

Annex for Franco-Swiss projects

Lead Agency Procedure (FNS)

Generic Call for Proposals 2020

Important

1. Franco-Swiss projects shall only be evaluated by SNSF Agency, according its own terms, through its “« l’encouragement de projets». Full information available at the following address:

<http://www.snf.ch/fr/encouragement/projets/projets-toutes-les-disciplines>

2. This document sets out detailed rules for the submission and funding procedures applicable to French teams working on Franco-Swiss projects.

3. It is essential to carefully read Work Programme 2020, the Generic Call for Proposals, ANR’s <https://anr.fr/fr/detail/call/appel-a-projets-generique-2020/> Regulations for allocating grants (<https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>), as well as this entire document before submitting a research project proposal

4. In case of any difference of interpretation, the French version of the present annex shall prevail

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1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF COOPERATION WITH SWITZERLAND

By developing bilateral agreements with foreign funding agencies, ANR enables researchers to initiate or intensify their collaborations, as part of its plans to foster and give rise to outstanding teams in Europe and throughout the world.

The objective is to support innovative bi-national projects that break away from existing national projects and show seamless synergy between both countries' teams and genuinely integrated joint research.

In order to simplify and streamline working arrangements, create research funding without borders and contribute to building out the European Research Area (ERA), ANR and SNSF (*Swiss National Science Foundation*) have decided to forge a partnership.

The "Lead Agency" procedure has been continued in 2020 for the selection of Franco-Swiss PRCI ("International Collaborative Research Projects") projects. In this context, a joint project prepared by both countries' teams is evaluated by a single agency, the "Lead Agency", which manages projects' evaluation and selection. Transnational projects compete with the national projects of the Agency conducting the evaluation. The partner agency has access to all information regarding the projects. Each agency funds its respective national¹ teams according to its own procedures.

The two agencies take turns yearly handling the submission, evaluation and selection of projects according to its own procedures. For 2020, **the submission and evaluation of project proposals will be handled by SNSF**. The scientific coordinator and other partners of the French part must nevertheless provide ANR with certain administrative information in accordance with procedures described in this Annex.

The purpose of the partnership between ANR and SNSF is to support projects in which there is genuine² collaboration between Franco-Austrian partners. Partners will ensure that each country provides equitable contributions and scientific inputs. The same applies to agencies' grant applications. French and foreign partners should strive to align projects' start and end dates.

2. RESEARCH PRIORITIES

The bilateral agreement with Switzerland covers all research fields funded by ANR and SNSF.

3. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

The French and Swiss partners will prepare a joint scientific project. **Each country's teams must designate a national scientific coordinator.**

Project proposals must be submitted by Swiss coordinators to SNSF (www.mysnf.ch) respecting the format and the details of its programmes for «l'instrument d'encouragement ».

¹ A French team is a partner with an institution or a branch in France.

² Jointly defined objectives, sharing of skills and tasks, sharing of risks and results

Applicants must absolutely read over the information available on the SNSF's website:
<http://www.snf.ch/fr/encouragement/projets/lead-agency/france/Pages/default.aspx>

The deadline for the submission of applications to the SNSF is **1 April 2020, 5PM**.

French partners:

No registration of intention to submit a project is required by ANR.

However, for administrative reasons, although the submission and evaluation are conducted by the foreign agency, the French participants must submit their proposals to the ANR via the ANR submission site³:

- **The same scientific project proposal as that submitted to SNSF, in the same format.** The French coordinator is subject to the rules (in particular of eligibility) to which all national scientific coordinators of the 2020 Generic call for proposals must comply (see AAPG 2020 Guide, § B.5.2. Eligibility of full proposals). Please note, **the acronym and title of the project provided to each agency must be the same.**
- **The administrative and funding information** linked to foreign partners must be filled in on the submission site's online form .The minimum information expected concerning foreign partners is: the name of the Institute⁴, its category (private / public), and the information concerning the foreign coordinator (country referent). Only the amount of requested funding by foreign partners must be stated in the online form (via simplified entry only).
- **A scientific panel** responsible for the scientific monitoring of the project in case of success (description of the scientific panels is available in the AAPG 2020 text). Please note: this choice cannot be changed once the closing date and time has passed.

The deadline for submitting this information to the ANR is the day after the Swiss submission deadline, April 2, 1 p.m. (Paris time). Only project proposals previously submitted to the SNSF will be accepted. This is not an extension of the submission deadline.

4. ELIGIBILITY

Each agency decides on projects' eligibility according to its own rules.

The SNSF's rules can be found at the following address:

<http://www.snf.ch/fr/encouragement/projets/projets-toutes-les-disciplines/Pages/default.aspx#Conditions%20de%20participation>

ANR verifies the eligibility of the proposals, taking into account the criteria set out in the AAPG Guide § B.5.2, and the following criteria:

- The project's planned duration must be the same for both countries' partners

³ the address of the submission site will be indicated on the ANR website, on the generic 2020 call for proposals page

⁴ Partner as a legal person

A project shall only be funded by ANR if it meets the eligibility rules set out above as well as ANR's funding regulations procedure.

5. EVALUATION

Projects shall only be evaluated by SNSF in accordance with its own rules.

The SNSF will propose a list of projects to be funded by ANR.

The two agencies then jointly validate the list of projects to be funded.

N.B.: ANR must ensure that the Franco-Swiss project selection rate is similar to that of projects submitted under ANR's Generic Call.

6. FUNDING PROVISIONS

Each agency will cover expenditures for their respective country's teams according to its own rules. ANR's funding regulations are available at: <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>

7. CALENDAR

- Proposal submissions on the SNSF website: **April 1st 2020, 5PM**
- Closure for submission proposals on the ANR website: **April 2nd 2020, 1 PM** (Paris time)
- Joint decision and publication of results: **October 2020 (indicative date)**