

Information sheet

Calls within the framework of multilateral thematic initiatives: ERA-NETs, European Partnerships, Belmont Forum

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1 General information

Calls within the framework of multilateral thematic initiatives are thematically focused, transnational calls conducted by international consortia of funding agencies. The purpose of these calls is to improve cooperation and coordination in research activities across countries and regions by promoting networking among national funding agencies. Funding applications within the framework of multilateral thematic initiatives must adhere to the requirements of each specific call. All of the information required for this purpose is provided by the coordinating funding agency (call secretariat). Specific questions should be directed to the relevant contact persons at the FWF (see <http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/about-the-fwf/international-activities/multilateral-activities/>).

2 Submission of applications

As research projects within the framework of multilateral initiatives carried out at Austrian research institutions are funded by the FWF, they are subject to the FWF's [Application Guidelines for Stand-Alone Projects](#) or, if applicable, to the FWF [Application Guidelines for Clinical Research](#) in addition to those of the transnational call. The FWF's guidelines are particularly important with regard to the eligibility of the application as well as the costs requested.

In addition to the application at the call secretariat administrative and financial data must be submitted online to the FWF at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at>. In case of a two-step application procedure this is required already at the preproposal stage via the programme category “PIK – International Projects (preproposal)”. In case of a single step procedure or for the full proposal stage in a two-step procedure, applicants must choose the programme category “KIN – International – Multilateral Initiatives”.

Project funding is administered through the research institutions ([PROFI](#)); this means the application must be approved for submission by both the applicant and the respective research institution (= lead research institution)¹. All forms required for the application must be completed online; other required documents such as the project description incl. annexes and any additional documents must be uploaded in full before the application can be approved for submission by the research institution. For additional information, please see the [elane user manual](#).

3 Review process

As a first step, the funding agencies involved check whether the applications meet the applicable formal requirements. The review process is then handled by the coordinating organisation (call secretariat) in accordance with the terms of the call. On the basis of the results, each funding organisation decides whether to approve or reject the project part(s) based in its country.

4 Project administration

In general, research progress reports and financial reports must be prepared according to the FWF's requirements. Additional call-specific rules may also apply.

Further information:

FWF – contact persons multilateral initiatives

<http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/about-the-fwf/international-activities/multilateral-activities/>

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