Second bilateral call for projects on antimicrobial resistance, launched jointly by the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Submission Deadline: February 28, 2020; 1 PM (CET)

Link to the publication of the call on the BMBF website:
https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/2nd-joint-call-AMR-german-french-projects.php

On the ANR website:
https://anr.fr/ANR-FRDE-AMR-2020

Online submission:
https://ssl.vdivide-it.de/positrons-en/c/1929

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BACKGROUND

In summer 2018 France and Germany, in a joint effort to strengthen Europe’s preparedness for this century’s big challenges and to further develop the European research landscape, reached an agreement on an important international objective, the fight against antimicrobial resistance on a global scale. Both countries have the necessary expertise and resources to tackle AMR through the formation of productive bilateral research collaborations. Hence, the French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI) and the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) have each committed 7 million euros for a new bilateral program on AMR. The French National Research Agency (ANR) and the VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH (VDI/VDE-IT), which will be managing the program for BMBF, have been charged with the launch of two bilateral calls meant to address unmet needs within the AMR field. ANR and VDI/VDE-IT are proud to announce the launch of the program’s second call in December 2019. French and German scientists are invited to set up consortia to collaborate intensively and effectively in multidisciplinary and synergistic research projects on AMR. The results of the projects shall support the alignment of public health policies and/or measures to fight AMR.

The specific aims, eligibility and evaluation criteria of this second joint call are outlined in the call text. Applicants must refer and comply with the specific national regulations of their respective management agency.

This present document briefly explains the management of the call and the submission process.

MANAGEMENT OF THE CALL

The two managing organisations, ANR and VDI/VDE-IT, are jointly responsible for the launch, implementation and monitoring of the call. Based on the scientific recommendations by the peer review panel (PRP), ANR and BMBF will decide on which research consortia to fund.

VDI/VDE-IT will operate the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS), which is the central contact point for applicants and evaluators.

The Peer Review Panel (PRP) consists of internationally recognized scientists from European research institutions, chosen for their scientific and/or technical expertise. The panel is responsible for the scientific evaluation of the proposals as well as for the ranking of all proposals.

REGISTRATION

For all details regarding the registration of your project on our website, please consult the guidelines in Annex 2. The following is the link to the electronic submission site:

https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/c/1929

It is recommended that either the French or the German coordinator of a research consortium creates an account and registers the project. The submission system accepts only one personal account per project. Other partners cannot create their own account and link it to the same project.

Only the registered coordinator or partner can add other partners and modify all information (administrative and financial information, scientific task) pertaining to the project.

Please note that the role of the coordinator on the site can be modified at any time. It is, however, not possible to link an additional or new account to an already registered project.

The electronic submission site will open on December 16, 2019.

After expiration of the deadline on February 28 2020, 1:00 p.m. CET, the submission website will be closed and the project account will be deactivated.
PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

There will be a one-stage submission procedure for the entire consortium. A joint bilateral proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the consortium members and must be submitted electronically to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) by either the French or the German coordinator, using the link above. All data pertaining to the applications will be shared with the partner agency ANR.

Please use the proposal template (Word format) provided on the sites of the publication of the call: https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/2nd-joint-call-AMR-german-french-projects.php or https://anr.fr/ANR-FRDE-AMR-2020; no other template will be accepted. The joint proposal must be submitted in an electronic version not later than February 28, 2020 at 1 p.m. CET.

Please note that a signed paper version of your proposal will not be solicited. However, the electronic proposal needs to be signed (electronic signature or a scan of the paper containing the signature will be accepted).

Furthermore, it is highly recommended to register and provide all requested data/information in due time, because the online data entry may be overloaded immediately before the deadline.

Experts not suited to review a proposal due to conflict of interest (e.g. direct competition) can be named during the submission process.

PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

The proposal document must respect the format and the length indicated. Proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.

The following proposal structure will be required:

General information on the project proposal

- Project acronym (max. 20 characters, no spaces)
- Project title (max. 120 characters incl. spaces)
- Project duration (in months)
- Total requested project budget, and budget requested at ANR, at BMBF
- Keywords
- Project abstract (max ½ page)
- Contact details and affiliations of the two (French and German) project coordinators as well as of all the applicants
- Scientific areas

Project description

- Background and current state of the art in the field (max 1 page)
- Working hypothesis and preliminary results/previous work by the consortium members (max 1 page)
- Description of the aims of the proposed research in order of priority (max. ½ page)
- Detailed work plan (work packages, tasks per applicant, milestones, deliverables) (max 12 pages)

1 According to the national funding rules, successful German applicants will be asked to submit individual proposals in a second step as described in the German call text (https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/zweite-Foerderrichtlinie-dt-frz-AMR-Projekte.php).
• Added value of the bilateral collaboration (max ½ page)
• Potential impact of results on future clinical, public health or other policies tackling AMR (max ½ page)
• Knowledge management strategy (max ½ page)
• Plan for data management and data sharing (max ½ page)
• Potential risks associated with the project (max ½ page)
• Statement on ethics approval (max ½ page)
• Intellectual property rights (max ½ page)
• Other research grants related to the present proposal (max 1 page)
• Overall and detailed financial plan of the costs/requested budget for each applicant

The section “Project description” of the submission form (points 1 to 12) must not exceed a maximum of 20 pages (Arial 11, single-spaced, margins of 1.5 cm). Please refer to the proposal template for further information on each section, including length specifications.

Description of the consortium

• CV of PI of each consortium member
• Letter of intent signed by all consortium members

A brief CV of the PI of each consortium member must be integrated into the submission form (scientific document). A CV of other contributors, depending on their level of involvement, can also be included into the scientific document. A joint CV must not exceed 2 pages and must include a list of no more than 5 principal publications. It is possible to include a link in order to access CVs that are more detailed, and/or a more comprehensive list of publications.

All applicants must sign a letter of intent, confirming their commitment to the joint project.

Before submission, please verify that:

• The proposal falls within the scope of the call.
• The proposal fulfils all eligibility criteria.
• All consortium members fulfil the national eligibility requirements (Annex 1).

If questions remain, please contact the JCS or the national representative regarding specific national regulations.
PROJECT START AND CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Consortium members of projects selected for funding must fix a common project start date, which must appear in the Consortium Agreement.

It will be the responsibility of the research consortium coordinators to draw up a Consortium Agreement (CA) in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, finances, intellectual property rights (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project. Please refer to the specific national requirements regarding the submission of the signed CA to the two funding agencies.

The following subjects (as a minimum) should be addressed in the CA:

- purpose of and definitions used in the CA
- names of organisations involved
- common start date of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of the research consortium coordinator and the research partners: person in charge, their obligations and key tasks, conditions for their change
- deliverables (transnational reports and if relevant requirements for national reports where coordination is required)
- resources and funding
- confidentiality and publishing
- Intellectual Property Rights (how this issue will be handled between research partners)
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes
- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract)
# ANNEX 1: SPECIFIC FUNDING RULES OF THE TWO MANAGING ORGANISATIONS

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<th>Funding Organisation</th>
<th>French Ministry of Higher Education, Research and Innovation (MESRI)/Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR); <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr</a></th>
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| Initial funding pre-commitment | Approx. 3,500,000 € (French funding)  
Anticipated number of funded joint projects: 6-8 |
| National Contact Point | Dr. Ingrid Pfeifer  
Phone: +33 (0)1 78 09 80 22  
E-Mail: ingrid.pfeifer@agencerecherche.fr  
Health & Biology Department; Agence Nationale de la Recherche –ANR; 50, avenue Daumesnil - 75012 Paris, France |
| Eligible institutions | The consortium must include at least one French research partner **and one German research partner and is open to partners from the "public research organisations or related-one" and/or partners from the "commercial company" type**.  
** Partners that have their primary establishment in France and/or Partners established in the EU and that can prove that they have a secondary establishment in France  
* Include public law entities engaged in research activity and private law entities engaged in research and/or teaching activity.  
Please refer to ANR’s financial regulations regarding the rates of support for different partners (“Règlement financier ANR”): [http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF](http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF) |
| Additional eligibility criteria | ANR will not allow double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other calls. |
| Eligible costs | Among others, eligible costs include personnel costs for temporary contracts; small equipment; consumables and animal costs; travel; and sub-contracting, if necessary to carry out the proposed activities.  
Please note that at ANR, the eligible overhead rates (indirect costs) vary depending on the type of partner applying for funding.  
Please refer to ANR’s financial regulations (“Règlement financier ANR”) for full details at: [http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF](http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF)  
ANR has a maximum funding per applicant for this call: each applicant can be funded with a maximum amount of 250,000 €.  
There is equally a minimum amount per applicant: 15,000 €. |
| Further guidance | Please see online the specific annex documents for research groups applying to this call for proposals for funding in France, available via a link on the site of the publication of the call on the ANR site: [https://anr.fr/ANR-FRDE-AMR-2020](https://anr.fr/ANR-FRDE-AMR-2020) |
| Funding Organisation | **Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)**  
https://www.bmbf.de/ |
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| Initial funding pre-commitment | Approx. 3.500.000 € (German funding)  
Anticipated number of funded joint projects: 6-8 |
| National Contact Point | Dr. Christiane Juhls  
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Phone: +49 (0) 30 310078-498  
Mail: christiane.juhls@vdivde-it.de |
| Eligible institutions | Eligible institutions:  
Public and private universities and universities of applied science, non-university research institutions (FhG, MPG, HGF, WGL), university hospitals and companies in the industrial sector with R & D capacity in Germany. |
| Additional eligibility criteria | The expertise and infrastructure required for the realization of the project has to be demonstrated.  
Business enterprises can only be promoted if the financial standing of the company is guaranteed for the project duration. |
| Eligible costs | All costs related to the project, which are not covered by basic financing, are eligible. This includes personal costs, consumables, travel costs, in exceptional cases investments, publication costs, subcontracts and other expenses. The respective funding rates are linked to national regulations, please refer to the national call text. |
| Further guidance | Further information and national regulations¹ are available in the German call text. Additionally, German applicants are advised to refer to the German call text and to contact their respective national contact point.  
https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/zweite-Foerderrichtlinie-dt-frz-AMR-Projekte.php |
ANNEX 2: GUIDELINES FOR THE SUBMISSION WEBSITE

Access the website to create your project:

One of the two project coordinators (or a partner) has to register and create an account in order to manage the application procedure on the submission website.

Go to the link: https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/c/1929 and fill out the registration form.
To record and submit your project application data, the following procedure applies:

1. You will receive immediately an e-mail from websupport@vdivde-it.de with the subject: “SubVDI/VDE-IT Submission Portal - your registration”. The message contains a weblink to activate your account by creating a password, and with further instructions.

2. Upon setting your password, you can access your account via https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/c/1929.

3. You can now provide the requested information and fill the application forms.

4. At any time before the submission deadline (February 28th, 2020, 1:00 p.m. CET), you can amend and modify your project application. Please save the data in your account each time before leaving the website.

5. Upon provision of all required information, the button „Submit“ will appear and the proposal may be submitted.

6. Once you have submitted your proposal, it cannot be modified anymore.

7. Please make sure, that you have completed your application before the submission deadline (February 28th, 2020, 1:00 p.m. CET).

8. After expiration of the deadline your account will be deactivated and the submission website will be closed.
To log-in, please click the link to the “2nd French German Call for Projects on AMR” or go directly to https://ssl.vdivde-it.de/positrons-en/c/1929.

2nd French-German Call for Projects on Antimicrobial Resistance 2020

Antimicrobial resistance is tightly connected to human health, animal health and the environment. The frequent transmission between habitats accelerates the spread of AMR, evoking new challenges that can only be solved in a holistic approach. Hence it is vital to intensify the exchange of information and the cooperation between human and veterinary medicine and other areas of expertise like biology, chemistry, agricultural sciences, environmental research, food technology, and social sciences.

France and Germany, who are actively involved in several international initiatives to fight AMR, have adopted the One Health approach. With this call for projects, both countries aim to combine their resources and expertise to tackle AMR. The first topic of the call addresses AMR in environmental reservoirs, and the second topic focuses on antibiotic-resistant bacteria colonizing humans, farm animals, pets and food products.

Login
I have already received my user credentials and want to login to see and modify my proposal.

Username
Password
Log in

Register
I do not have access to the site yet and want to submit a proposal. After registering you will receive an e-mail with your access data. Please use the link in this e-mail to enter your initial password. After having done this you will be able to log into the site and access your proposal.

Username
Password
Remember your password?

Fullname
Email
Register
You can now fill the forms and provide the required information. At any time before the submission deadline (February 28th, 2020, 1:00 p.m. CET), you can amend and modify your project application. Please save the data in your account each time before leaving the website.
## Add project partner

- **Name of Organisation**

- **Type of Organisation**

- **Role**
  - Coordinator DE
  - Coordinator FR
  - Partner

- **Gender**

- **Academic Degree**

- **First Name**

- **Last Name**

- **E-mail Address**

- **Telephone Number**

- **Department**

- **Postal Address**

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**Technical help desk:**
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To add another partner, please return to the “Project overview” and start the “Add project partner” procedure again.
In the “Project overview” and all missing information is listed under “Open issues” in the orange box.
After adding all project partners, please return to the “Project overview” and check if all required information has been entered. The missing information is listed in the orange box as shown in the previous picture.

As soon as all required information has been provided, the button „Submit proposal now“ will appear and the proposal may be submitted. It is not possible to change the proposal thereafter.
Project Overview

Information
The proposal was submitted successfully. Submission time: Dec. 17, 2019 01:22 PM

Project Acronym: ReduceAMR
Proposal Title: 2nd French German Call for Projects on AMR
Project Summary: French and German scientists are invited to set up consortia to collaborate intensively and effectively in multidisciplinary and synergistic research projects on AMR. The results of the projects shall support the alignment of public health policies and measures to fight AMR.
Project duration: 01/2021 - 12/2023
Planned Total Budget: 1,000,000 EUR
Requested Budget: 1,000,000 EUR
Proposal file (PDF): Call_final.pdf — PDF document, 532 KB (34476 bytes)
Attachment file (PDF): No file has been uploaded yet
Data Processing Rules: You accept the privacy policy

Involved project partners
This list contains all project partners including the coordinator.

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<td>Coordinator FR</td>
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For confirmation of the successful submission of the proposal, an e-mail message will be sent to you.

Dear Applicant,

your proposal '2nd French German Call for Projects on AMR' has been successfully submitted
Submission time: Dec 17, 2019 01:22 PM

Your proposal was submitted to the following section:
2nd French-German Call for Projects on Antimicrobial Resistance 2020

With kind regards,
Submission Portal - positron.s

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