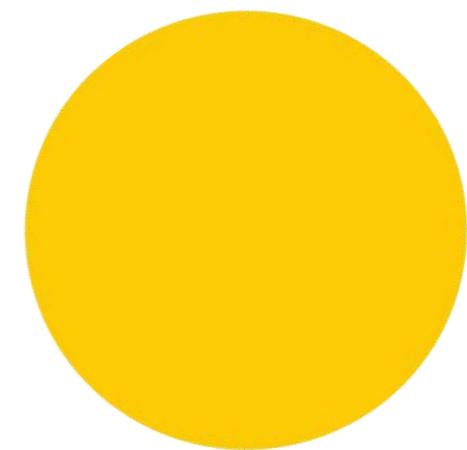
## Other important messages

- Motivate budget of all included teams, independent of where you submit. Lead Agency will evaluate all budgets requested (also from foreign research teams).
- You cannot submit the identical Weave project to more than one agency in the same year.
- The success rate of the Lead Agency applies, capped at 20%.

## 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:
  - [weave@fwo.be](mailto:weave@fwo.be)
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# Questions and Answers





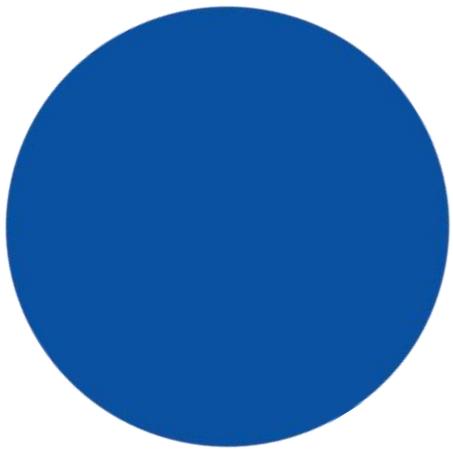
*Can this Weave scheme finance a bilateral collaboration between one professor at ULB and one professor at KU Leuven. So just two PIs?*

*Can a Weave project also be initiated by a Flemish party with only a partner from the French-speaking community?*

**→ Yes, bilateral collaborations are possible. Applications are possible with either FWO or F.R.S.-FNRS as Lead Agency.**



*How will the evaluation of a project be organized? Will all countries have to agree, or will there be some lead country?*



*How is the funding decision made? E.g. what if the FWO panel is very positive about the project, but the F.R.S.-FNRS panel is not? Or are projects only evaluated by the commission of the "lead agency" and does the partner agency just follow the decision of the lead agency without a separate evaluation?*

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

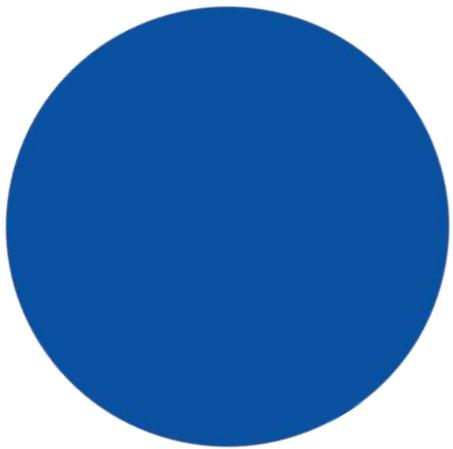


Will Weave projects be judged in the same way and by the same panels as the classical FWO research projects? Or is it a different category (with possibly different panels and success rates)?

- 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 31 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% (current FWO success rate is quite similar however).



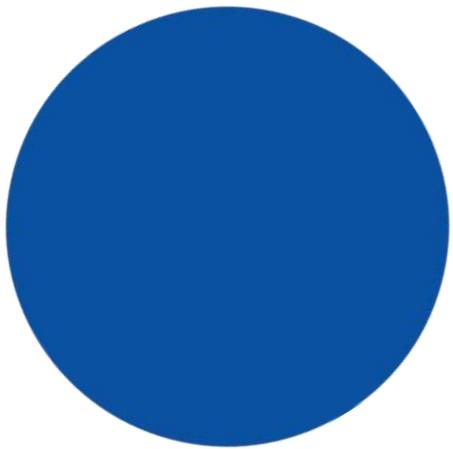
*Is it possible to say anything about success rates?*

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- 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%.*



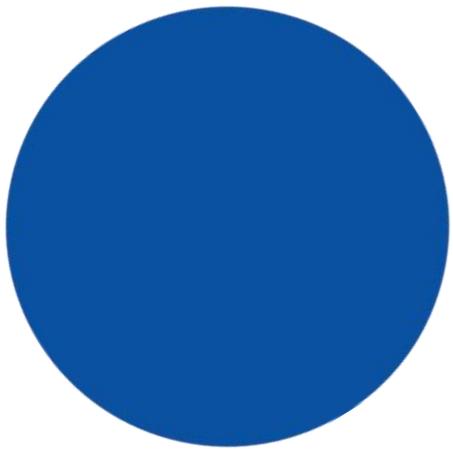
*Can we submit simultaneously a PDR through the F.R.S.-FNRS website and a project through the Weave network?*

*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 (as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019), independent of the choice of Lead Agency. You cannot submit the identical Weave project to more than one agency in the same year.*

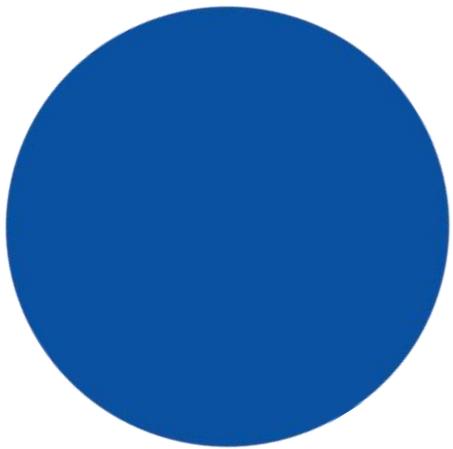


*How does the financial split between different funders work (for example FWO/F.R.S.-FNRS)?  
Can a collaboration include a private partner such as a spin-off?*

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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.*



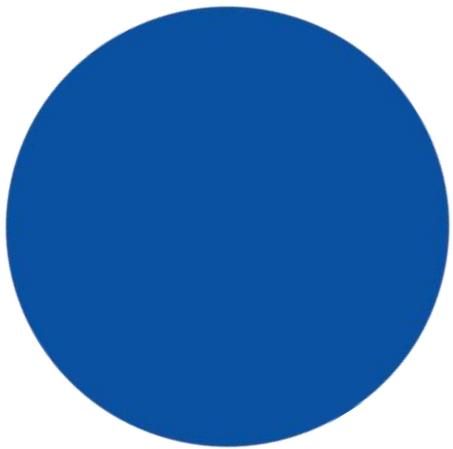
*Which types of German institutions are eligible for Weave funding? (Universities, private institutions, R&D departments within a company, ...)*



**→ DFG's eligibility criteria apply to German partners. Please check their website or ask your German partners, familiar with the DFG regulations, to help you out.**



Is the bi- or trilateral count based on communities (e.g., 1 partner French-speaking community, 1 Flemish community, 1 partner in Germany) or based on countries: 1 Belgian (even if there are two communities involved), 1 German, etc.?

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- Partners are counted in terms of participating agencies (not countries). Inclusion of additional research group(s) from the same country/region is possible, as long as it is in line with agency regulations.
  - For example: one group from UHasselt, one from KU Leuven, one from ULiège, one from UNamur and one from UBerlin. Three funding agencies involved, more research groups.

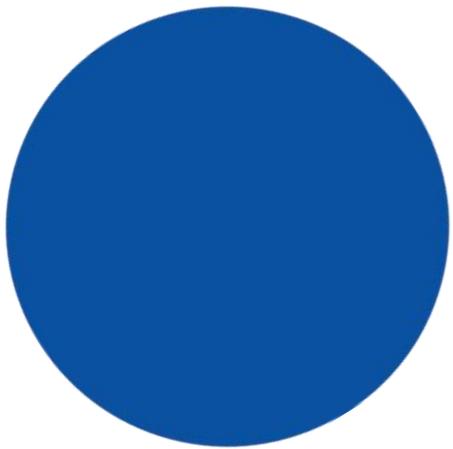


What is the difference for the researchers if the foreign agency has the lead instead of FWO?

- 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.



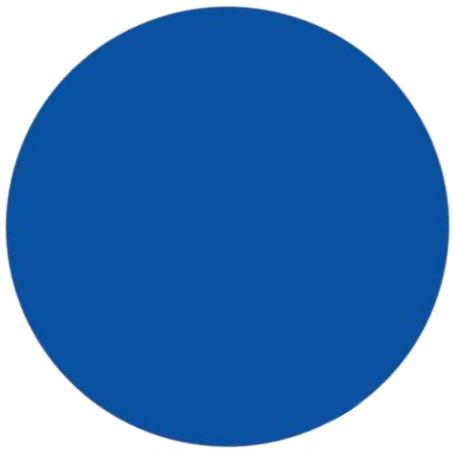
*Does applying with 3 instead of 2 applicants (host institutions) have any impact on the chances?*



**→** *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.*



*Is there already a call scheduled, involving FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS, or F.R.S.-FNRS and DFG ?*

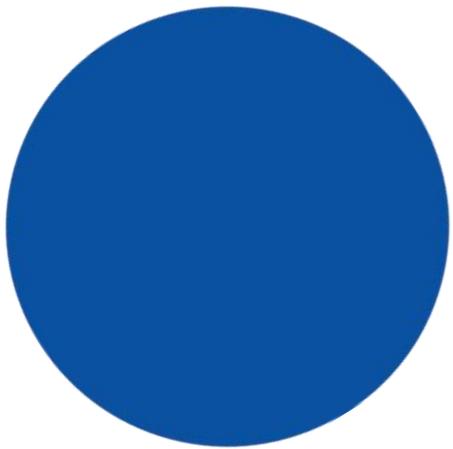


**→ As of January 2022, FWO, F.R.S.-FNRS and DFG have agreed to open up their respective calls to each other. Researchers from all three communities can therefore participate in the calls organized by these agencies.**

**→ Also check collaborations with other agencies.**



*Does a Weave project qualify for a senior project?  
In other words, if you apply for a Weave project  
can you then still apply for 2 senior research  
projects?*

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- Your Weave proposal, independent of the choice of Lead Agency, is included in the max. quota of 2 projects per application round and max. of 2 requested + running projects (as from January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019), independent of the choice of Lead Agency.*
  - Only in case FWO is Lead Agency, a differentiation is made between Junior and Senior projects (separate competition with equal success rate).*



What is the budget with the different partner organizations?

→ For F.R.S.-FNRS: max. budget of 80.000 €/year for single-institution projects and 115.000 €/year for multi-institution projects.

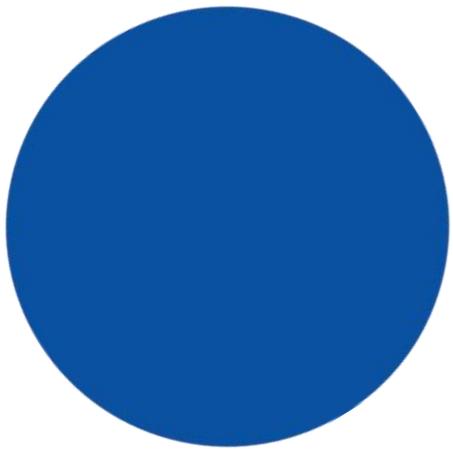
→ For FWO: rules for research project fundamental research apply:

- Staff and consumables: € 45,000 to € 130,000 per year, project partners may request a budget in the amount of € 0 or € 20,000 per year.
- Equipment: max. € 150,000 per project

→ For other agencies: check their website or ask your foreign partners familiar with the rules in place.

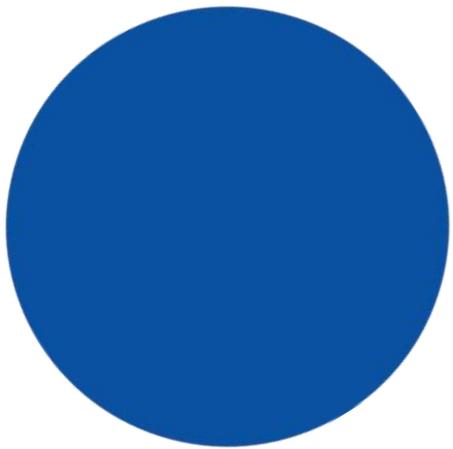


*Is it possible to submit a project bringing together researchers from FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS and another partner?*

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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) and NCN (PL).*



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

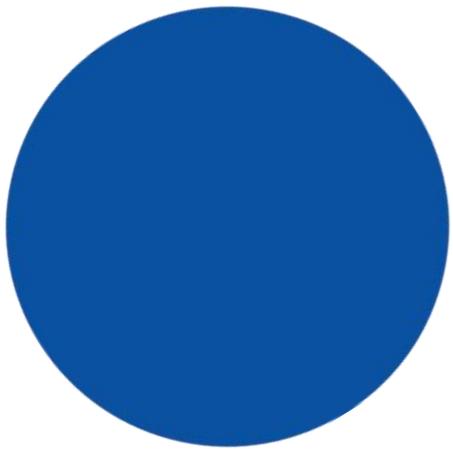


*→ Other countries can participate but on their own funds.*

*→ 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).*



*Could you please explain eligibility and financial contribution of additional host institution (SCK CEN in this case)?*

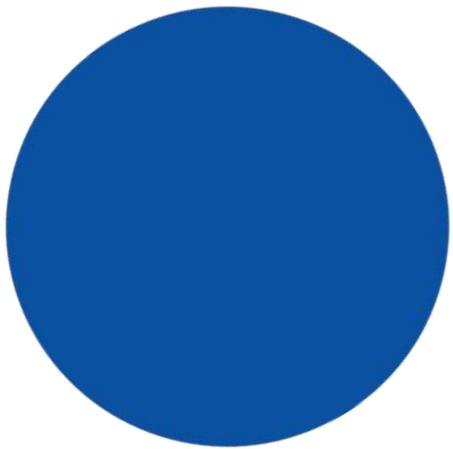


**→ For F.R.S.-FNRS: SCK CEN can apply as a co-promoter.**

**→ For FWO: SCK CEN can apply as a co-promoter (in collaboration with a main Flemish host institution).**



*More information on proposals between FWO, Austria (lead) and Poland.*

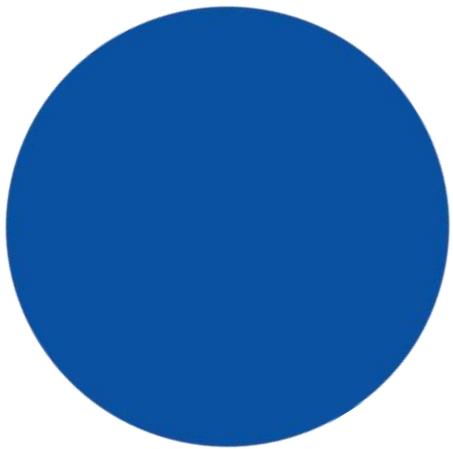


→ *All three funding agencies (FWO, FWF from Austria and NCN from Poland), can be Lead or Partner Agency, so you have the free choice where to submit your bilateral or trilateral Flemish-Polish-Austrian proposal.*

→ *All timings, conditions and procedures can be found on the websites of the respective funding agencies.*



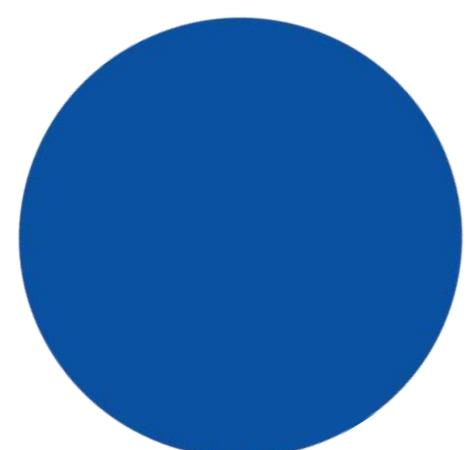
*What about future constellations that will be made possible with Flemish organizations as lead.*

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- FWO will gradually open up for other Weave partners (Sweden, Norway, Czech Republic and Croatia). Timing currently unknown. Poland, Germany and the French-speaking Community were added as from the call of 2022 onwards.*
  - F.R.S.-FNRS will also gradually open up its collaboration within Weave.*
  - In principle, all Weave signatories will have to work together by 2026 (pending administrative incompatibility)*



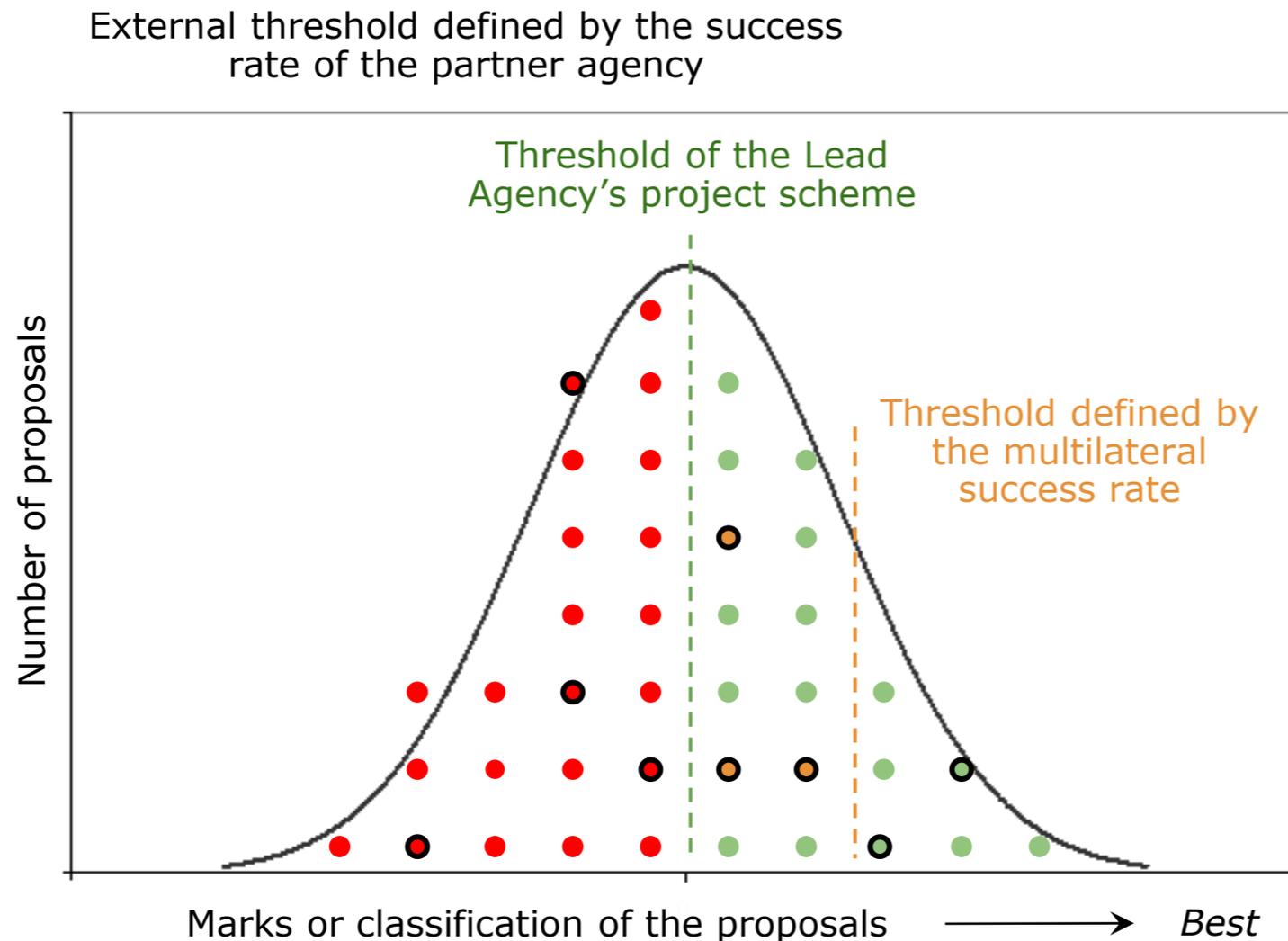
We are somewhat struggling with the requirement that "basic research" is funded. In the social sciences and particularly in management-related disciplines, all research can eventually be applied...

- The program opened up to Weave is indeed the basic research program.
- To help you out with this specific question, you could have a look at the [scope of the specific G&M2 panel for Economics, Business economics and management.](#)



**Thank you for your attention**

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



- **Funded:** Proposals of the Lead Agency above Lead Agency's threshold
- **Funded:** LA proposals above LA's and multilateral threshold
- **Not funded:** LA proposals above LA's threshold, but below multilateral threshold
- **Not Funded:** LA proposals, proposals of the Lead Agency below LA's threshold