



ANNEX 2: Individual Eligibility Criteria and Funding Regulations

Name of Country/ name of Funding Party

BELGIUM / Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

Who can apply?

Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable (<http://www.fwo.be/Documentatie.aspx?ID=399b8594-9710-4771-9289-426ff73731e1&L=n>).

In this article is stated who can apply as a Principal Investigator for a research project:

- a professor with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;
- a professor with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher;
- a professor with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;
- an academic staff member with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;
- a research director of FWO;
- a Flemish beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II.

All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organisations:

- a Flemish university;
- a Flemish research institution;
- a Flemish university hospital;
- the Transnational University Limburg;
- a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register.

Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project.

If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter of each university has to fulfill the above mentioned eligibility criteria as well as to occupy a position covering entirely the period of the project that is applied for. The criteria have



to be met with at the start of the project at the latest, which has to be proven at the date of the submission.

Regulations concerning Industry participation

FWO does not fund industrial partners.

What types of funding are eligible?

Direct costs:

Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA -NET. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.

Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the results from his/her project research.

1.1 Research material and small-scale research equipment

Only on a limited scale and if its need is demonstrated.

1.2 Personnel costs

A ½ FTE (scientist or technician) can be funded.

½ scientist: 30.000 euro/year

½ technician: 25.000/year

1.3 Travel costs

As a general rule, travel costs (from the point of departure to the location of the project partner) will be paid by the sending country. Travel costs for Belgian (Flemish) project partners who travel to foreign countries will be covered (economy class flight / train ride 2nd class). Visa fees and vaccine costs for vaccinations officially recommended by the Belgian Foreign Ministry will also be reimbursed. These costs should be mentioned under the topic "consumables" in the requested budget.

1.4 Living expenses

All these costs should be mentioned under the topic "consumables" in the requested budget.

1.5 Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events in Belgium (Flanders)

(including the invitation of external experts): funding can be provided towards expenses such as room rent and catering, accommodation of guests, transfer costs in Belgium (daily allowances will not be paid in this case). The upper limit of 20% of the project budget per partner/year should not be exceeded.



Eligible indirect costs

There are no eligible indirect costs.

Max. funding duration

An FWO project normally is funded for up to 4 years, but that period can also be shorter.

Special submission procedures:

Not applicable

Further provisions

Not applicable

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