

# INFORMATION WEBINAR

## 1<sup>st</sup> African-European Call on Climate Services for Risk Reduction in West Africa

24<sup>th</sup> June 2025

9:00 UTC



# Progamme

Subject	Speaker
Welcome	ANR & DLR-PT <i>Petra MANDERSCHIED</i> – JPI Climate
General information and content of the CS4RRA call	<i>Julia RÖHRIG</i> – DLR-PT
Call procedure: Submission, eligibility and evaluation	<i>Matilde MONNIER</i> – ANR <i>Kristof BERTRAM</i> – DLR-PT
Funding model & funding of African organisations	<i>Julia RÖHRIG</i> – DLR-PT (Germany)  <i>Zlata TURKANOVIC</i> – RCN (Norway)  <i>Annette OUATTARA</i> – FONSTI (Côte d'Ivoire)
Questions and Answers (30-45min)	ANR & DLR
Closing	ANR

# List of ressources available online

## **CS4RRA page on JPI Climate website**

<https://jpi-climate.eu/programme/climate-services-for-risk-reduction-in-west-africa-cs4rra/>

### **Call documents**

- Call Text and Guide for Applicants (*ENG + FR*)
- National Funding Requirements
- Guide for pt-outline
- Pre-proposal template (on pt-outline)

### **Additional ressources**

- CS4RRA Whitepaper

Please  
carefully read  
the  
documents

# Technical instructions

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# Welcoming words by JPI Climate

Petra MANDERSCHEID

Executive Director – JPI Climate

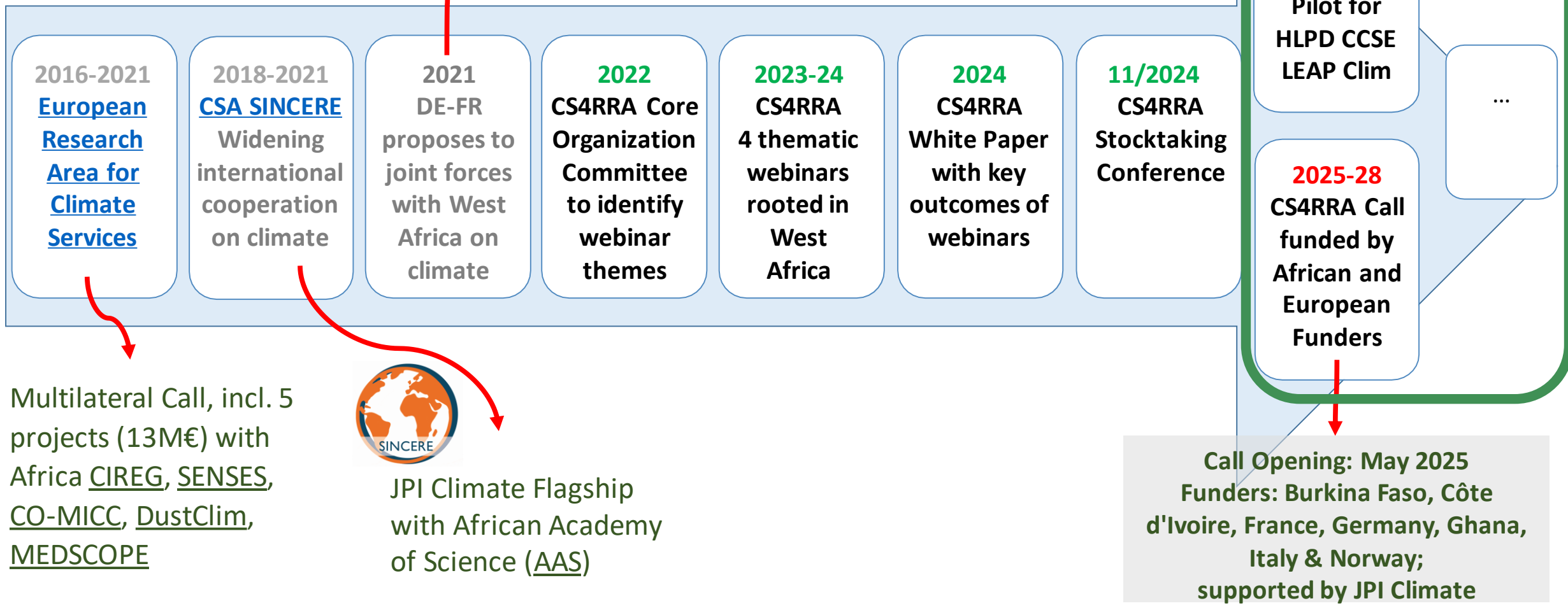
# General information and content of the CS4RRA call

By Julia RÖHRIG  
Call Secretariat – (DLR-PT)



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First meeting  
June 1<sup>st</sup> between  
African, French  
and German  
stakeholders





# Introduction

- Call contributes to **long-term multinational cooperation** incl. joint capacity development
- **African-European** call
- **Overall aim:** strengthen climate resilience in Africa based on
  - better understanding of the climate system & impacts of climate change (**knowledge**)
  - extended application of climate services for climate risk reduction and adaptation to climate change (**innovation**), and
  - **capacity development.**
- **Climate services:** information, tools, training or advice supporting decision-making to increase climate resilience.
- Call grounds on the **KIC-priorities** identified during the four **CS4RRA webinars summarised** in the CS4RRA [White Paper](#), and the [CS4RRA Stocktaking Conference](#).
- Strengthens **co-designed activities of African and European partners**



# Group of Funding Parties



Burkina Faso – Le fonds National pour la Recherche et de l'Innovation pour le Développement (FONRID)



Cote d'Ivoire – Fonds pour la Science, la Technologie et l'Innovation (FONSTI)



France – Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)



Germany – Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)



Ghana – Research and Grant Institute of Ghana (ReGIG)



Italy – Ministry of universities and research (MUR)



Norway – Research Council of Norway (RCN)

# Topics

- **Improving Early Warning Systems** (following the WMO definition)
- **Improving operational assessment and prevention of Climate Security Risks**
- **Improving financing mechanism and institutional integration of climate services**

## **Proposals **must**:**

- Address one or more of the call topics
- Address all three pillars of CS4RRA (KIC)
- Follow inter- and transdisciplinary approaches
- Meet needs related to climate change addressed by West African stakeholders
- Link research and innovation bridging scientific excellence to social impact

## **Proposals **are encouraged to**:**

- Build upon or foster the impact of successful existing initiatives
- Use methods/produce services which could be easily scaled up or replicated
- Comprise representatives of different types of partners in their consortia
- Use combined or advanced technologies (e.g. AI, earth observation, etc.)

# Call process : Submission, eligibility and evaluation

By Matilde MONNIER

Call Secretariat – French National Research Agency (ANR)

# Timeline

**11th September 2025  
(10:00 UTC)**

Pre proposal  
submission

Eligibility  
and Evaluation  
Step 1

**February 2026  
(10:00 UTC)**

Full proposals  
submission

Eligibility  
and Evaluation  
Step 2

*Start of first projects*

JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST ---

# Proposal submission on PT-outline

[https://ptoutline.eu/app/users/login/AFR-EU Call CS4RRA](https://ptoutline.eu/app/users/login/AFR-EU_Call_CS4RRA)

- **Guide** for PT-outline available on call website and PT-outline
- The **Project Coordinator** (PC) only may create an account.
- Enter the information about the **project** and **partners**.
- Follow the (pre) **proposal template** available on PT-outline.

# Eligible entities

- research and higher education entities, companies, other legal entities such as NGOs.

## For funding

- from the **Group of Funding Parties**: Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Germany, Ghana, France, Italy and Norway
- **West African** countries : Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Ivory Coast, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo; excluding United Kingdom Overseas Territory: St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

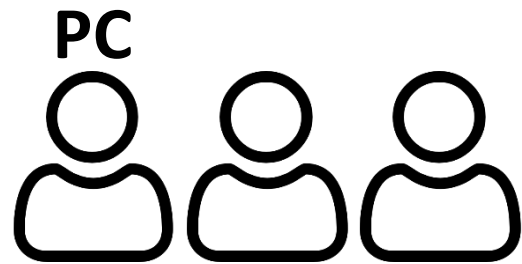
→ Can ask funding to Germany (BMFTR) or Norway (RCN)

## With own funds

- From other countries

# Eligibility criteria (I) : Consortium

- At **least 3 eligible project partners** representing
  - **2 African institutions** from 2 different **West African countries** and
  - **1 European institution** (including self-funded)
- Project Coordinator (PC) **based in a West-African country.**








Minimum requirements



Additional self-funded partners or partners eligible to funding



# Examples





ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM		
	Ghana	
	Germany	
	Burkina Faso	
★	Cameroon	

- 2 partners from 2 different West African countries
- 1 partner from Europe
- Led by a partner based in West Africa

★ Self-funded associated partner

ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM		
	France*	
	Ghana	
	Burkina Faso	

- 1 partner from Europe  
\*based in Africa
- 2 partners from 2 different African countries
- Led by a partner based in Africa (laboratory)

ELIGIBLE CONSORTIUM		
	Senegal	
★	Spain	
	Mali	

- ★ 1 partner from Europe – self funded
- 2 partners from 2 different African countries
- Led by a partner based in Africa

# National eligibility

- Each proposal will forego a **call eligibility check** done by the CS
- If eligible, each partner will then forego a **national eligibility check** by their funding organization

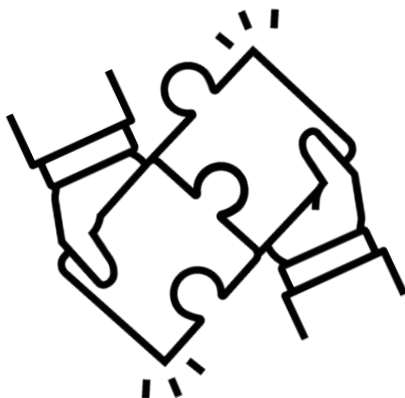
Please carefully check the  
**National Funding  
Requirements**

*Available on the call's website  
and on pt-outline*

**!!** Applicants are strongly advised to approach their respective **Funding organisation Contact Point** to make sure they respect all the eligibility criteria and rules (e.g. eligible budget items etc.)**!!**

**!!** If one Partner is not eligible, the **whole proposal will be considered ineligible** and will not be evaluated **!!**

# Partner search



## Looking for a partner ? A consortium to join ?

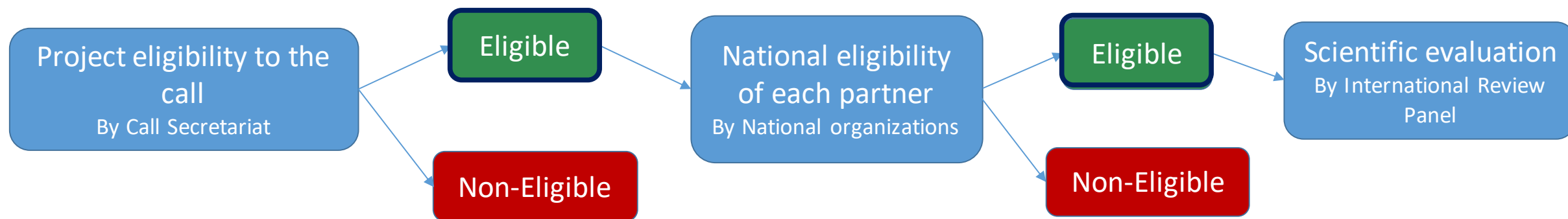
Complete the **survey** to be included in a **partners directory** to connect with other partners.

<http://sondage.anr.fr/index.php/755747?lang=en>

# Eligibility criteria (II) : Proposal

- Address **one or more of the topics**
- Maximum allowed requested **funding** : 2,000,000€
- Maximum project **duration** : 36months
- Be submitted in **English** or **French**
- **No changes** in the proposals' content between Step 1 and Step 2

# Summary : eligibility process



# Evaluation

- Done by the **International Review Panel (IRP)**
  - Step 1 : 1 African expert + 1 European expert per proposal
  - Step 2 : 3 experts
- 3 main criterias (0-5)
  - (I) **Scientific Excellence**
  - (II) **Impact**
  - (III) **Quality of the consortium and project management**
- Threshold per criteria: 3
- Total threshold : 10

Carefully read the **sub-criterias** (Call Text section 8.4) to include all the important elements to your proposal and refer to the **proposal template**

# Evaluation scores

<b>5   EXCELLENT</b>
The proposal addresses all aspects of the criterion in question in an outstanding manner.
<b>4   VERY GOOD</b>
The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion in question. Any shortcomings are minor.
<b>3   GOOD</b>
The proposal addresses the criterion well, although certain improvements are possible.
<b>2   FAIR</b>
While the proposal broadly addresses the criterion, there are significant weaknesses that would need correcting.
<b>1   POOR</b>
There are serious inherent weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.
<b>0  </b> The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information (unless the result of an ‘obvious clerical error’).



# Funding model

- Presentation of cascading funding
- Funding of West African partners by **BMFTR** & **RCN**
- **Funding by FONSTI – Côte d'Ivoire**

# Funding of eligible entities

- By **Group of Funding Party** : each national funding agency funds the team of their country
- Information webinar for French applicants : June 30th at 3PM ETC  
→ Register here : <https://anr.webex.com/weblink/register/rd035adce2db496f82d451a91d30ace8b>
- Germany (**BMFTR**) and Norway (**RCN**) can fund **West African partners**  
→ See *National Funding Requirements*

# Funding of West African partners by BMFTR – Germany

By Julia RÖHRIG

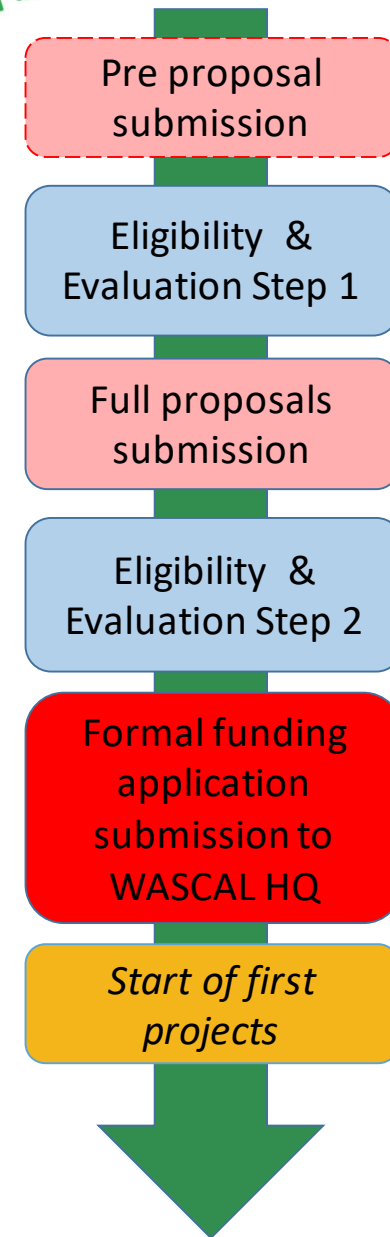
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# Funding of African Applicants by the German Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)

**Additional Precondition:** Consortium must consist of **at least one German consortium partner!**

## Steps to be taken:

1. Pre proposal is selected and invited to submit a Step 2 proposal
2. Full proposal is selected for funding
3. African applicants are invited to submit a formal funding application of their subproject to the WASCAL Headquarter in Accra
4. Application is positively reviewed and evaluated by WASCAL HG (same standards as applicable to funding of German applicants)
5. African applicants conclude funding contract with WASCAL HQ



# Funding of West African partners by RCN - Norway

Zlata TURKANOVIC

Senior Adviser – The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

# Funding Limits and Duration

- Total funding per consortium is capped at NOK 8 million per consortia  
→ **695 000 EUROS**
  - regardless of how many eligible entities participate in one consortium.
- Funding is only for eligible entities as specified by RCN.
- The funding period is limited to a maximum of 36 months.



# Who can apply for RCN Funding



- Only approved **Norwegian research organisations** can apply for funding.
- Norwegian enterprises can join project consortia as partners.
- RCN funding is **available for African partners with Norwegian institutions.**
  - Meaning that Norwegian institutions have to be part of a consortia.
- Funding is reserved for Norwegian and African partners.
  - European and other non-African partners are not eligible for funding from the RCN.



# Funding Opportunities for African Institutions



- Funding extends to all West African countries.
- Eligible institutions include:
  - universities
  - research institutes
  - technical colleges (polytechnic)
  - public sector
  - non-governmental organisations

# Who cannot get funding from the RCN



- Foreign enterprises/businesses outside Norway are not eligible.
- Social enterprises based outside Norway are excluded.
  - Social enterprises are considered as enterprises



## Other important points

- No requirement to send in to RCN in stage 1 and 2
- Only after funding decision – My RCN web.

### Contact:

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# Funding of West African partners by FONSTI – Côte d'Ivoire

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Responsable Etudes, Renforcement de Capacités et Partenariat





**FONDS POUR LA SCIENCE,  
LA TECHNOLOGIE ET L'INNOVATION**

Présenté par

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**CS4RRRA**

**MODALITES DE SOUMISSION FONSTI**

## Catégories éligibles au FONSTI



**Chercheurs et Enseignants-  
Chercheurs ivoiriens**



**Universités, Grandes Ecoles et  
Centres de Recherche ivoiriennes**

NOTE CONCEPTUELLE – PROJET COMPLET DETAILLE

Les évaluations se feront exclusivement par le panel d'évaluateurs. Seuls les projets retenus par le panel d'évaluateurs seront pris en compte par le FONSTI. Les pièces à fournir (slide suivantes) seront transmises au FONSTI qu'après éligibilité de ou des projets.

Les propositions doivent être soumises et transmises en version électronique **sur la plateforme mentionnée dans l'appel**: ESEP PT-Outline

Elles doivent être rédigées sur les formulaires indiqués et déposées au plus tard à la date butoir publiée. Dans le cadre de cet appel, le financement alloué par projet sera de: **38112,25 Euro** soit **25 000 000 CFA**. Le financement ne doit pas excéder **36 mois**.

Les équipes de recherche doivent être pluridisciplinaires et respecter la parité homme-femme. Des étudiants (Masterants, Doctorants) doivent être intégrés dans la composition de l'équipe. Les résultats doivent être publiés en accès libre. Les droits de propriété intellectuelle sont discutés lors de la signature du contrat,

# Mécanismes de soumission d'un projet au FONSTI



## Documents à fournir après la sélection des projets

- § **Une requête de financement** à adresser au Président du Conseil d'Administration
- § **Une lettre d'engagement** du principal chercheur du projet
- § **Une lettre d'accord** de l'institution hébergeant le projet (hébergement scientifique)
- § **Une lettre d'engagement** du superviseur scientifique
- § **Les pièces d'état civil** du chercheur principal
- § **Une fiche projet** synthèse

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# Conclusion

1

Check the scope of the call

2

Build your consortium

3

Check the eligibility criteria of the call

4

Verify the national regulations for ALL members of the consortium

5

Clarify procedures with **National Contact Points** and Call Secretariat

6

Elaborate your proposal according to the **Call Documentation**, the instruction provided in the **proposal template**

7

Submit on the PT-outline by **11th of September 2025, at 10 AM UTC**

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Thank you  
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interesting proposals!

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National contact points : see the ***National Funding Requirements Annexes*** in the

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