



CHIST-ERA Call ORD

Information Webinar #2

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Outline

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



CHIST-ERA and Call ORD Key Features



CHIST-ERA Overview

- A network (ERA-NET) of research funding organisations in Europe and beyond
 - ✓ Covering most European countries + Brazil, Québec & Taiwan
 - ✓ 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 a yearly call targeting two emerging topics
 - ✓ Supporting and promoting additional activities such as the Call ORD.
 - ✓ Promoting research results exploitation, Open Science, Widening Countries, Ethics
- Relying on a well-established call cycle
 - ✓ One-step high quality evaluation process
- Fostering cross-fertilisation across topics and strategic thinking through a yearly Funded Projects Seminar
- New funding activities: Call ORD & Challenge



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 (FET-like research)
 - ✓ Long term interdisciplinary research
 - ✓ Risky with potential high impact
 - √ Favour novelty
- Focus on performance evaluation activities

ICT & ICTbased

CHIST-ERA EIC Pathfinder programme (Horizon Europe)



Momentum in Open Science & Gaps

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- ✓ Open access mandate associated to Horizon Europe projects
- ✓ Systematisation of Data Management Plans
- National initiatives
 - ✓ E.g. second national plan for Open Science in France
 - Three pillars: Publications, research data, research software code
 - ✓ National calls on Open Science and/or national funds (FNSO/NWO)
- Setting up EU wide infrastructures
 - ✓ Publications: OpenAIRE
 - ✓ Scientific data: EOSC
 - Multiplication of EU calls
 - ✓ Variety of e-infrastructures on the ESFRI roadmap
- While huge progress in the domain of publications
 - ✓ E.g. cOAlition S, diamond models
 - ✓ Grey clouds remaining around rise of Article Processing Charges costs
- Data and software are somehow left behind
 - ✓ EU programs centred on highly generic principles and methods (FAIR)
 - ✓ Lack of community based engagement at community level
 - Despite stronger presence of EU infrastructures
- Need to foster wider collaboration on Open Science activities
 - ✓ For specific thematic fields where data sets are created and reused
 - ✓ Across countries to compare and consolidate best practices

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Call Motivations

- ☐ Tackling the general landscape of research data & software from the perspective of their reuse
 - ✓ Key enabling tools, services and standards.
 - ✓ Understanding underlying methods and practices (data & software life cycle)
 - ✓ A specific contribution from the ICT domain
- Linking to the state of deployment of Open Science in the respective national communities and at sub- or cross-disciplinary level within CHIST-ERA
 - Accelerating the dissemination of Open Science best practices in their communities
 - experience sharing and the alignment of national Open Science policies
 - ✓ Connecting the expertise in Open Science of some disciplines to other disciplines less advanced in that matter and from countries to other countries
- Offering a funding tool for middle-sized consortia (250 500 K€)
 - ✓ Between EU wide consortia and national endeavours
 - ✓ Paving the way for future wider endeavours



Call Priorities

- Create conditions for research based on open or shared data and software
- Three proposed priorities:
 - ✓ Create, enrich or prepare 'reference data sets': Favour availability and reuse of complex datasets
 - ✓ 'Editorialization' of data: Reduce distance between data producer and (un)expected data reuser for scientific, educational, economic or even journalistic purposes
 - ✓ Processes and tools to describe, share, reference and archive software source code, in particular with the goal to enhance reproducibility of research results
- Projects targeted: At least 3 partners from 3 countries, total budget of 250 to 500 K€



WHO will Evaluate your Proposal?

- **Evaluation Panel** consists of sufficient number of high-level experts from different fields within the call topic
- 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
 - ✓ Apply as evaluator: https://www.chistera.eu/apply-evaluator
- Each proposal will be evaluated by 3 Panel members
 - ✓ External reviewers at least 2 for each proposal
- A ranking list will be established by the Evaluation Panel
- ☐ 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 see Call ORD Announcement

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



Selection of Proposals

- On the basis of the ranking of the proposals and of available funding, the Call Steering Committee prepares a list of projects recommended for funding to the national/regional funding organisations
- □ Call Steering Committee (CSC) follows the ranking list and makes efforts to fund as many projects as possible
 - ✓ If not all ex-aequo projects can be funded, the following options are considered.
 - Budget of the respective funder(s) can be increased
 - Budget cut in requested funding (manageable up to 10%)
- ☐ If the budget is unsufficient to fund all *ex aequo* projects among rank N, CSC will select projects using the following criteria:
 - ✓ The output of the call, i.e. the overall funding, should be maximised (e.g. by prioritising the projects with high presence of under-represented countries and vice-versa)
 - ✓ 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

Deadline for proposals submission

Spring 2023
Proposals
evaluation by
Evaluation Panel

June 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



Proposal Preparation & Recommendations



Joint Funding Instrument

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



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. 20-30 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 institution (university, academic institutions, industry,...)
 - ✓ Position of the PI (e.g. permanent staff,...)
 - ✓ Eligible costs
- The proposal is submitted through the ANR online submission platform
- Some funding organisations require additional national/regional forms



Recommendations (1/2)

- Collaboration is essential ingredient
 - ✓ 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
 - ✓ Aware of ongoing Open Science developments
- Strong encouragement to involve Widening Countries in the call
- Consider altogether the Call Announcement and the proposal template
 - ✓ Common reference for both applicants & evaluators



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 in the range of 250 K€ - 500 K€
- 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: https://www.chistera.eu/sites/www.chistera.eu/files/CHIST-ERA%20Call%20ORD%20-%20Submission%20Guidelines.pdf

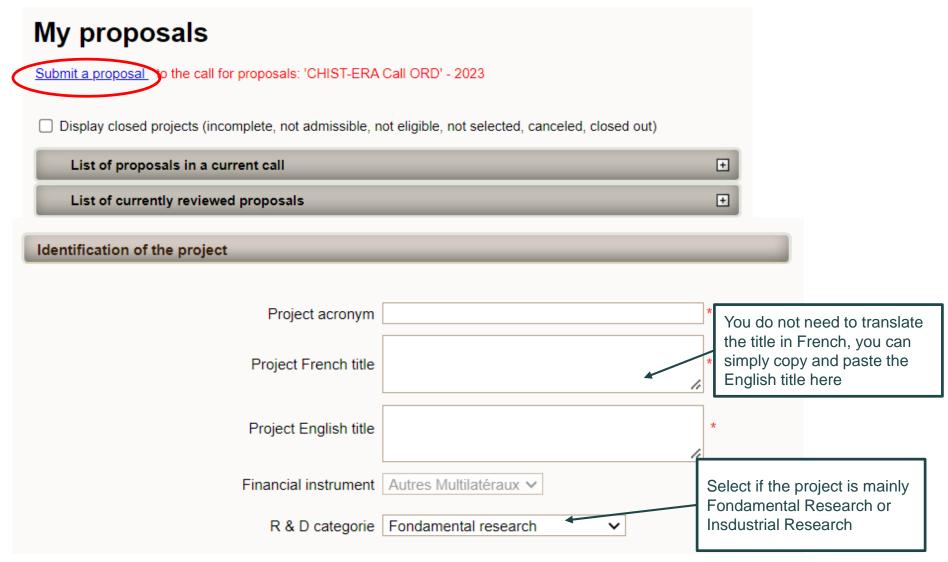
Recommendations:

Create your submission account 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 CHIST-ERA Call ORD electronic submission system is based on the French National Research Agency (ANR) electronic submission platform (https://aap.agencerecherche.fr/)

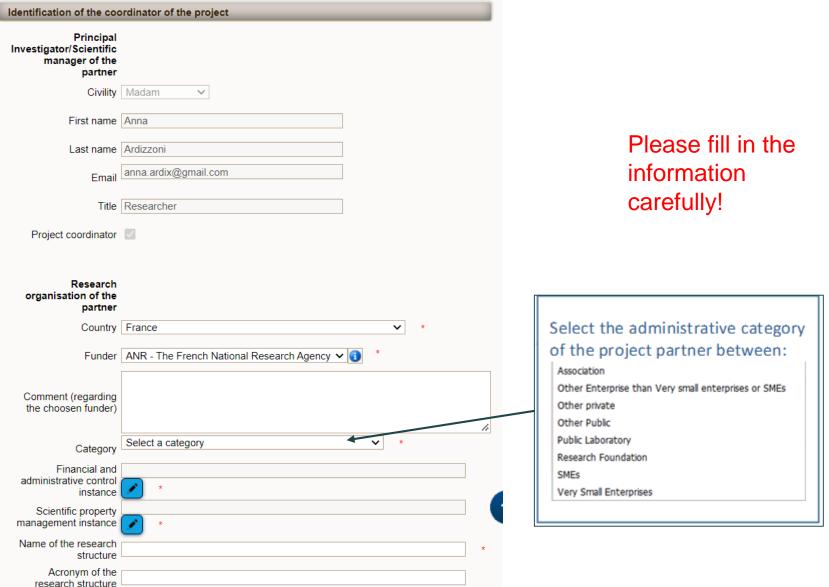


Application Guidelines (2/11)





Application Guidelines (3/11)





Application Guidelines (4/11)

Partnership and tasks

Partners/Organisations

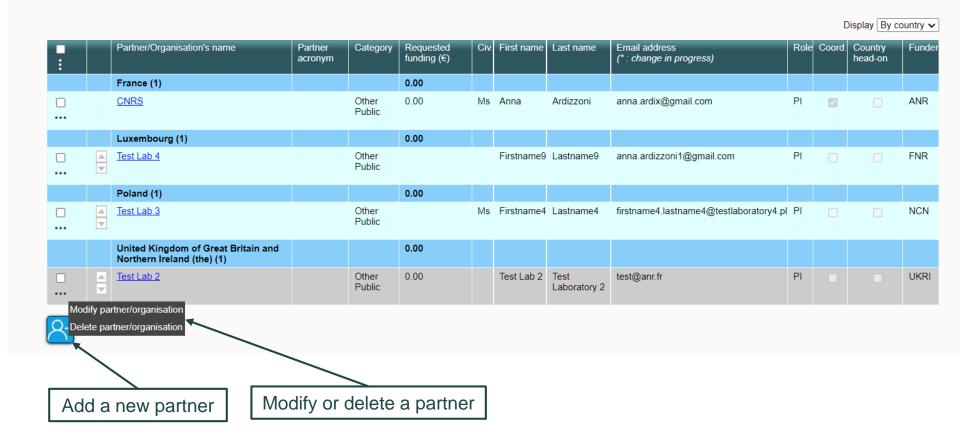
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Scientific document

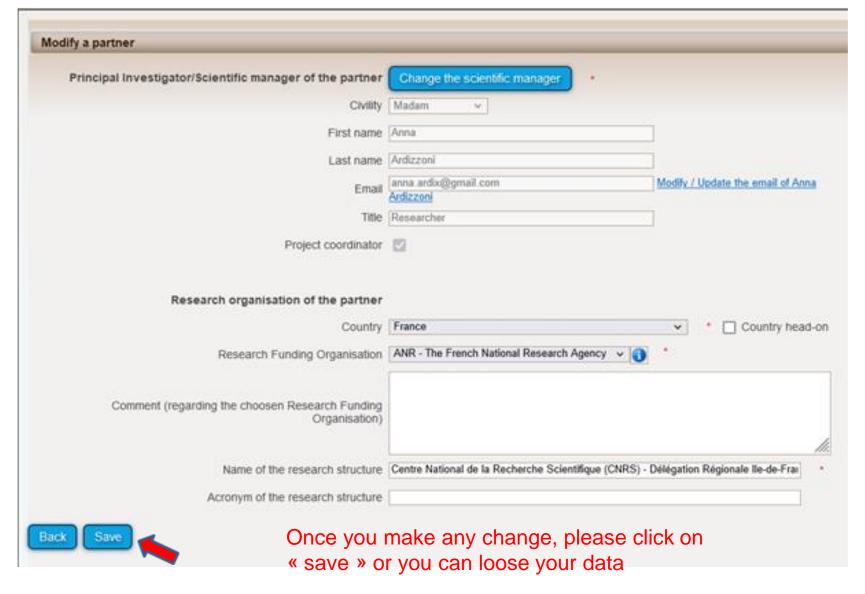
Submission of the project

Partnership





Application Guidelines (5/11)

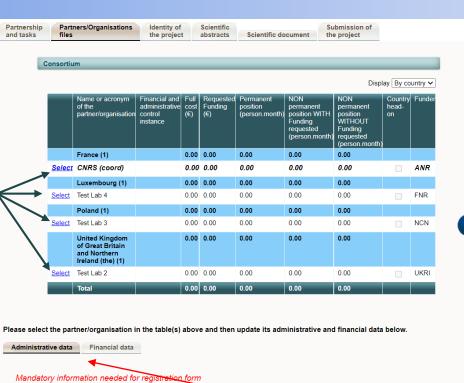


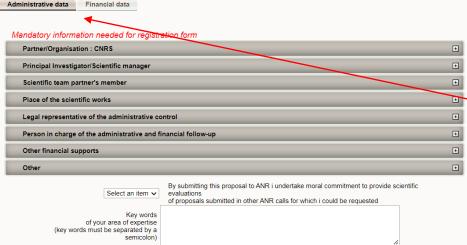


Click here to

select a partner

Application Guidelines (6/11)





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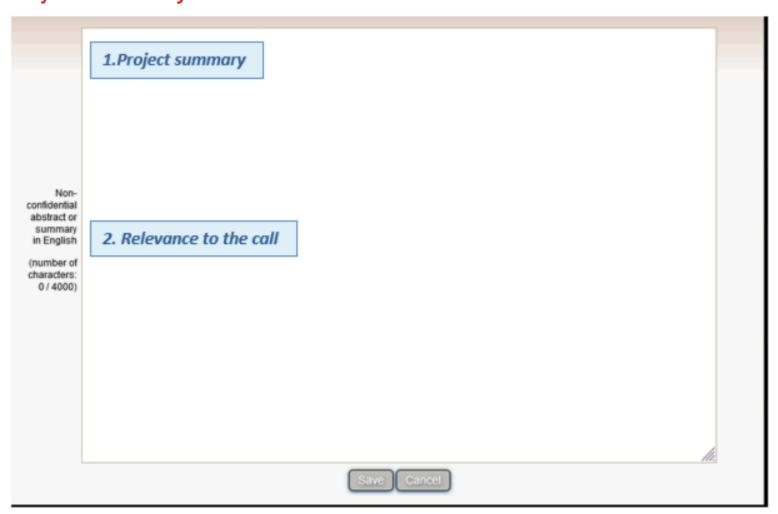
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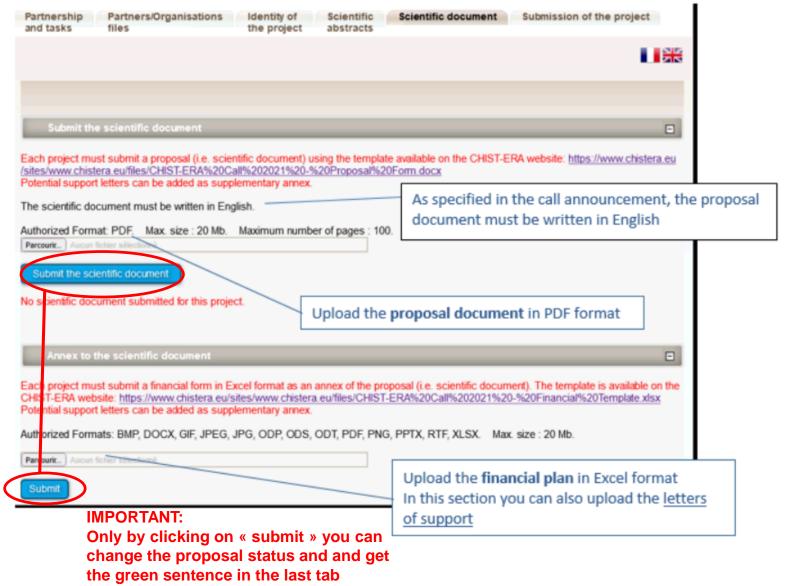
Application Guidelines (8/11)

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 necessar



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.



Your Contacts

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- Twitter
- <u>LinkedIn</u>

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Thank you!

