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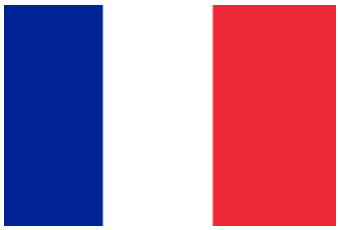

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Name of & link to the funding programmes:

Programme name: Specific European and international calls for proposal; department of Environments, Ecosystems and Biological Resources.

The present document in its entirety and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding can be downloaded on the ANR website

Minimum and/or maximum project duration:

Proposed projects may not exceed 36 months.

Minimum and/or maximum funding per project:

One project can require a minimum of 15,000€ and up to 200,000€.

Who can be eligible for funding (incl. industry participation)?

Applicants must include at least one French partner in the public research organization category (university, EPST – Scientific or Technical Public Institution, EPIC – Industrial or Commercial Public Institution). Participation of a French private partner is not mandatory but would be appreciated.

It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF) before submitting a research project.

The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project that is already financed by the ANR or submitted to another ANR call for proposals in the 2015 edition.

The French part of the project proposal must not be considered to infringe an intellectual property right characterizing a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property.

Recommendations concerning the involvement of French personnel

• The French project coordinator should devote at least 35% of his/her research time to the project[1].

[1] **Calculation of research time**: the evaluation of the time devoted to the project is based on the time devoted to research (taken to be 100%). Accordingly, a lecturer-researcher (or a member of an enterprise's personnel responsible for activities other than research) who devotes all his research time to a project for one year will be considered as a participant at 12 person.months. However, to calculate the total cost, his salary will be counted as equal to his actual full time (e.g. 50% of a lecturer-researcher's salary).

• The total (in person months) of the non-permanent personnel (postdocs, fixed-term contracts, temporary workers) receiving ANR funding should not exceed 30% of the total (in person months) of the staff (permanent and non-permanent personnel) of the French partners assigned to the project.
• The financing duration for each post-doctoral participant should not be less than 12 months.

Actions to be funded concerning scientific and technical culture, communication actions and capacity building

Actions relating to scientific and technical culture and communication are eligible for ANR funding inside the projects. They must be clearly linked to the project and have an ambitious target impact, specifying the specific audiences (e.g.: the media, youth, working populations, teaching professionals, etc.). It is recommended to associate scientific communication/mediation professionals in these actions for the conceptual design of the project (communication departments of research organizations and companies, scientific cultural operators, etc.). Training inside the project and exchange of PhD and post doc between the participants are recommended. The contribution of a project to the content of higher education courses can enhance its impact. Supporting the integration of current research themes in teaching programmes is a notable example. The projects funded by the ANR can integrate this type of initiative in their work programme. The proposed actions in favour of higher education must have a direct link with the content of the project. The actions can be diverse (construction of websites, design and development of original teaching tools based on research material, teaching conference cycles. The budget devoted to these tasks should not exceed 10% of the requested funding. These actions must form the subject of a clearly identified project task. They shall be evaluated as a factor in the overall impact of the project.

List of eligible costs

The funds allocated by the ANR to each French partner will be provided as a non-reimbursable grant in accordance with the provisions of the "Regulations relative to conditions of allocating ANR funds", which can be consulted on the ANR website.

Subcontracting rules

Beneficiaries may have the possibility to subcontract with third parties outside the project for specific work excluding fundamental research, industrial research, experimental development and technical feasibility study prior to industrial research and experimental development. The cost of these benefits is given on an individual from operating expenses and must be less than or equal to 50% of total costs used in the base of the Help the Beneficiary, unless waived by the General management team of the ANR reasoned request.

Conditions of funding of companies

The European Community Framework of State aids to companies places a number of conditions on the allocation of ANR funds to companies. If these conditions are not fulfilled by a company participating in a selected project, the ANR will not allocate funding to that company. General rules for funding companies are available on ANR website.

Regulatory and contractual obligations

The conditions of execution and financing of the research projects selected and funded by ANR on completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements comprising general conditions available on the ANR website, and particular conditions (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF). The particular conditions of the grant award agreements shall be signed between the ANR and each of the French research project partners.

Consortium agreement

Under the supervision of the project coordinator, the partners must conclude an agreement specifying in particular:
• the sharing of the intellectual property rights of the project results;
• the conditions of publication / dissemination of the results;
• the technology transfer and the exploitation of the project results.

The French project partners will send a copy of this agreement to the ANR. A Consortium Agreement will need to be in place and reported to ANR before any payment will be made.
These agreements shall also enable the existence of any indirect financial support entering into the calculation of the maximum level of funding authorized under the European Community Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation (referred to hereinafter as the "EU Community Framework") to be determined.
It will be assumed that there is no indirect support if at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:
• the participating companies bear the totality of the research project costs;
• the results that do not give rise to intellectual property rights can be widely disseminated, and the research organization holds all the intellectual property rights, if any, resulting from its RDI activity;
• the research organization receives from the participating companies payment equivalent to the market price for the intellectual property rights resulting from the activities it carried out in the project and which are transferred to the participating companies. Any contribution of the participating companies to the research organization's expenses must be deducted from the said payment.

Scientific follow-up of the projects

The scientific aspects of the funded projects shall be monitored by the ANR, in addition to the call for proposals follow-up activities (annual activity report, review meetings, collection of project impact information), during project execution and until one year after their completion. The intermediate progress reports provided under the call for proposals substitute for the reports usually requested by the ANR. The specific scientific follow-up by the ANR comprises:
- supply of up-to-date summaries of the project objectives, work and results, intended for the ANR publications on all media,
- participation in the seminars organized by the ANR (one or two participations).
The project proposals shall include the corresponding work load in their work programme.

Moral responsibility

The funding of a project by the ANR does not relieve the French project partners of their obligations concerning the regulations and code of ethics and professional conduct applicable to their area of activity. The French partners undertake to keep the ANR informed of any change likely to modify the content, the partnership or the schedule of project performance between the time of project submission and publication of the list of selected projects. All the French partners undertake to follow the good research practices described in the code of ethics of the ANR project players available on the ANR website, equally well during the preparation of their submitted research project proposal as in its implementation if it is selected and funded by the ANR (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/CharteDeontologieSoumission).

Performance of ad-hoc reviews for the ANR
The scientific and technical leader of each French partner of the submitted project proposals may be invited by the ANR to perform ad-hoc reviews in the context of other calls for proposals and/or programmes. They undertake to examine such requests with diligence.