CHIST-ERA Call 2021
Info session for the Call 2021 applicants

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Welcome!

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Tentative timeline
European and national activities

- European level
  - Formation of research collaborative projects
  - Submission of proposals
  - Evaluation and ranking
  - Funding recommendation
  - **Contact point: CHIST-ERA Call Secretariat**

- National level
  - For some countries, a separate application to the respective funding organisation by a project partner from that country is needed
  - Formal implementation, grant agreement
  - One **National Contact Point (NCP)** for the funding organisation
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Not considered: GSRT (Greece), FRQNT (Québec)
Joint funding instrument

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

National/regional funders

- Bulgaria (BNSF)
- Belgium (FNRS)
- 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
  - Research should be focused on a clearly defined goal, i.e., the formation of small consortia (between 3 and 6 partners) is recommended
  - Consortia should be balanced (not more than 60% of the total requested funding should be incurred by a single funding agency)

- **Additional partners**
  - Research groups from countries whose funding organisations are not partner in the CHIST-ERA ERA-NET or do not participate in one or both call topics may participate in projects if they are able to secure their own funding
  - These groups/institutions do not count for the « 3-3 countries » rule

- **A Partner Search Tool** will be implemented in order to find project partners
Applications procedure

- One step submission procedure
- 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 level
- Prior to submission, **each PI** has to consult with the NCP 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 to the ANR electronic submission system
- Some agencies require additional national forms at this stage!
- All the important info/documents as well as the FAQ will be available at the bottom of the Call 2021 webpage
Evaluation by an international evaluation panel and external reviewers

Evaluation criteria:

- **Relevance to the Topic** *(threshold:4; weight:1)*
- **S/T Quality**: Scientific and technological excellence *(threshold:3,5; weight:2)*
- **Impact**: Potential impact through the development, dissemination dissemination (including Open Science practices) and use of project results *(threshold:3,5; weight:2)*
- **Implementation**: Quality and efficiency of the implementation and management *(threshold:3; weight:1)*
Widening Countries: Definition and Motivation

- Widening Countries: List of low performing countries in R&I established by the EC

- Motivation -> Spread excellence
  - CHIST-ERA, as a funding instrument of collaborative projects following competition, can be instrumental
    - In opening well established non-Widening Countries research networks to most talented researchers in the Widening Countries
    - Conversely, broader engagement of the Widening Countries research communities has the capacity to enrich the European scientific and technology landscape with varied perspectives and scientific and technology challenges to tackle

- CHIST-ERA support:
  - A call selection criterion that prioritises projects with Widening Countries in case of ex aequo projects
  - Partner Search Tool
Open Science Opportunities in Call 2021

- Good practices of the research community supported
  - Commitment of Open Access within Call 2021
    - 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
    - Sharing data on FAIR-enabling data repositories

- 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”
Complementary Developments and Support Measures

- Appreciation of Open Science practices within the project evaluation (mainly *Impact* criterion)
- Reinforcement of DORA declaration principles
- See call documents for more details

- Webinar on Open Science (*OpenAIRE, December 2020*)
The Call Steering Committee recommends projects for funding to the funding agencies

Information flow:
- The Call secretariat informs all coordinators (outcome of the process, evaluation consensus report).
- Information of each PI by the coordinator
- « Negociation phase » at the national level
- Separate grant agreements for each partner
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<td>Notification of accepted proposals</td>
<td>Outcomes of the evaluation as well as the consensus reports + individual reviews will be sent to applicants</td>
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