### Key data

**EVOLUTION OF AVAILABLE FUNDING 2006-2017**

- **Remish government**
- **Authorizations**
- **Correlative Credits**

**EVOLUTION RESEARCHERS BY PROJECTS**

- **PhD fellowships**
- **Postdoctoral fellowships**
- **Research projects**

**GRANT DISTRIBUTION**

- 72% Research projects
- 23% Fellowships
- 5% Infrastructure programmes

**EVOLUTION SUCCESS RATE**

- **PhD fellowships**
- **Postdoctoral fellowships**
- **Research projects**
- EOS 2017: 14%
The FWO supports fundamental and strategic basic research

SCIENCE OPENS NEW HORIZONS
Science pushes the boundaries of our knowledge. The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) is the agency that supports ground-breaking fundamental and strategic basic research at the universities of the Flemish Community. The FWO also stimulates cooperation between the Flemish universities and other research institutes.

SCIENCE IS THE DRIVER OF INNOVATIONS
Fundamental research seldom leads to added short-term economic or social value. It is, however, essential for ensuring our welfare and well-being in the long term. That is why the FWO is dependent on government funding. A balanced distribution of resources between targeted and non-targeted research is required. With the financing of strategic research in the broadest sense, the FWO takes an important step to valorisation.

THE FWO AND THE WORLD
Non-governmental research councils are a tradition in Europe. The FWO, too, is a member of Science Europe and involved in various European research initiatives (ERA-NET, IPI, EFSR, IJ). Also many bilateral agreements are used to promote international collaboration.

SCIENCE IS ESSENTIAL FOR OUR WELL-BEING
In the long term, such a high level of knowledge in combination with the resulting human capital paves the way for targeted and applied research. This has also a policy-supporting role. Decisions in economic or social domains can then also be influenced by the work of excellent research groups. This is not surprising, as ground-breaking research may lie at the heart of solutions to the key challenges facing our society today (environment, mobility, health, etc.).

THE FWO INVESTS IN YOUNG TALENT
- Fellowships for young researchers (Ph.D.)
- Fellowships fundamental research and strategic basic research: 2x2 years
- Special Ph.D. fellowships: 1 year
- Clinical Ph.D. fellowships: 2 years, part-time
- EUU fellowships: 4 years
- Postdoctoral fellowships: 2x3 years
- Senior Clinical Investigators: 3x5 years, part-time

THE FWO SUPPORTS RESEARCH TEAMS
- Research projects: 4 years
- Research projects Strategic Basic Research: 2 - 4 years
- Research projects: Applied Biomedical Research with a Primary Social finality: 2 - 4 years
- Excellence of Science projects: supporting joint fundamental research between researchers in the Flemish and French-speaking community
- Odyssey: providing start-up funding for researchers who have built up a career outside Flanders
- Medium-scale and Large-scale research infrastructure
- International research infrastructure
- VSC: Support and financing of the Flemish SuperComputer (Tier1 and Tier2)

THE FWO REWARDS EXCELLENT RESEARCH
- FWO-Excellence Prizes: 5 prizes of €100,000 each awarded every 5 years
- FWO-scientific prizes: prizes sponsored by private companies or non-profit organisations that reward both young and experienced researchers

THE FWO PUSHES BOUNDARIES
- Participation in conferences inside and outside Europe
- Participation in a course or workshop inside and outside Europe
- Short and long stays abroad in and outside Europe
- PEGASUS Marie Skłodowska-Curie incoming, and outgoing Fellowships
- Scientific research networks
- Organization of scientific meetings
- Funds for coordination activities of international collaborative associations
- Bilateral research networks (Brazil, China, Ecuador, Québec, Vietnam, South Africa)
- Lead Agency Procedures (Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland)
- Exchange agreements
- Scientific cooperation European programmes (Horizon2020, COST, ERA-NET and JPI)

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