CHIST-ERA Call 2022
Info webinar #2

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CHIST-ERA and the Call 2022 key features
Proposal preparation recommendations
How to submit your proposal
CHIST-ERA and Call 2022 Key Features
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
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
1. Security and Privacy in Decentralised and Distributed Systems (SPiDDS)

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/CHISTERA%20Call%202022%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
**Evaluation criteria** – for full description will see Call 2022 Announcement

- **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
No funding across borders

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

National/regional funders

- Austria (FWF)
- Belgium (FNRS)
- ... (other countries)
- UK (UKRI)

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Yearly call with 2 emerging topics

Transnational projects
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
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
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/](https://aap.agencerecherche.fr/))
You do not need to translate the title in French, you can simply copy and paste the English title here.

Select if the project is mainly Fundamental Research or Industrial Research.
Please fill in the information carefully!
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- **Add a new partner**
- **Modify or delete a partner**
Once you make any change, please click on « save » or you can lose your data
Click here to select a partner

Click on switch on simplified mode to fill in the administrative data
Please complete all the financial data and click on « save ».
In the section dedicated to the scientific abstract, you need to put the *Project Summary* and the *Relevance to the call*.
IMPORTANT:
Only by clicking on « submit » you can change the proposal status and get the green sentence in the last tab.

As specified in the call announcement, the proposal document must be written in English.

Upload the proposal document in PDF format.

Upload the financial plan in Excel format.
In this section you can also upload the letters of support.
This tab enables the coordinator to lock and unlock the project proposal. When the proposal is locked, other PIs cannot modify their information.
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*.

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

- Call 2022 information
  - Anna Ardizzoni (ANR – France) - chistera@anr.fr
- All Call 2022 national/regional contacts
- Website
- Newsletter
- Twitter
- LinkedIn

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