

National Annex: Belgium-Flanders

- The Government of Flanders supports the first transnational call for Collaborative Research projects.
- For the participation of Flemish researchers, up to 300 K euro is available for 1 or 2 projects of a duration of maximum 3 years, co-financed between the department Plant Systems Biology (PSB) of the Flanders Interuniversity Institute for Biotechnology (VIB) and the Ministry of Flanders.
- 150 K euro which are contributed by PSB are reserved for participation of research groups from the VIB department PSB.
- The matching funds from the Ministry of Flanders (150 K euro) are open to participation of research groups from all Flemish universities and research institutions. However, it is strongly recommended to collaborate in consortia together with PSB. Through this, collaboration within Flanders should be strengthened.
- Funding for this call is restricted to participation under subcall A.
- Researchers from companies may participate at their own expenses.
- Research topics and themes, application and evaluation of research proposals will follow the procedure that is defined in the ERA-PG call notice “Structuring Plant Genomic Research in Europe” published on 1 February, 2006.
- Consortium agreement and IPR rules must be in place before the start of a project and must comply with VIB regulations.
- Funding will be up to 100% of eligible costs. Eligible costs include personnel costs, operational costs including overhead, consumables, travelling costs, training and networking activities, services in subcontract.
- The Government of Flanders, represented by the Science and Innovation administration (AWI) takes the final funding decision for Flemish participation in collaborative research projects.
- Flemish participants selected for funding will receive further instructions concerning their contract and obligations (such as reporting on scientific progress and expenditure).

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