

Annex for the Franco-Brazilian projects

Lead Agency (ANR) procedure

Generic call for proposals 2026

IMPORTANT

The evaluation of the French-Brazilian projects will be carried out by the ANR only, in accordance with the procedures detailed in the Generic Call for Proposals 2026 (AAPG) [available here](#) to which are added the provisions of this document.

It is essential to read carefully the [work programme 2026](#), [the generic call for proposals 2026](#), the [AAPG 2026 guide](#), the rules relating to ANR real cost funding allocation procedures: <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>, and all of this document before submitting research project proposals.

In case of any difference of interpretation, the French version of the present annex shall prevail

ANR contacts:

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1. CONTEXT AND OBJECTIVES OF COLLABORATION WITH BRAZIL

By establishing bilateral agreements with foreign funding agencies, the French National Research Agency (ANR) allows French researchers to initiate or extend their collaborative work with researchers from other countries. In this way it hopes to encourage the emergence of European and International teams of excellence.

The aim is to fund innovative bi-national projects **that clearly stand out** from on-going national projects, demonstrating great synergy between each country's teams and real integration of joint research.

To simplify and streamline the terms of collaboration and to set up borderless research funding areas, ANR (*Agence Nationale de la Recherche*) and CNPq (*Conselho Nacional de Desenvolvimento Científico e Tecnológico*) have decided to enter into a Lead Agency type of agreement. Within this framework, the teams from the two countries prepare a joint project and one single agency (the Lead Agency) takes charge of the whole evaluation process (peer review and scientific panel evaluation) of the projects. Transnational projects compete with the national projects of the agency carrying out the evaluation. The partner agency can access all information on the projects. Each agency provides funding for its national teams¹ according to its own terms.

The Lead Agency procedure established between the ANR and the CNPq recognizes the ANR as the "Lead Agency" for the evaluation and for the selection of the Franco-Brazilian PRCI projects.

As a result, **the submission and evaluation of project proposals are solely handled by the ANR**. Nevertheless, the Brazilian scientific coordinator and the other partners of the Brazilian part must provide certain administrative information to the CNPq, according to the terms and conditions specific to this agency.

The purpose of the partnership between ANR and CNPq is to support projects in which there is genuine² collaboration between Franco- Brazilian partners. Within this framework, partners will ensure the complementarity of the scientific contributions of each country and the added value of International cooperation. Insofar as possible, the French and foreign partners' projects must start and finish on the same dates. For your information, CNPq requires project proposals durations of a maximum of **48 months**.

2. RESEARCH AREAS

The bilateral agreement with CNPq covers the following disciplinary fields:

- **Humanities and Social Sciences:**

¹ A French team is a partner with an institution or branch in France

² Objectives defined jointly, shared skills and tasks, shared risks and results

- Axis D.3 Contemporary Societies: States, Dynamics and Transformations (CE41)
- Axis D.7 Societies and territories in transition (CE55)
- **Environment, Ecosystems and Biological Resources:**
 - Axis A.1 Solid Earth and fluid envelopes (CE01)
 - Axis A.2 Living earth (CE02)

Additional details concerning the following axes:

Axis D.3 – Contemporary Societies: States, Dynamics and Transformations

In a global context marked by the proliferation of misleading content and the weakening of informational reference points, only projects addressing issues related to information integrity will be considered. These projects are expected to contribute to a deeper understanding of the systemic threats posed by fake news, hate speech, and the erosion of reliable information to democratic societies, and to provide analytical insights into forms of resistance, resilience, information literacy, or civic engagement in response to these phenomena.

Axis A.1 – Solid Earth and fluid envelopes

Only projects addressing issues related to climate evolution and functioning will be considered, including

- atmospheric dynamics through interactions with the continental and oceanic surface and the cryosphere;
- knowledge of hazards and extreme hydrometeorological phenomena in relation to climate change;
- couplings, interfaces and feedbacks between major compartments, at different spatial and temporal scales;
- the use of “Earth archives” to understand crises and changes in a long-short time continuum, in line with Anthropocene issues.

3. SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS

French and Brazilian partners must prepare a joint scientific project. Teams from each country must each appoint a **national scientific coordinator**.

ANR is in charge of submission and evaluation for both countries.

French partners:

Projects proposals must be submitted within the framework of the PRCI ("International Collaborative Research Project") funding instrument in ANR's 2026 Generic call for proposals, according to its terms and schedule.

Foreign partners:

It is essential to check with CNPq whether a copy of the project proposal, or any additional documents is necessary to be provided, in accordance with this agency's specific terms.

3.1. EARLY REGISTRATION OF PROPOSALS WITH ANR

The French Scientific Coordinator must **register her/his intention to submit a "PRCI" project** on ANR's submission website before 5 pm (Paris time) on **October, 14th 2025**. **This registering with ANR is mandatory** (cf. §B.4. *In the AAPG 2026 Guide*) to be entitled to take part in the selection process. No pre-proposal is required at this stage.

To register an intention to submit a Franco-Brazilian PRCI project, the applicant must complete the online form, the content of which is detailed in the AAPG2026 Guide (cf. §B.4.1. *Submitting pre-proposals (PRC/PRME/JCJC funding instruments) and registering (PRCE and PRCI funding instruments)*). **Foreign partners** must be clearly identified in the online form, including the Brazilian scientific coordinator.

Particular attention must be paid to the drafting of the abstract (cf. AAPG 2026 Guide, § B.4), which is intended to be sent to reviewers taking part in the evaluation process.

In the online form, **a distinction must be made** between the provisional amount of grant requested by **French partners** and the provisional amount of grant requested by **foreign partners** from their respective national agency.

***Note:** if one or more foreign partners decide to withdraw from the project proposal between the registration of an "International Collaborative Research Project" (PRCI) and the submission of a full proposal, it will not be possible to change the funding instrument given that other funding instruments (PRC, PRME, JCJC) are subject to a two-stage selection procedure).*

The acronym and project title provided to each agency **must be the same**.

The acronym chosen and the name of the French coordinator are definitive and cannot be modified when the full proposal is submitted. This also applies to the choice of the scientific evaluation panel (cf. AAPG2026 Guide, §B.4).

3.2. SUBMISSION OF FULL PROPOSALS TO ANR

French PRCI project applicants registered before the **14th of October 2025** at 5 pm (Paris time) deadline will be invited - subject to certain eligibility conditions - to submit a full proposal to ANR together with applicants to the PRC, PRME and JCJC funding instruments selected at the first stage's outcome.

Applicants are **strongly advised to write their proposals in English** as the evaluation is carried out in bi-lateral collaboration with the foreign agency. If the scientific document is written in French, a **translation** may be requested.

The French coordinator is subject to the rules (including eligibility) that apply to all national scientific coordinators under the Generic call for proposals (see AAPG2026 Guide §B.5.2, *Eligibility of full proposals*).

The full PRCI proposals must comply with the rules regarding format and content set out in the AAPG2026 Guide (cf. §B.5. Stage 2: full proposal submission and evaluation procedures).

Financial and administrative information on the foreign partners must be clearly indicated when the proposal is submitted on the website:

- the full name of the partner³, its acronym and its administrative category
- the foreign coordinator⁴ and the persons involved in the project
- The possible other foreign partners and the participating people
- The amount of aid requested by the foreign partners from their national agency: indicated in each of **the national currencies**, and its equivalent in euros

Moreover, it is essential that applicants indicate the following information in the scientific document:

- **the foreign teams' scientific contribution;**
- **foreign partners' financial data broken down into items of expenditure**, in the same way as that of French partners⁵.

Finally, applicants are requested to provide a summary table for each French or foreign partner, with amounts in each national currency and their equivalents in euro:

- the total amount of expenditures;
- the amount of funding requested from each funding agency (ANR, CNPq).

The following table must be included in the preamble to the scientific document in the full proposal as a summary of the persons involved:

Country	University or Institution	Last Name	First Name	Current position	Role in the project	Involvement (person.months)*
				Professor?	Coordinator? Task number?	
				Technician?	Task number?	
				PostDoc to be hired in the frame of the project?	Task number?	

(* to be indicated with respect to the total project duration)

³ Partner as a legal entity

⁴ The information is essential for the data cross-checking with the CNPq

⁵ With regard to the sub-criterion “Adequacy of the resources implemented and requested for the objectives of the project” of criterion 2 “Organization and implementation of the project”, the resources mobilized and requested by the French partners AND by the foreign partners will be assessed.

Note: if one or more Brazilian partners decide to withdraw from the project after the submission of the full proposal, it will not be possible to change the funding instrument given that other funding instruments (PRC, PRME, JCJC) are subject to a two-stage selection procedure.

4. ELIGIBILITY OF FULL PROPOSALS

Each agency decides on the eligibility of a project in accordance **with its own rules**.

ANR verifies the eligibility of the full proposal taking into account the criteria detailed in the AAPG2026 Guide (cf. §B.5.2 *Eligibility of full proposals*) and detailed below:

- The project's planned duration must be the same for both countries' partners

As foreign agencies have their own eligibility criteria, it is necessary to comply with them.

Summary table of the *specific eligibility criteria*⁶

Country (agency)	Submission to the ANR	Submission to the foreign agency	Duration	Participation of a company	Other
Brazil	yes	conae@cnpq.br	24, 30, 36, 42, 48	Eligible CNPq- own funds only, cannot hold a PI position	Mandatory requests concerning a Brazilian Scientific Coordinator: - PhD diploma - employment or statutory relationship with the project execution institution (ICT institution in Brazil) or, if retired, proof of maintain of the academic-scientific activity and an agreement from the project execution institution - curriculum vitae registration on the Lattes Platform with a link to it

To be eligible, proposals must meet all of the eligibility criteria of the two funding agencies.

5. EVALUATION

Projects proposals are evaluated by ANR only. They are evaluated according to the same main criteria as for the projects proposals submitted within the framework of another funding instrument of the Generic call for proposals 2026, some sub-criteria are specific to the PRCI

⁶ In addition to these eligibility criteria are the criteria of the foreign agency (to be checked with the foreign agency).

funding instrument (cf. *AAPG 2026 Guide*, §B.5.3. *Evaluation of full proposals*), in particular related to the project's capacity to respond to the research challenges of the chosen scientific axis.

The foreign agency can suggest external reviewers that ANR may call upon for project evaluation. The foreign agency has also access to all information relating to the projects and their evaluation.

ANR will subsequently provide its foreign counterpart with a list of projects to fund from those which passed the selection process. The two agencies then jointly validate the list of projects to be funded.

6. FUNDING PROVISIONS

Each agency provides funding for the relative expenditure of its own country's teams **according to its own rules.**

The ANR funding rules are available at this address <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/financer-votre-projet/reglement-financier/>

7. SCHEDULE

- Closure of proposals registration on the ANR website: 14th of October 2025 at 5 pm (Paris time)
- Closure of full proposals submission on the ANR website: end of March 2026 (cf. *AAPG website for updates*)
- Joint decision and publication of the results: October 2026 (indicative date)
- Possible project start date: final quarter 2026 – January 2027 / to be adapted according to the foreign partner constraints.