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
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
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
Momentum in Open Science & Gaps

EU policies
- 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
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€
• **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](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 insufficient 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

14 December 2022
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
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
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/)
Submit a proposal to the call for proposals: 'CHIST-ERA Call ORD' - 2023

- Display closed projects (incomplete, not admissible, not eligible, not selected, canceled, closed out)

- List of proposals in a current call
- List of currently reviewed proposals

Identification of the project

- Project acronym
- Project French title
- Project English title
- Financial instrument
- R & D categorie

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!

### Identification of the coordinator of the project

**Principal Investigator/Scientific manager of the partner**

- **Civility**: Madam
- **First name**: Anna
- **Last name**: Ardizzoni
- **Email**: anna.ardix@gmail.com
- **Title**: Researcher

**Research organisation of the partner**

- **Country**: France
- **Funder**: ANR - The French National Research Agency

**Comment (regarding the chosen funder)**

**Category**: Select a category

**Financial and administrative control instance**

**Scientific property management instance**

**Name of the research structure**

**Acronym of the research structure**

**Select the administrative category of the project partner between:**

- Association
- Other Enterprise than Very small enterprises or SMEs
- Other private
- Other Public
- Public Laboratory
- Research Foundation
- SMEs
- Very Small Enterprises
### Application Guidelines (4/11)

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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 loose your data.
Now you can fill in the information in all the sections.

Click here to select a partner.
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 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 ORD information
  - Anna Ardizzoni (ANR – France) - chistera@anr.fr
- All Call ORD contacts
  - https://www.chistera.eu/call-ord-announcement
- Call ORD newsletter
- Website
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