



Opening new horizons

ERA-MBT – JTC 2016

Criteria for participation

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# 1. Short presentation of FWO

- **Mission**

- Funds basic scientific research
- Bottom-up funding in all disciplines
- Strong selection based on scientific excellence and interuniversity competition (Flemish universities and, to a lesser extent, research performing organisations)
- Transparent and equal opportunities

# 1. FWO Target Audience

- Main host institutions



- (Strategic) research centers



and others!



# 1. Funding schemes of the FWO

- Funding for individual researchers
  - Pre- and postdoctoral fellowships (+ bench fee), research grants
- Funding for research teams
  - Research projects, Big Science, Bilateral agreements, SBO ...
- Supporting mobility, international contacts and collaborations
  - Travel grants, sabbatical leaves, scientific research communities, organisation of conferences in Belgium, International coordination actions, collaboration agreements, ...
- Attracting excellent researchers, active abroad, to Flanders
  - Odysseus , Pegasus
- Awarding scientific prizes

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## 2. ERA-NET and FWO



- FWO participates in 30 ERA networks (2016) + more upcoming
  
- General principles
  - Offering extra opportunities for European cooperation
  - Basic research on transnational level
  - Rules concerning Flemish participants:
    - FWO Regulations on regular Research Projects apply
  - € 200.000 per call

## 2. Rules for Flemish participants

### ■ Art. 9 of the regulations for research projects:

§1. The supervisor (PI) who is also the responsible spokesperson towards the FWO, shall be:

- an Independent Academic Staff (ZAP) member with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university;
- an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and whose main task is research;
- an Independent Academic Staff member 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 Evangelic Theological Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels;
- a research director of the FWO;
- a designated beneficiary of an ERC Starting Grant, an ERC Consolidator Grant, an ERC Advanced Grant or an Odysseus II grant, with a Flemish university as a host institution.



## 2. Rules for Flemish participants

- Art. 9 of the regulations for research projects:
  - §2. All co-supervisors have to be researchers of at least postdoctoral level. Co-supervisors have to be affiliated to a Flemish university, or an academic education from the Flemish School of Arts, or the Hogere Zeevaartschool, or a Flemish research institution, or a Flemish university hospital, or the Transnational University Limburg, or the Evangelic Theological Faculty in Leuven, or the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, or a federal scientific institution where the co-supervisor belongs to the Dutch-speaking community. (Foreign researchers can participate as co-supervisor in the project without FWO funding, provided the collaboration is relevant for the project).

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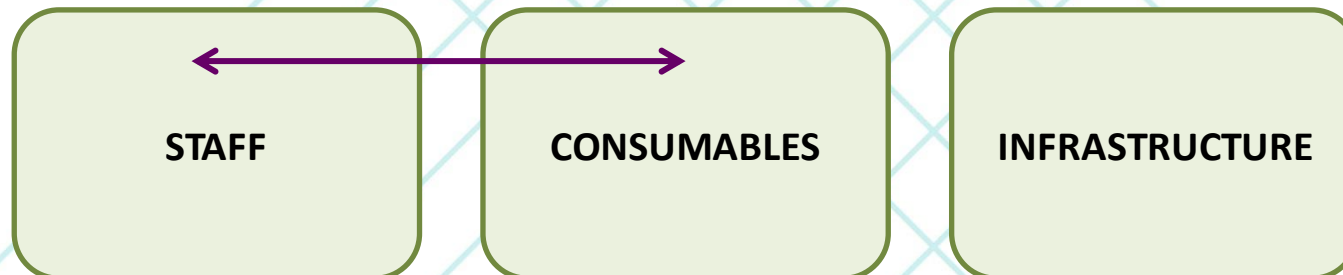
- Art. 9 of the regulations for research projects:
  - §3. If several universities are involved in the project, at least the supervisor or one co-supervisor shall meet the requirements set out in §1, 1°, 2°, 3°, and hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project applied for.
  - § 4. If the requirements set out in §1 are not met at the time of the application, the applicant needs to prove that this will be the case at the start of the agreement.

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- Art. 9 of the regulations for research projects:
  
- From 2016 on also as main institutions accepted:
  - Institute of Tropical Medicine (ITG)
  - Vlerick Business School
  - Antwerp Management School
  - Antwerp Maritime Academy
  - Institute of Jewish Studies
  - Institute of Development Policy and Management (IOB)
  - The Institute for European Studies (IES)

## 2. Budget – General Rules

- Standard €200.000 / 1 research group/3 years
- **Virtual common pot** – highest ranked Flemish research group
- Cost categories:



## 2. Budget – General Rules

### Consumables

- The general operating costs that are necessary for the execution of the project
- Small equipment < 20.000 €

### Staff

- No more fixed amounts
- No remuneration of permanent staff (only ad hoc)

### Infrastructure

- Max. 150.000€

**→ Consumables and staff are communicating vessels**

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### *Overhead costs*

- 6% on allocated budget (e.g. € 12.000 on € 200.000)
- For host institution: electricity, rent, maintenance, ...
- Should NOT be mentioned in the application

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## 3. ERA-MBT and FWO

### **This specific call:**

- 1X €200,000 for one 3-year project
- Flemish partner within best ranked consortium in transnational ranking
- Virtual common pot



# More information

## **FWO – website**

Information on regulations: [www.fwo.be](http://www.fwo.be)

*Research Projects > Regulations for Research projects*

Information on ERA-NET calls

*European programmes > ERA-NET*

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