

Annex for the Franco-Brazilian projects

Lead Agency (CNPq) procedure

Generic call for proposals 2027

IMPORTANT

The evaluation of Franco-Brazilian projects will be conducted solely by the CNPq agency, according to its guidelines.

This document sets out the terms of submission and funding applicable to French teams involved in Franco-Brazilian projects.

It is essential to read carefully the [work programme 2027](#), [the generic call for proposals 2027](#), [the AAPG 2027 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 two agencies take turns yearly handling the submission, evaluation and selection of projects according to its own procedures.

For the 2027 edition of the cooperation, ANR and CNPq have jointly agreed that the CNPq will act as the Lead Agency.

As a result, **the submission and evaluation of project proposals are solely handled by the CNPq**. Nevertheless, the French scientific coordinator and the other partners of the French part must provide certain administrative information to the ANR, in accordance with its own procedures.

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**.

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

2. RESEARCH AREAS

The bilateral agreement with CNPq covers the following disciplinary fields:

One Health and Digital Continuum (HPC, AI) and Quantum Computing corresponding to the scientific themes:

- Axis C.06: Immunology, Infectious Diseases, and Inflammation
- Axis H.03: Infectious Diseases and Environment
- Axis E.05: Modeling, Simulation, Optimization, High-Performance Computing, Digital Sobriety, and Applications
- Axis E.06: Quantum Sciences and Technologies

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**.

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

French partners:

No registration of intention to submit a project is required by ANR in step 1.

However, for administrative reasons, although the submission and evaluation are conducted by the foreign agency, the French participants must submit the copy of their proposals to the ANR via the ANR submission site:

- **The same scientific project proposal as that submitted to CNPq, in the same format.**
Note, the acronym and title of the project provided to each agency must be the same.
- **The administrative and funding information** linked to **both** French and foreign partners:
 - **The detailed** information is expected from the French partners. The French coordinator has to appear as **scientific coordinator** on the ANR submission website
 - The **minimum**³ information is expected concerning foreign partners: the foreign coordinator (**country referent**)⁴, the name of the Institute⁵, its category (private / public), and the information concerning requested funding by foreign partners to their national agency

³ Simplified entry

⁴ The information is essential for the data crosschecking with the CNPq

⁵ Partner as a legal entity

- **A budgetary data sheet** for the French partners, detailing the requested means by major expense categories for the analysis of the consortium's budget request by ANR. This document is mandatory for your file to be considered complete on the submission site, cf. eligibility criteria. *The template of the document is available for download on the webpage dedicated to AAPG 2027.*
- **A scientific panel** responsible for the scientific monitoring of the project in case of success (description of the scientific panels is available in the AAPG 2027 text). **Please note:** this choice **cannot be changed** once the closing date and time has passed.

The French coordinator is subject to the rules (in particular of eligibility) to which all national scientific coordinators of the 2027 Generic call for proposals must comply (*see AAPG 2027 Guide, § B.5.2. Eligibility of full proposals*).

The deadline for submitting the administrative and funding information, the budgetary data sheet + copy of the project proposal to the ANR is set the **day after** targeted CNPq deadline, on the **April, 1st 2027, 5 PM** (Paris time). Projects proposals must be submitted to both agencies at due time. Those submitted to only one agency will be rejected.

The submission website will open on September, 3rd 2026, the link will be indicated on the ANR website, on the [generic 2027 call for proposals webpage](#).

4. ELIGIBILITY

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 AAPG2027 Guide (cf. *§B.5.2 Eligibility of full proposals*) and detailed below:

New 2027 Please note that PRCI projects are also concerned by the changes made to the eligibility criteria regarding “coordination limit” and “involvement limit” Please refer to the AAPG2027 guide (see sections B.4.2 and B.5.2) for details on the applicable rules.

- 1) The budgetary data sheet for the French partners⁶.
- 2) The provisional project proposal duration must be the same for the two country partners.

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

⁶ Applicable from 2027 edition onward (for the foreign Lead agency cooperation's)

Summary table of the *specific eligibility criteria*⁷

Country (agency)	Submission to the ANR	Submission to the foreign agency	Duration	Participation of a company	Other
Brazil	Copy of the project proposal	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 CNPq **only**.

The CNPq will propose a list of projects to be funded by ANR.

The two agencies then jointly validate the list of projects to be funded.

With regard to the sub-criterion “*Adequacy of the resources implemented and requested with the objectives of the project*” of the **Criterion 2** “*Organisation and implementation of the project*”, the economic context of the partners’ countries is taken into account. Project coordinators are informed that under the bilateral agreement, **the CNPq will provide Brazilian partners with a maximum funding of R\$ 1,500,000.00 (approximately 250k€) per project** for the duration of the project. Applicants are invited to submit projects that justify ANR funding for indicative amounts of 250-310 k€⁸, including for basic research projects.

⁷ In addition to these eligibility criteria are the criteria of the foreign agency (to be checked with the foreign agency).

⁸ Indicative range corresponding to the budget range given by the Brazilian funding agency (CNPq). The budget request made to ANR must be adapted to the scientific objectives of the project with regard to the sub-criterion “*Adequacy of the resources implemented and requested with the objectives of the project*”

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

- Date for proposal submissions on the CNPq website: March, 31st 2027
- Submission of copies of project proposals, budgetary data sheets, and administrative and financial information on the ANR website: **April, 1st 2027, 5 PM** (Paris time)
no registration in step 1
- Joint decision and publication of the results: October 2027 (**indicative date**)
- Possible project start date: final quarter 2027 – January 2028 / to be adapted according to the foreign partner constraints