

## FAQ EOS Programme

### 1. General

**Will there be a call next year (deadline in 2018 – projects starting in 2019)?**

No, if there will be a next call, this will be in 2021 earliest for projects starting in 2022.

**In case ethical approval is needed, do I already need to have this approval before submission?**

No, you only need an ethical approval when the project or the work package(s) for which an ethical advice is needed start.

**As a PI, co-supervisor, participant of an EOS project, how can I upload my CV and bibliography?**

Only the spokesperson-coordinator has access to the EOS application form. It is the spokesperson-coordinator who is responsible to upload all the necessary documents, even the CV's and bibliographies from the PI's and co-supervisors.

### 2. Eligibility

**Each research group, regardless of the TYPE of research institution the research group belongs to, may participate in only one EOS application. How do I need to interpret this?**

In practice this means that for this application round each researcher can only take up the role of principle investigator (PI) or co-supervisor once. If you decide to be PI of a research group in a certain EOS consortium, you can no longer act as a PI or co-supervisor in another EOS consortium. The same applies when you act as a co-supervisor of a research group in a certain EOS consortium. As a consequence, [your name as a PI or co-supervisor can appear only once in the entire EOS application round.](#)

**I am a researcher with a 10% permanent remunerated appointment at a Flemish university (TYPE I-FL) and a minimum total appointment of 80% at a Flemish research institute (TYPE II-FL). Should I apply as a TYPE I-FL or a TYPE II-FL research group?**

If the effective research is conducted juridically within the TYPE II-FL research institution, you should apply as a TYPE II-FL research group and not as a TYPE I-FL research group.

**Are there any geographical restrictions on the affiliation of foreign partners (TYPE IV)?**

No, they can be from anywhere in the world as long as their presence in the consortium is needed and motivated.

**Do the research groups within an EOS application need to correspond to the institutionalized research groups within the university/research institution? For example: can an EOS research group be composed by researchers from research group X and researchers from research group Y (from the same university/institution)?**

EOS research groups can go beyond the limits of the institutionalized research groups. In practice, researchers from different research groups (but from the same university/institution) can be united in one and the same EOS research group. Please be aware that in every consortium the added-value of the combination of specific research groups and the necessity (of the expertise) of every individual researcher has to be clearly motivated.

**Can an EOS research group be composed of researchers from different universities/institutions? For example: can an EOS research group be composed by researchers from university X and researchers from university Y?**

Since the funding is being arranged on an institutional level, an EOS research group needs to be composed of researchers from the same university/institution. However, these researchers can belong to different research groups (from the same university/institution), see previous question.

**How should we interpret Article 7 §6: “At least one PhD student should be recruited by each community”?**

This means that on Flemish side as well as on Walloon side at least 1 PhD student should be recruited.

### 3. Funding

**Each TYPE I institution may apply for a yearly budget of maximally €700,000. Is this for the entire EOS programme or for each EOS consortium?**

Each EOS consortium can request up to €700,000 per institution per year.

**The board of FWO and F.R.S.-FNRS can allocate up to 10% of the total budget of an EOS project to all included TYPE II, TYPE III and TYPE IV host institutions. Is this on a yearly basis or for the total 4 year project period?**

This maximum of 10% refers to the total 4 year project budget.

**The difference between the total requested budget of the Flemish research groups of TYPE I-FL and TYPE II-FL institutions and the total requested budget of the French-speaking research groups of TYPE I-FR and TYPE II-FR institutions cannot exceed 20%. Is this on a yearly basis or for the total 4 year project period?**

The maximum of 20% difference refers to the total 4 year project period.

**Can PI's and/or co-supervisors be paid on the EOS project?**

No, (Art. 19 §3): Remunerated spokesperson-coordinators, principal investigators and co-supervisors are not allowed additional remuneration from the approved EOS project.

**Can I request funding to finance a replacement for my teaching duties?**

No, this is not possible.

**Is it possible to ask funding for (study) visits to a foreign partner (TYPE IV) included in the consortium?**

Yes, this is possible.

**In case I include a foreign research group (Type IV), does that group need to co-fund?**

This is possible, but not obliged.

**In case two (or more) research groups from the same university/institution are part of an EOS consortium, how should they be inserted in the application form?**

In case two (or more) research groups from the same university/institution are part of an EOS consortium, they should be inserted separately in the application form, with their separate requested budgets. It is important to fill in the budget per research group (and not per institution) since there are specific budgetary rules per research team to take into account.

In practice, the university/institution will thus appear two (or more) times in the application form with a different research group.

**What are the guidelines regarding overhead costs?**

Overhead costs may not be applied for in the budget application of the EOS-project. Overhead of 6% on the granted budget will be paid (automatically and) directly to the host institution, independent of the type of host institution. In practice, this rule applies to all institutions of TYPE I, II, III and IV.

4. Evaluation

**Will the evaluation of my IUAP network (Phase IV) be taken into account during my evaluation?**

No, this will not be the case. The EOS programme no longer focusses on networks, but on research projects.