

Application Procedure for Franco-German consortia¹

This one-pager outlines the application procedure for Franco-German consortia within the mutually opened ANR call “Concepts Systems and Tools for Global Security CSOSG 2010 – Theme Axis: Biometrics and Security²” and BMBF call “Biometrics³”. A Franco-German consortium is understood as a joint team of French and German partners with complementary competencies working together in one common project creating a joint output.

Eligibility criteria:

All applicants must fulfil their country's national eligibility rules for research grant application.

- **Scope:** The scope of the proposal must fit in with the topics outlined in the French call “CSOSG 2010 - Theme Axis: Biometrics and Security²” as well as the topics outlined in the German call “Biometrics³”.
- The **timescale** of projects ranges between 18 and 36 months.
- The **French part of the consortium** will consist of at least a partner from academia and at least a partner from industry. The end users should be integrated as part of the consortium or through an ad hoc supervisory board.
- The **German part of the consortium** will consist of partners from academia and industry. End users should be integrated as partners or, in exceptional cases, as associated/non-funded partners, particularly if they are public entities.
- Projects exclusively surveying the social dimensions may consist of a single French and a single German partner only.
- In addition to the **national coordinators**, the co-applicants will designate a **spokesman** for every Franco-German consortium acting as rapporteur and contact person for both funding agencies. His/her main tasks will include the preparation of joint annual reports and a final report for the ANR and the BMBF, respectively. Furthermore he/she will represent the consortium in public and within the scientific community.

Application:

The French applicants will apply for funding to ANR in accordance with ANR rules, German applicants to BMBF in accordance with BMBF rules, each of them using their national application forms for the technical, administrative and financial part, as outlined in the corresponding national calls. **In addition to the national application forms the German and French applicants shall draft a joint proposal written in English.**

Proposals should be submitted to both agencies before the national deadlines. The French part of the consortium should submit the “**documents de soumission A&B**” (**submissions A&B**)⁴ in **French or English and the joint proposal** to the Agence Nationale de la Recherche before May 07, 2010, 13 h. The German part of the consortium should submit the “**Projektskizze**” (**project outline**)³ in **German and the joint proposal** to the VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH before/or on May 21, 2010.

¹ Simplified – Binding are the respective national rules, as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding and the national calls “Concepts Systems and Tools for Global Security CSOSG 2010²” and “Biometrics³”.

² See for further information, English version of the Franco-German call (“Appendix 2”) on <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/AAPProjetsOuverts?NodId=17&lngAAPId=305> (EN)

³ See for further information, <http://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/14232.php> (DE) / <http://www.bmbf.de/en/furtherance/14232.php> (EN)

⁴ See for further information, French version call “CSOSG 2010” and submission forms: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/AAPProjetsOuverts?NodId=17&lngAAPId=305> (FR)

Each joint proposal should describe the project as a whole including the work to be carried out by the French and the German part of the consortium and shall include at least the following (in English):

- **Joint abstract** (overall objective, summary of the proposal);
- **Scientific and/or technical working objectives, envisaged innovations;**
- **Project consortium; project coordinators, assignment of roles, value added chain, if appropriate;**
- **State of the art;**
- **Patents filed (by applicants, third parties);**
- **Previous work of the applicants;**
- **Work plan** (no more than 15 pages), which shall include
 - Detailed description of the work of the partners in the collaboration (including sub-contractors, if appropriate, as well as all scientific and technical issues relevant for the project, and the proposed solutions; including a work-package dealing with ethical/privacy issues, if the project is not exclusively surveying related issues)
 - A preliminary analysis of ethical and privacy issues with respect to the dedicated work package proposed (not applicable for projects exclusively surveying social dimensions)
 - Utilisation plan (scientific, technical and economic utilisation of the results achieved by the partners involved; if appropriate, translation into provisions, guidelines, and legal framework conditions)
 - Network plan (work packages, handover points, milestones and implementing decisions)
 - Funding schedule (estimated overall costs and funding requirements for each partner in the collaboration. Budgets may include costs for salaries, researcher mobility, joint meetings, etc.)
 - A description of:
 - ongoing activities and specific advantages of the German and French groups, respectively, which form the basis for the proposed joint project;
 - how the project is expected to help strengthen research cooperation between Germany and France over the longer term;
 - Statements on how intellectual property and know-how arising from the accomplishment of the joint research projects will be handled in the consortium agreement.

Information and further support:

In France:

Questions related to the perimeter of the call:

Dr. Francois Murgadella
 Agence Nationale de la Recherche
 Phone: +33 1 78 09 80 52
francois.murgadella@agencerecherche.fr

General and/or administrative questions:

Dr. Phillipe Cornu
 Universite de Technologie de Troyes
 Phone : +33 3 25 71 56 89
phc.csosg@utt.fr

In Germany:

Steffen Muhle
 VDI Technologiezentrum GmbH
 Phone: +49 211 62 14 375
muhle@vdi.de