

## AXIS Joint Call for Transnational Collaborative Research Projects 2018

### Assessment of Cross(X)-sectoral climate Impacts and pathways for Sustainable transformation

#### **National Annex: Austria**

##### **Partners:**

This call is supported by Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research / FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency.

##### **Notice:**

Depending on all conditions of eligibility and peer review being met, the **budget earmarked collectively by the participating FFG** (on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research) **for this call will be up to 400.000,- EUR.**

The official national call announcement for Austria has been published on the *FFG website* ([www.ffg.at](http://www.ffg.at)). Details of the call and the application process are provided via the submission website. **Applicants are strongly advised to contact their National Contact Point before starting to prepare proposals for application.** For FFG enquiries please see below.

##### **Eligibility and national funding modalities:**

Two different FFG funding instruments are available for applicants from Austria:

- Transnational Cooperative R&D Projects (Kooperative F&E-Projekte - Transnationale Ausschreibungen)
- Transnational Cooperative Projects of Oriented Basic Research (Kooperative Projekte der orientierten Grundlagenforschung -Transnationale Ausschreibungen)

Research organisations (e.g. universities, universities for applied sciences (Fachhochschulen), non-university research institutes/organisations) from Austria are eligible for funding using either of the FFG Funding Instruments.

Companies (small, medium and large) from Austria are only eligible for funding using the FFG Funding Instrument for Transnational Cooperative R&D Projects.

Different funding rates apply depending on the FFG Funding Instrument used and the organisation type.

The organisations being eligible for funding as well as the eligibility criteria for cooperation and the funding rates are listed in the FFG Funding Instruments available on the FFG Call website: [https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/axis\\_call2018](https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/axis_call2018)

If more than one Austrian applicants are participating in the same transnational proposal, only one funding instrument can be used for both of them.

##### **Eligible cost items**

- Personnel costs
- Use of R&D infrastructure
- Costs of materials and supplies
- Travel costs

- Subcontracting
- Overheads are 25% of eligible costs (except subcontracting costs).

The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian applicants can be found here:  
<https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-21>

#### **Further specific requirements:**

FFG will fund up to 200.000,-€ per project.

In addition to the submission of the transnational proposal by the coordinator, **applicants from Austria are obligated to submit a national proposal via the FFG eCall** (<http://ecall.ffg.at/>). For detailed information consult the FFG Call website:  
[https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/axis\\_call2018](https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/axis_call2018)

The **national call for the first application stage (pre-proposal stage) closes on 19. June 2018** (one day after closure of the transnational call).

The **national call for the second application stage (full proposal stage) closes on 09. October 2018** (one day after closure of the transnational Call).

Failing to comply with the detailed requirements of the eCall application procedure and the abovementioned deadlines will result in the formal rejection of the national proposal!

After the deadlines, FFG will conduct a formal eligibility check of all Austrian project proposals, including application formalities such as fulfilment of the prerequisites specific to the chosen FFG Funding Instruments.

The national proposals will not be scientifically evaluated separately.

#### **Open Access to Knowledge and Data**

In general, the BMBWF complies with the JPI Climate Guidelines on Open Knowledge and expects the funded projects to apply the same standards (c.f. <http://www.jpi-climate.eu/publications/documents/10862502/JPI-Climate-Guidelines-on-Open-Knowledge>). In particular, the provision of project data and results via the Climate Change Centre Austria (CCCA) Data Centre should be taken into consideration in the project management plan (contact NCP).

#### **Climate-friendly Climate Research\*\***

Reconfirming the importance of considering and reducing the carbon footprint of research and research management (see call text), projects receiving funding by the BMBWF are encouraged

- to use virtual meeting infrastructure on a pro-rata basis (e.g. software licenses) that verifiably allows for substituting physical meetings;
- to organize if necessary green / climate-friendly project meetings considering respective (organic & regional) catering and accommodation and to co-align international meetings if possible;
- to use climate friendly modes of transportation; in case air travel or other major carbon emissions sources could verifiably not be avoided carbon compensation is highly appreciated.

\*\* see JPI CLIMATE 'Climate-friendly Climate Research' checklist on the JPI CLIMATE website: <http://www.jpi-climate.eu/jpi-strategy/climatefriendlyclimateresearch>

It is expected that applications to this call will be for Collaborative Research Grants with the consortium composition as defined in the call document, and BMBWF will fund the Austrian partners of any successful trans-national collaboration according the ranking list and the available budget.

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