



CHIST-ERA Call 2022

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Outline

- ☐ CHIST-ERA and the Call 2022 key features
- Proposal preparation recommendations
- How to submit your proposal



CHIST-ERA and Call 2022 Key Features



CHIST-ERA Overview

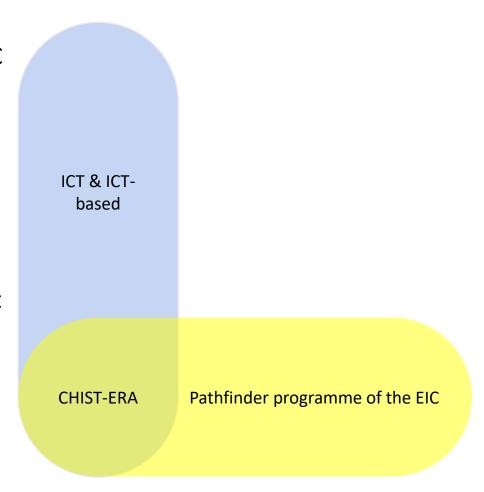
- A network (ERA-NET) of research funding organisations in Europe and beyond
 - ✓ Covering most European countries + Québec, Taiwan & Brazil
 - ✓ Call consortium is a sub-set of CHIST-ERA consortium (participation on a topic by topic basis)
- Supporting long term research targeting emerging digital technologies
 - ✓ Investing in the identification and definition of promising topics
 - ✓ Supporting 2 topics per year
 - Typically 10-15 projects of approx. 750 K€ 1 000K€ each, involving at least 3 countries each
 - ✓ Promoting research results exploitation, Open Science, Widening Countries, Ethics
- Relying on a well-established yearly call cycle
 - ✓ One-step high quality evaluation process
- Fostering cross-fertilisation across topics and strategic thinking through a yearly Funded Projects Seminar
- Diversification of funding activities:
 - ✓ Call Open Science: Closed on December 2022
 - ✓ Challenge Call: The call will be launched in 2023



Targeted Research

Smarter, Safer, Leaner... ICT

- CHIST-ERA is the ERA-NET of the EIC
 Pathfinder programme
- Support to basic research for future and emerging ICT (Pathfinder-like research)
 - Long term interdisciplinary research
 - ✓ Risky with potential high impact
 - √ Favour novelty
- Focus on performance evaluation





Topics of the Call 2022

- 1. Security and Privacy in Decentralised and Distributed Systems (SPiDDS)
- 2. Machine Learning-based Communication Systems, towards Wireless AI (WAI)

The description of the topics, the target outcomes and the expected impact are available in the Call Announcement: https://www.chistera.eu/sites/www.chistera.eu/files/CHIST-ERA%20Call%202022%20-%20Announcement.pdf

The Call Announcement is the reference document for both the applicants and the evaluators.

When writing the proposal, you are strongly encouraged to take into consideration:

- The description of the topic
- The evaluation criteria and sub-criteria
- The proposal form



WHO will Evaluate your Proposal?

- **Evaluation panel** consists of sufficient number of high-level experts from different fields within the call topic
 - ✓ Some of them with specific knowledge on Open Science and on technology transfer
- Composition of the evaluation panel is prepared by the Call Secretariat and approved by CHIST-ERA funders in the call
 - ✓ Scientists participating in the proposals *cannot* be members of the evaluation panel or evaluate proposals as external reviewers
- ☐ Each proposal will be evaluated by 3 panel members
 - ✓ External reviewers at least 2 for each proposal
- Evaluation panel is established for each topic → 2 separate panels evaluate proposals → Thus 2 ranking lists are elaborated
- ☐ The list of the panel members will be made public on CHIST-ERA website after the funding recommendation is issued



HOW will your Proposal be Evaluated?

Evaluation criteria – for full description will see Call 2022 AAnnouncement

- Relevance to the Topic (threshold: 4/5, weight: 1)
- Scientific and Technological Quality (threshold: 3.5/5, weight: 2)
- ☐ Impact (threshold: 3.5/5, weight: 2)
- ☐ Implementation (threshold: 3/5, weight: 1)



Selection of Proposals

- Based on the ranking of the Evaluation Panel and of available funding, the Call Steering Committee prepares a list of projects to select
- The ranking list is followed
- Efforts are made to fund as many projects as possible, by
 - ✓ Budget increase if possible
 - Discussing possible cuts in requested funding with the projects
- If at some rank N, it is not possible to fund all projects, the following criteria are applied:
 - ✓ The overall funding of the call should be maximised.
 - ✓ If possible, each funding organisation funds at least one project
 - ✓ Projects involving partners from Widening Countries are prioritised



WHEN will your Proposal be Evaluated?

Tentative timeline

February 2023

Deadline for proposals submission

Spring 2023

Proposals evaluation by Evaluation panel

July 2023

Notification of accepted proposals and feedback sent to applicants

October 2023

First possible start date for accepted projects



WHICH Feedback will you Receive?

- Notification of selection decision
 - Proposal below quality threshold, or
 - ✓ Proposal above quality threshold but not selected due to lack of funding, or
 - ✓ Proposal selected
- Review feedback
 - ✓ A consensus report summarising the panel's view on the proposal and funding recommendation to CHIST-ERA is sent to the project coordinator
 - Subsequently report is distributed to all partners by project coordinator
- List of selected projects is published on CHIST-ERA webpage
- ☐ If the proposal is selected for funding, contractual negotiation phase is launched with respective funding organisations involved in the project



Open Science Opportunities in Call 2022

- Good practices of the research community supported
 - ✓ Commitment of Open Access within Call 2022
 - Publications in Open Access (Green or Gold routes)
 - Underlying data FAIRly open* in archives
 - No embargo
 - Data Management Plan (DMP) for accepted projects
 - Within 3 months of project start
 - Update on a yearly basis
- Open Science Coordinator: New role for projects
 - ✓ Planning of Open Science (activities, costs)
 - Monitoring throughout the project lifetime

^{*} Following the principle "as open as possible, as closed as necessary"



Proposal Preparation & Recommendations



Joint Funding Instrument (1/2)

European level

- √ Formation of collaborative projects
- ✓ Submission of proposals
- Evaluation and ranking
- √ Funding recommendation
- ✓ Contact point: CHIST-ERA Call Secretariat

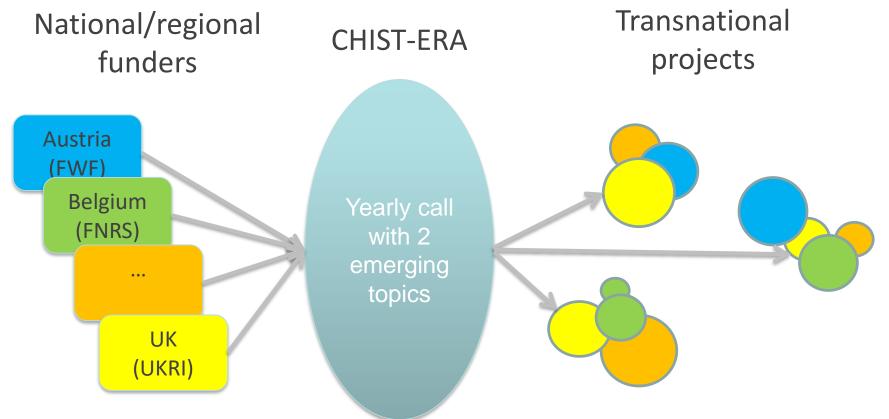
National/Regional level

- ✓ One National/Regional Contact Point for the funding organisation
- ✓ For some countries, a separate application to the respective funding organisation by a project partner from that country is needed
- ✓ Formal implementation, grant agreement



Joint Funding Instrument (2/2)

- No funding across borders
 - ✓ Each project partner is funded separately by the respective funding organisation (no common pot)





Requirements from the Consortia

- Formation of consortia
 - ✓ At least 3 partners from 3 countries participating in the call topic
 - Industrial partners eligible for some funders (see call text for details)
 - ✓ Research should be focused on a clearly defined goal, i.e. typically not more than
 6 partners is recommended
 - ✓ Consortia should be balanced:
 - Not more than 60% of the total requested funding may be requested by partners from one country
- Additional partners
 - Research groups from countries whose funding organisations are not in the call may join a project consortium as long as they are able to secure their own funding
 - ✓ These groups/institutions do not count for the 3-3 rule
 - ✓ The coordinator must request funding



Application Procedure

- One-step submission procedure
 - ✓ Proposal: approx. 25-35 pages
- Each consortium specifies one coordinator
 - ✓ Single point of contact for the call secretariat
 - ✓ The coordinator must be based in a country participating in the call
- For each project partner, one PI is the point of contact at the national/regional level
- Prior to submission, each PI has to consult with her/his funding organisation regarding eligibility issues:
 - ✓ Eligibility of the entity (university, academic institution, industry,...)
 - ✓ Eligibility of the PI (e.g., permanent staff,...)
 - ✓ Eligible costs
- The proposal is submitted through the ANR online submission platform



Recommendations (1/2)

- CHIST-ERA is not ERC: Collaboration, science and technology are essential ingredients
- Novelty and interdisciplinarity are important
 - ✓ Incremental refinements rarely make it, high-risk does
 - ✓ Collaboration driven by joint questions, goals and mutual learning.
- A long-term vision is essential but also a plausible idea on how to get there
- ☐ Strong encouragement to involve Widening Countries in your proposal
- ☐ Improve your proposal by integrating appropriate open access measures
- Consider altogether the topic description, the evaluation criteria and the proposal template



Recommendations (2/2)

- Make sure that your partners have checked their eligibility with the respective funding organisations
- Take into consideration national/regional budget constraints. Projects are expected to be at maximum in the range of 0.75 – 1 M€
- Do not hesitate to contact the CHIST-ERA call secretariat and your national/regional contact points
- ☐ Get used to the electronic submission system sufficiently in advance to prevent any technical risk



How to Submit your Proposal



Application Guidelines (1/11)

Full guidelines:

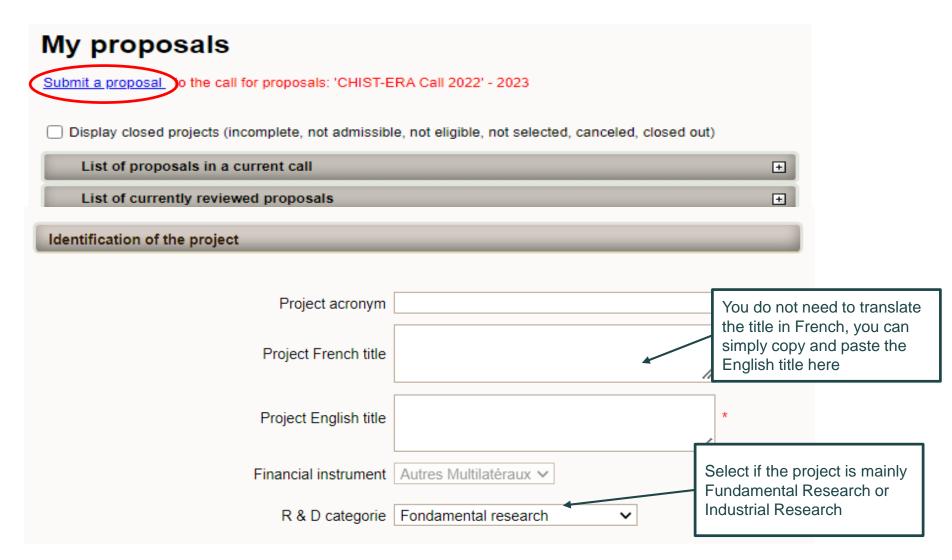
Recommendations:

Create your submission account at the latest some days before the submission deadline in order to avoid any problem

- Verify all the data in the submission platform
- Upload the proposal document in PDF format
- Upload the financial plan in the annex section (letters of support could be uploaded as well in the same section)
- The electronic submission system is based on the French National Research Agency (ANR) platform (https://aap.agencerecherche.fr/)

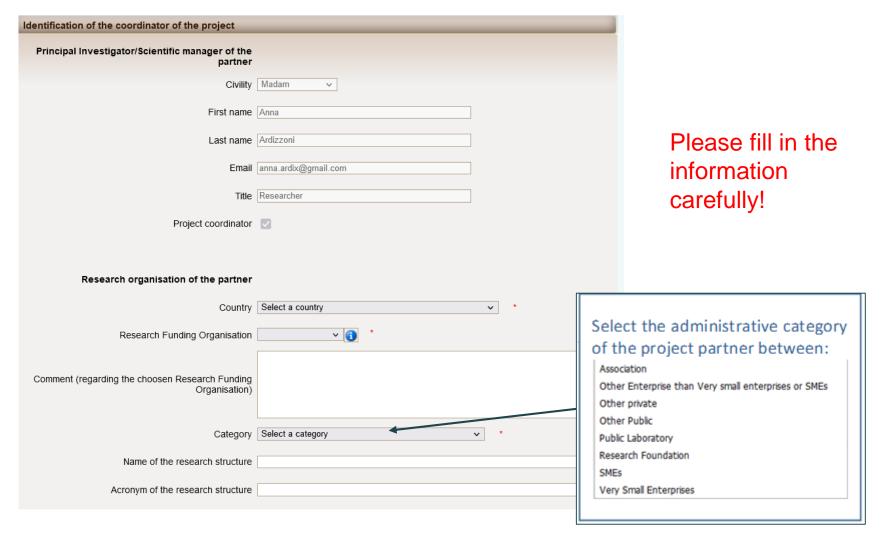


Application Guidelines (2/11)





Application Guidelines (3/11)





Application Guidelines (4/11)

Partnership and tasks

Partners/Organisations

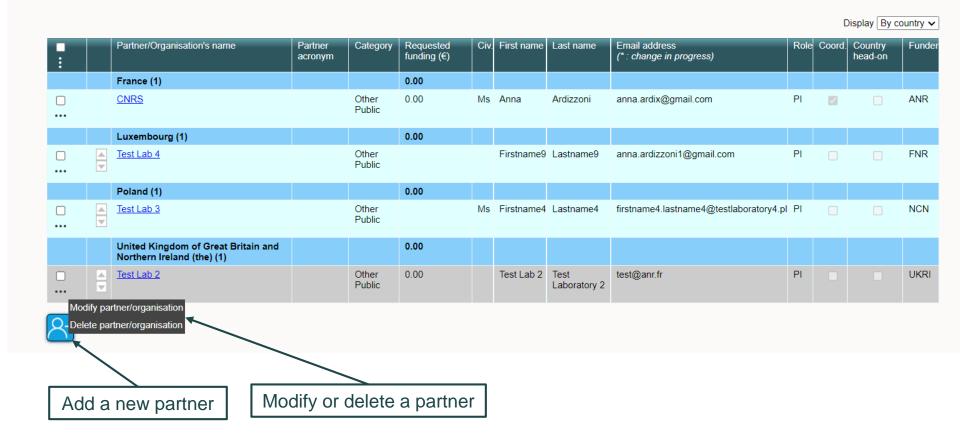
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Scientific abstracts

Scientific document

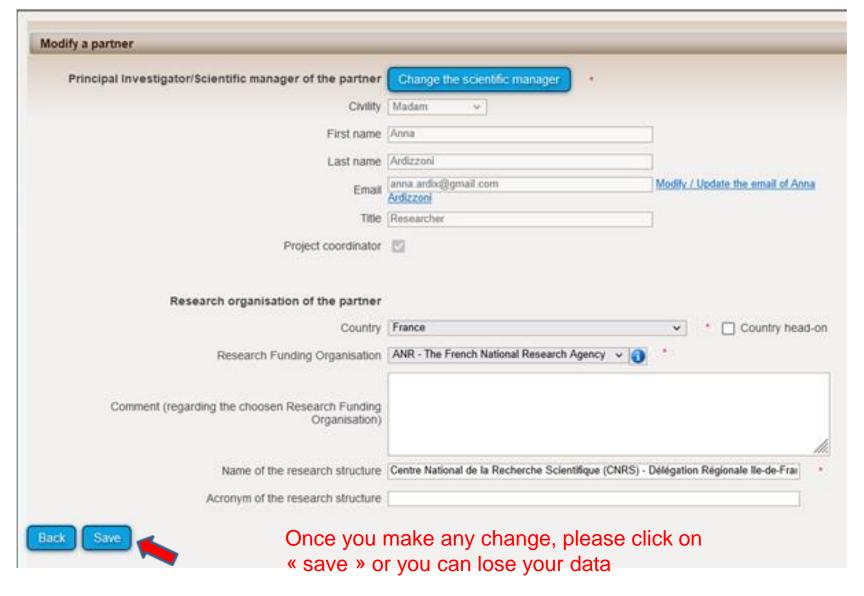
Submission of the project

Partnership





Application Guidelines (5/11)



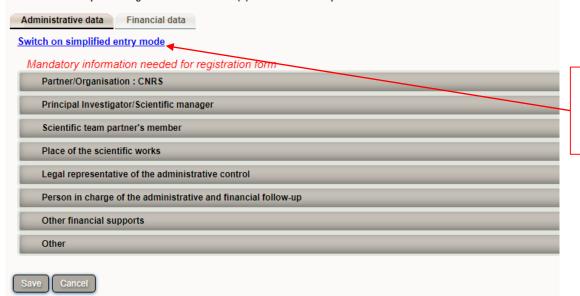


Application Guidelines (6/11)



Click here to select a partner

Please select the partner/organisation in the table(s) above and then update its administrative and financial data below.



Click on switch on simplified mode to fill in the administrative data



Application Guidelines (7/11)

	Consortiu	m									
	Display By country										
		Name or acronym of the partner/organisation	Financial and administrative control instance		Requested Funding (€)	Permanent position (person.month)	NON permanent position WITH Funding requested (person.month)	NON permanent position WITHOUT Funding requested (person.month)	Country head- on	Fund	
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		Luxembourg (1)		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00			
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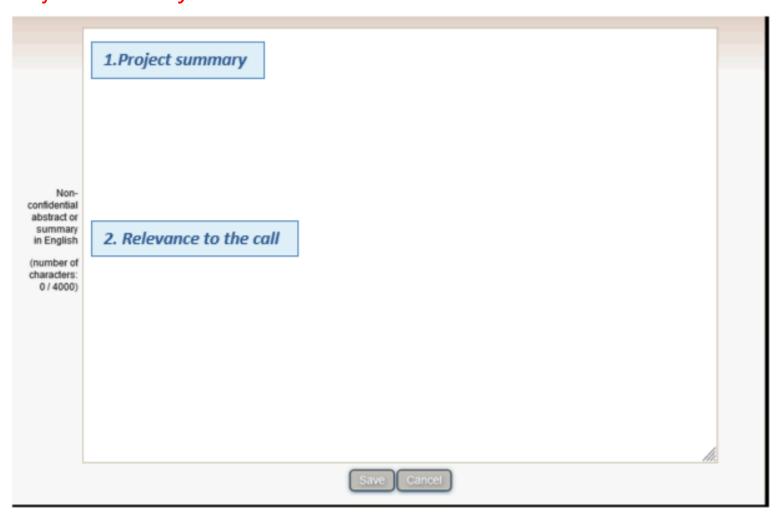
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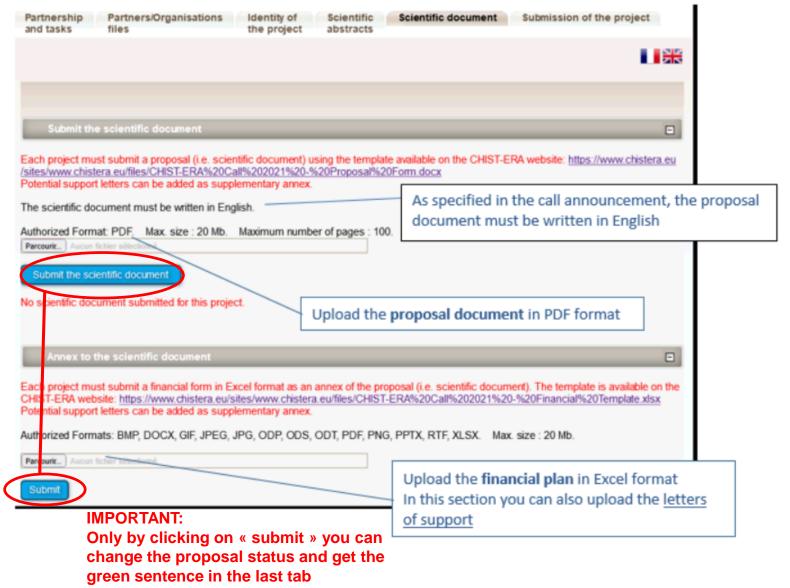
Application Guidelines (8/11)

In the section dedicated to the scientific abstract, you need to put the *Project Summary* and the *Relevance to the call*





Application Guidelines (9/11)





Application Guidelines (10/11)

There is no "submit" button once you finalise your submission. The submission is automatic. In the tab "submission of your project", please check that a green sentence indicating that "The conditions for submission of your proposal are met." is displayed.

If a red or an orange sentence is displayed, please check again all the tabs or your project will be automatic considered by the system as *not submitted*.

The closing date for call for proposals is 01/03/2021 until 17:00 (DD/MM/YYYY; Current local time in Paris, France)

Project status : Submitting

Your application will automatically be considered submitted if all the following conditions are met

- · the scientific document has been submitted
- . the grant amount requested for the project is non-zero at the closing of the call for proposals

Only information entered on the submission website by the call for proposals closing date will be considered.

An electronic confirmation will be sent to the coordinator on the call for proposals closing date.

Coordinators are asked to lock their projects by the closing date.

The project may be unlocked by the coordinator prior to the closing date if additional changes are necessary



Checking fields

This tab enables the coordinator to lock and unlock the project proposal. When the proposal is locked, other PIs cannot modify their information.

Please note that the submission platform is unable to check that the information you have entered matches the eligibility criteria laid out in the text of the call for proposals.

Please be aware of the following alerts:

- . In red: This condition must be fulfilled for your proposition to be complete
- in orange: Information about the project or partner that should be filled or corrected

Proposal:

- . No scientific document has been uploaded
- The aid requested under the project must be different from 0.
- · The abstract in English is empty
- . No principal research theme has been entered for your project

Administrative and financial document of the project





Application Guidelines (11/11)

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A confirmation email is sent to the coordinator at call closure.



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Your Contacts

- Call 2022 information
 - ✓ Anna Ardizzoni (ANR France) chistera@anr.fr
- All Call 2022 national/regional contacts
 - ✓ https://www.chistera.eu/call-2022-announcement
- Website
- Newsletter
- **■** Twitter
- <u>LinkedIn</u>

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Brazil	CONFAP	Yes	Yes	Elisa.CONFAP@gmail.com
Bulgaria	BNSF	Yes	Yes	Aleksandrova@mon.bg
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Thank you!

