1. Introduction

The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) and the Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) jointly offer the possibility to apply for bilateral French-Austrian Joint Research Projects. Joint Research Projects should combine the complementary expertise of the project partners; therefore the project parts should be closely integrated and there should be relevant scientific input from both sides.
1.1. Project duration

Joint Projects submitted to the call between FWF and ANR can have a duration of up to four years.

1.2. Thematic scope of the call

The call is open to all areas of scientific research, including clinical research.

1.3. Deadline

Joint proposals must be submitted to FWF by 19 January 2018. The signed cover sheet must be sent by mail that day at the latest.

For administrative reasons, French applicants must submit a copy of the scientific project proposals submitted to FWF to ANR and state the administrative and financial data via the ANR submission website. The information required by ANR must be submitted by 20 January 2018, 1 p.m.

2. Lead Agency Procedure

Applications will be dealt with following the Lead Agency Principle. The application must be prepared in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency. The Lead Agency is in charge of carrying out the peer review procedure. Applications will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard evaluation and decision making procedures.

In 2018 FWF takes the role of the “Lead Agency”. Please note that the ANR approval rate will be used in this call which is below the FWF approval rate.

2.1. Cost Calculation

The two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and ANR respectively. Thus, the costs for the Austrian project part must be calculated in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects/Einzelfälle or, in the case of clinical research, with the guidelines for the programme for Clinical Research (KLIF). For the French project part, the ANR cost guidelines apply.
3. **How to submit a proposal**

3.1. **Formal requirements at FWF**

Joint proposals must be submitted to FWF as the Lead Agency. The FWF [guidelines for stand-alone projects](#) or, in the case of clinical research, for the FWF [programme for clinical research (KLIF)](#) apply. The project description must encompass the entire Austrian-French research project.

The project description submitted to FWF must include additional information on:

- The **distribution of work** between the partners
- The **added value** of the co-operation
- **Separate budget justifications** for the Austrian and the French project part, divided by country (both for personnel and non-personnel costs)

The 20 page limit applies.

Further details on how to submit the proposals will be provided soon.

After submission, applicants at FWF are required to rectify any errors in their applications within 10 days after being notified of the errors by the FWF office.

3.2. **Formal requirements at ANR**

For administrative reasons, French applicants must submit a copy of the scientific project proposals submitted to FWF to ANR and state the **administrative and financial data** via the [ANR submission website](#). The information required by ANR must be submitted by **20 January 2018, 1 p.m.**

3.3. **Information on Resubmissions**

Applicants whose proposals were rejected in the previous call for which ANR acted as Lead Agency can resubmit their revised proposals to FWF. The proposal should be marked as a resubmission (“**Neuplanung**”). However, it is not necessary to send individual replies to the ANR reviews to FWF. The overview over the changes in the proposal must be included (cf. [FWF application guidelines, section 6.1.](#)). Should the proposal have been reviewed by FWF previously, applicants must include replies to previous FWF reviewers (but not to ANR reviewers).
4. Graphic summary

Austrian Applicant

Joint proposal according to FWF guidelines submitted to FWF

International peer review process organized by FWF

Funding recommendation by FWF Board

French Applicant

Online Submission of
- administrative and financial data to ANR
- a copy of proposal submitted to FWF

Validation of FWF funding recommendation by ANR

5. Contacts

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