

# FWF–FWO

## 2017 Lead Agency Call for Joint Projects

<b>Deadline:</b>	<b>3 April 2017</b> FWF: date of postmark FWO: 5 pm
<b>Maximum project duration:</b>	<b>Up to 4 years</b>
<b>Eligible topics:</b>	<b>All fields of fundamental research</b>

### **1.) General information**

The *Austrian Science Fund* (FWF) and the *Research Foundation Flanders* (FWO) jointly offer researchers the opportunity to submit proposals for bilateral Flemish-Austrian Joint Research Projects. The projects should combine the **complementary expertise** of the project partners, the Flemish and Austrian project parts should be **closely integrated**, and there should be relevant **scholarly input** from both sides. Applications will be handled according to the **Lead Agency Principle**. The application must be prepared **in accordance with the formal guidelines of the Lead Agency** (see below), which is in charge of carrying out the peer review procedure. Applications will be processed by the Lead Agency according to its standard review and decision-making procedures. Projects can have a **maximum duration of four years**. Researchers from **all fields of fundamental research are eligible** to apply. The FWO's approval rate will be used as the maximum approval rate in this call. In the previous call (2016), 16 % of the submitted proposals were approved.

### **2.) Lead Agency Procedure**

**In the 2017 call, the FWF will be acting as the Lead Agency.** This means that all proposals, **irrespective of how the project budget is divided** between the research partners, must be submitted to the FWF according to its application guidelines.

### **3.) Cost calculations**

The budgets for the **Austrian and Flemish parts of the project must be calculated separately in accordance with the guidelines of the FWF and FWO, respectively (see below)**. If a project is approved, the two project parts will be funded separately by FWF and FWO. In this Lead Agency Procedure, the average funding amount on the Flemish side should be around EUR 70,000 per year. However, funding up to 130,000 EUR annually is allowed (with a minimum of EUR 45,000). In case one of the Flemish project partners request funding for consumables, the lower limit for that partner is set at EUR 20,000 EUR. For equipment, a maximum of EUR 150,000 EUR in the first year can be applied for with, with matching funding also up to EUR 150,000. For **Austrian applicants** the [cost guidelines for FWF's "stand-alone projects"](#) ("Einzelprojekte") apply.

#### **4.) How to apply**

- 1.) **The research proposal is to be submitted to the FWF** in accordance with the [FWF application guidelines for stand-alone projects](#). **Flemish applicants** are to submit the **FWO cost sheet** directly to the FWO by e-mail ([cis@fwo.be](mailto:cis@fwo.be)) prior to the deadline. The FWO cost sheet should also be enclosed with the proposal submitted to the FWF. The FWO cost sheet can be found on the [FWO website](#) and on the [FWF website](#).

In addition to the requirements set forth in the FWF application guidelines, the proposals (max. 20 pages/9,000 words) submitted to the FWF **must include information on:**

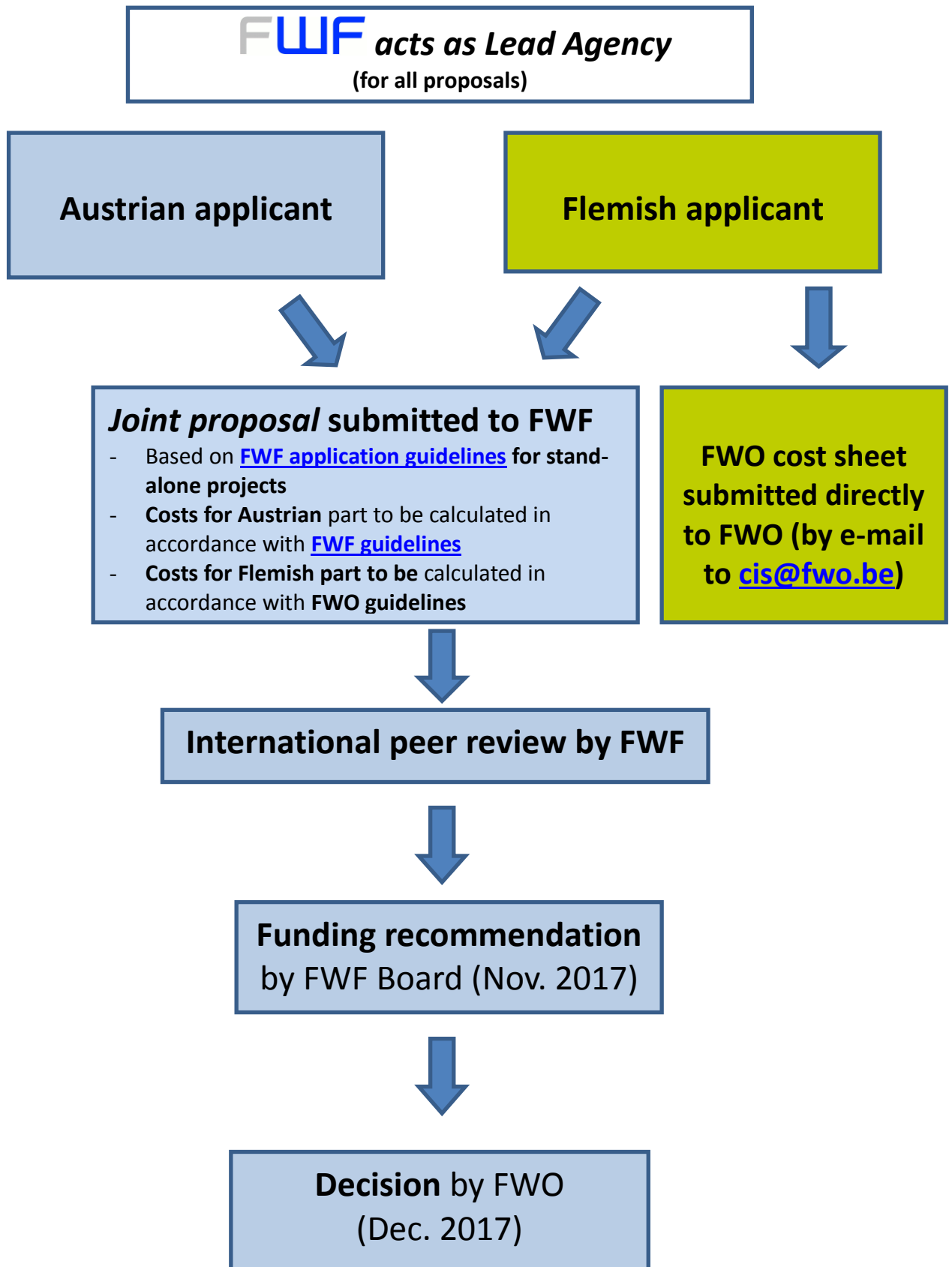
- The **distribution of work** between the partners
  - The **added value** to be created by the cooperation
  - **Separate budget justifications** for the Austrian and the Flemish parts (for both personnel and non-personnel costs).
- 2.) All **Flemish researchers** must update their online profile including an updated list of publications on the [FWO E-portal](#) before the deadline. If the Flemish applicant does not yet have an e-portal profile, this must be requested. Applicants are strongly advised to **register on the FWO e-portal well in advance**, as access needs to be granted manually by the FWO administration. Austrian applicants do not need an online profile on the FWO E-portal.
  - 3.) **Austrian applicants** are to send the proposal together with the **FWF application forms and abstracts in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects/„Einzelprojekte“ directly to the FWF**. There are two ways to submit this information to the FWF:

- **Via elane** (<https://elane.fwf.ac.at>): When submitting online, choose the **program category “I – International Programmes”**. The online submission must be completed by 3 April 2017. The **signed cover sheet** generated at the end of the online submission process must be sent **by conventional mail** to the FWF (FWF, Sensengasse 1, A-1090 Wien) **by 3 April 2017 at the latest (date of postmark)**. Please note that the cover sheet must bear the **original signatures** of the applicant and the representative of the host institution.
- **By conventional mail** (all documents on paper and on CD-ROM/USB stick): Proposals must be sent to the FWF by mail (Sensengasse 1, 1090 Wien) by **3 April 2017 at the latest**. The **date of the postmark** will be used to verify timely submission. **In all cases, the following forms** must be sent to the FWF:
  - Antragsformular/Application form
  - Programmspezifische Daten/Programme-specific data
  - Beiblatt MitautorInnen/Attachment co-authors
  - Kostenaufstellung/Form cost breakdown (including only the costs of the Austrian part of the project)
  - Other forms only if required

The forms can be downloaded [here](#).

For further details on the forms, please refer to the FWF's [application guidelines](#) (pp.3-4). FWF applicants are required to rectify any errors found in their applications within 10 days after being notified of such errors by the FWF office.

**5.) Graphic overview (deadline: 3 April 2017)**



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