



Indo-Belgian Research and Technology Cooperation

CALL FOR PROPOSALS: SUPPORT OF NETWORKING ACTIVITIES

Call Opening on 28th February, 2017 (projects' period: 2018 - 2020)

Closing Date: 20th May, 2017

Topping-up Grant

SUBMISSION DOSSIER

Acronym of the proposed network (maximum 8 letters):		
Chosen main area (see further for detail):	Exact Sciences	
	Life Sciences	
	Earth Geo-Sciences	

Please note that interdisciplinary networks combining several of the above-mentioned areas will be particularly welcomed.

The present dossier IS ONLY INTENDED for the RECIPIENTS of the call announcement

Within the framework of the Agreement between Belgium and India on cooperation in the fields of science and technology, the fourth 'Joint Commission' meeting, held in New Delhi on September 29th, 2015, decided to organize a second call for proposals for networking activities, issued by the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office (hereinafter: BELSPO) and the Indian Department of Science and Technology (hereinafter: DST).

For this call the selected areas agreed by both sides are the following:

- Exact Sciences (including Chemistry, Materials, Astrophysics, Cryptography),
 - Life Sciences (including Medical, Ecosystems Biodiversity, Plant Molecular Biology)
- Furthermore, interdisciplinary networks combining several of the above-mentioned areas will be particularly welcomed.
- Earth Geo-Sciences (including Climate, Environment, Mineral Resources, Water, Meteorology, Geodynamics, Polar Research and Marine Modelling)

Who can apply?

For BELSPO, the eligible proposals under the present call are those that are related to projects that are already supported by one of BELSPO's research programmes or by the federal research institutes during the mentioned period; information can be found via the URL: www.belspo.be.

For India, academicians and scientists who have already some project's grant available for a going-on project are eligible to participate.

The EURAXESS-India function 'connect' of the tool called 'Euraxess Links India' (via 'india.euraxess.net') or the URL http://www.euindiacoop.org/find_partner.php can be used for partner search.

Those Indian scientists, who are presently implementing more than one research projects supported from the International Division of the Department of Science & Technology, are not eligible to apply.

What kind of activities will be supported?

The networking activities should aim to enhance the scientific cooperation between the researchers of the selected projects in both countries and to contribute to a sustainable cooperation (e.g. via joint research projects) beyond the period of networking. They may include the organisation of a joint seminar or workshop or experts' visits.

The added value for both partners should be explicit in the proposals.

Start of the networking activities: January, 2018.

End of the networking activities: not later than the end date of the running project that ends first (mentioned in page 4 of the present form).

How will support be granted?

The funding of the bilateral networking activities is based on the **principle of reciprocity**. Each country finances the costs for activities carried out on its territory (e.g. the organisation of study visits, seminars, workshops, setting up of joint experiments), whereas the international travel costs are borne by the respective sending country. Research activities as such **will not be supported by this call**; they are financed in the original project. As the present call concerns topping up grants, the proposed funding should be used exclusively for networking activities.

The maximum budget per proposal to be granted to the Belgian partner is **30.000 EUR**.

Participation of other relevant European partners in the network is possible but will not be funded by BELSPO or DST.

How will the proposals be selected?

Once the call is closed and all proposals are examined according to the eligibility criteria the eligible proposals are subjected to a selection process. Proposals will be evaluated both in Belgium (by BELSPO) and in India (by DST). In accordance with the principle of scientific excellence and added value to the running project, the final selection will be jointly made by DST and BELSPO.

BELSPO will inform the Belgian applicants of the selection.

How to apply?

Applications are to be submitted both to BELSPO by the Belgian coordinator and to DST by the Indian coordinator via the topping-up grant submission dossier **by e-mail (in 'Word' and in 'pdf', with signatures)**.

Deadline for submission: **20th May 2017 (at 3 p.m. in Belgium)**.

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