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Funders Conference-EUI

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- The Research Foundation-Flanders (FWO)
- Postdoctoral fellowships
- Submission procedure
- Selection procedure
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Research Foundation Flanders

- [Research in Flanders](#)
- [FWO, 85 years of oxygen for research](#)

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HR EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH



Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)

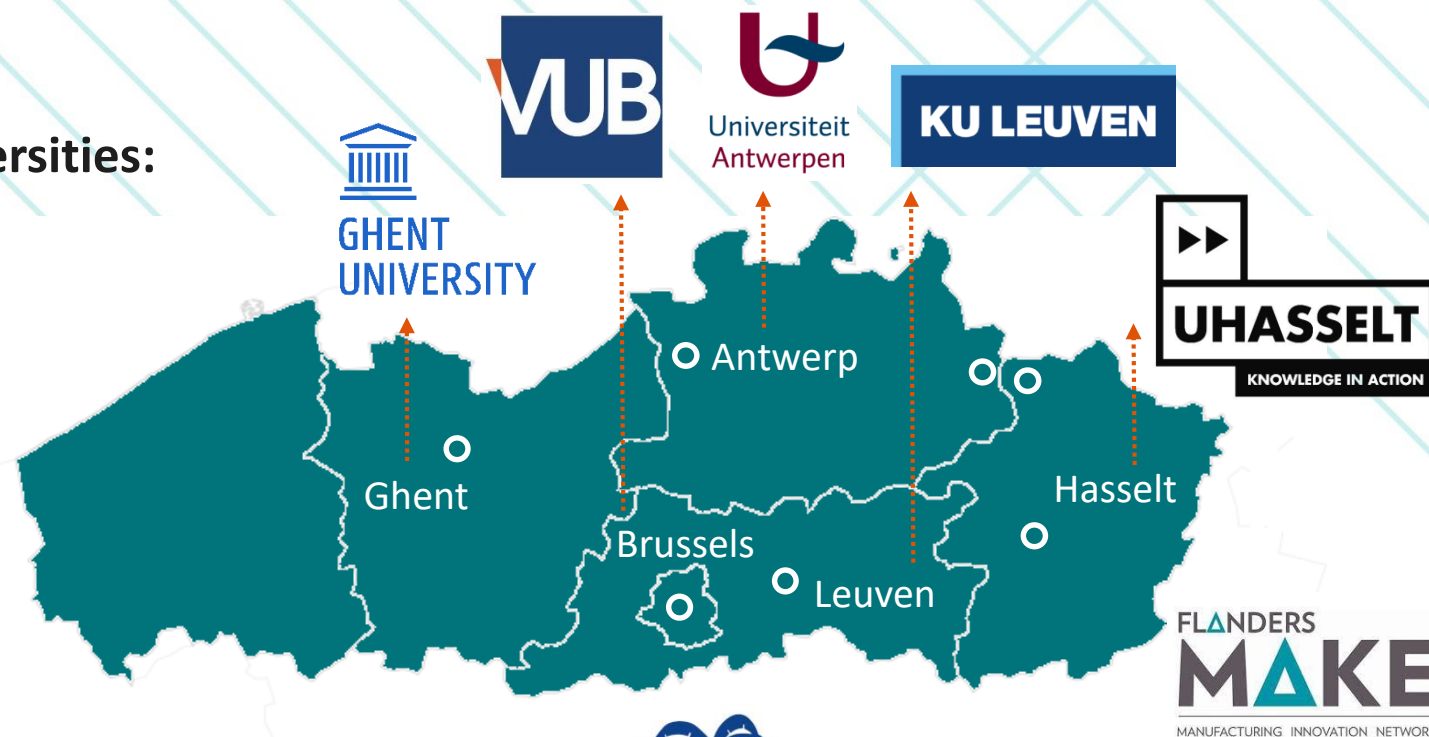
www.fwo.be

Main FWO Funding Schemes

Master	Fellowships		
	International Mobility		
	Research Grants		
	Research Projects		
Master	PhD	Postdoc	Established researcher

Main Research Performing Centers

World-Class Universities:



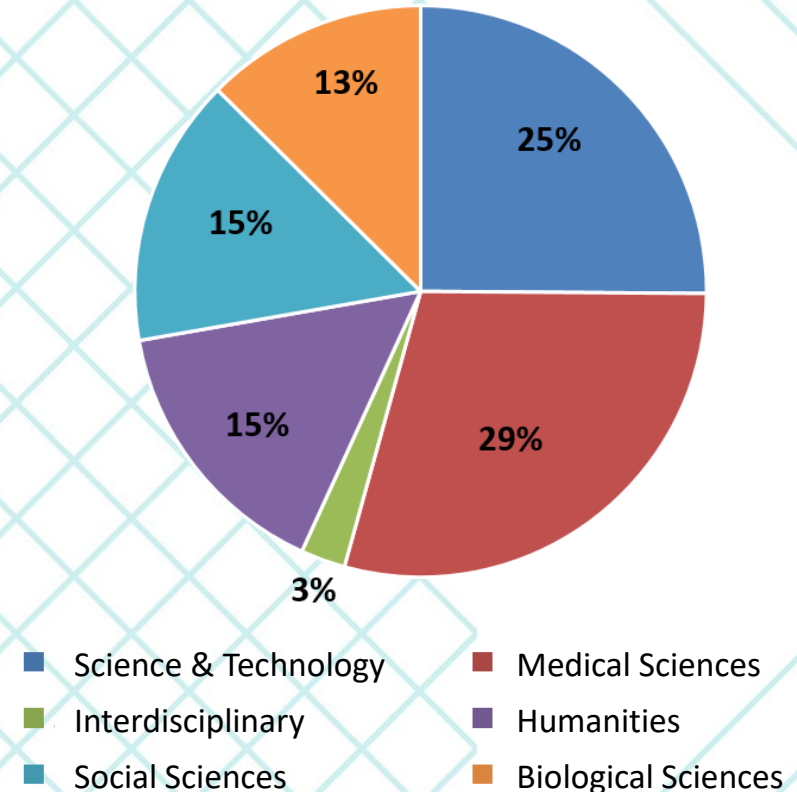
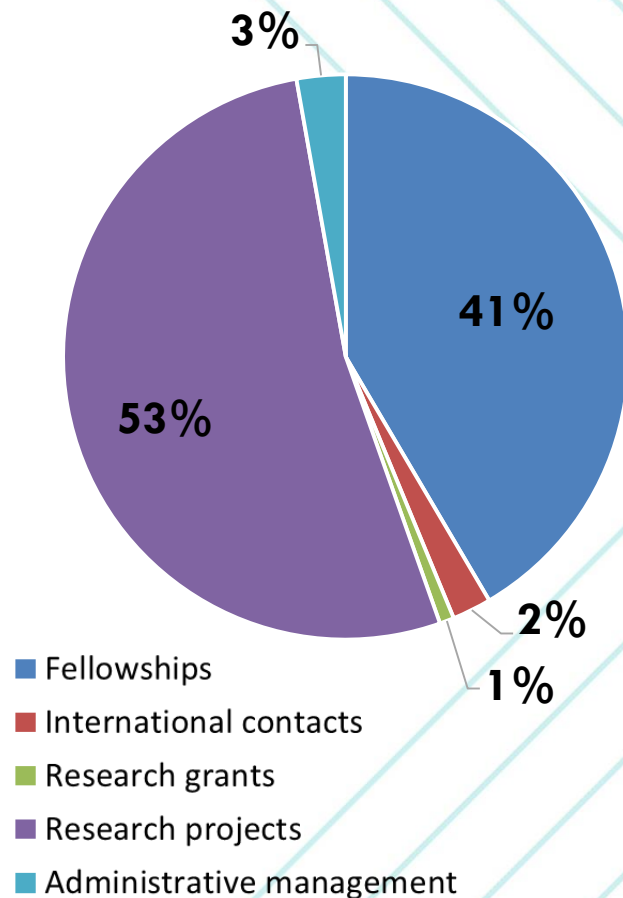
Leading (Strategic)
Research Centers:



Budget

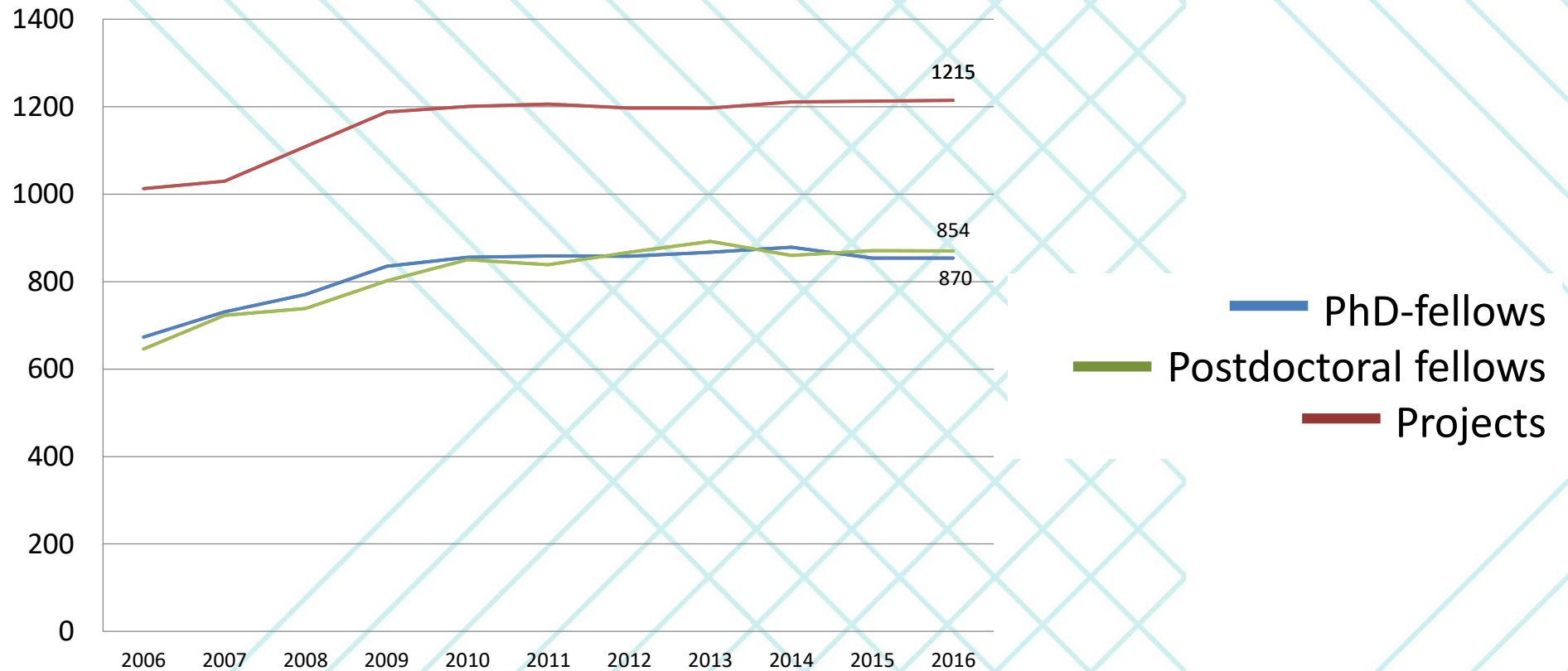
Budget 2016: 321,6 million EUR

Budget 2017: 340,7 million EUR



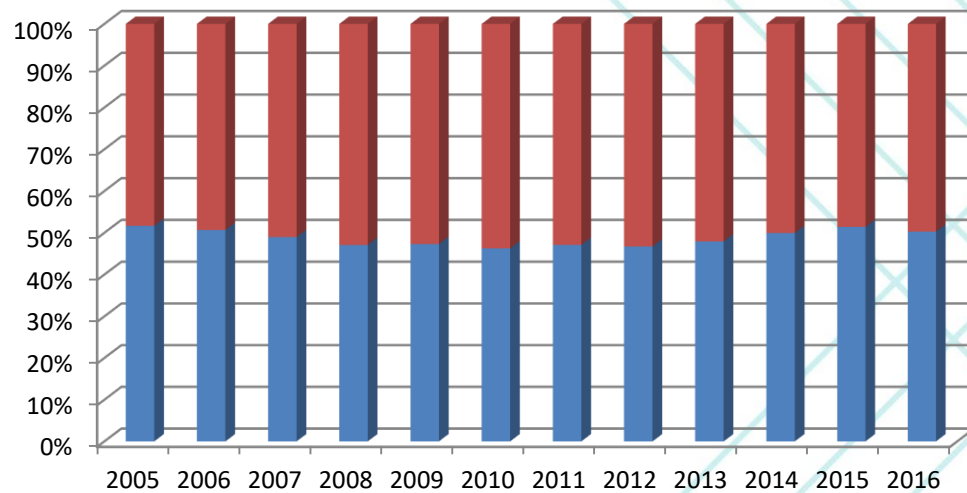
FWO Researchers

Evolution number of researchers in function (1st Oct.)

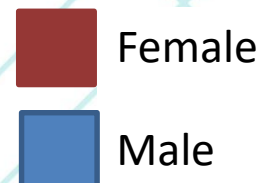
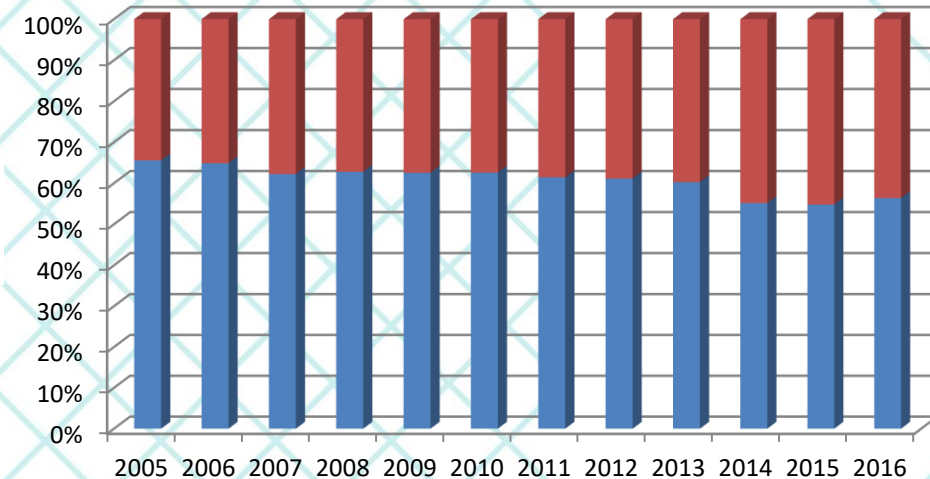


Gender

Predocs

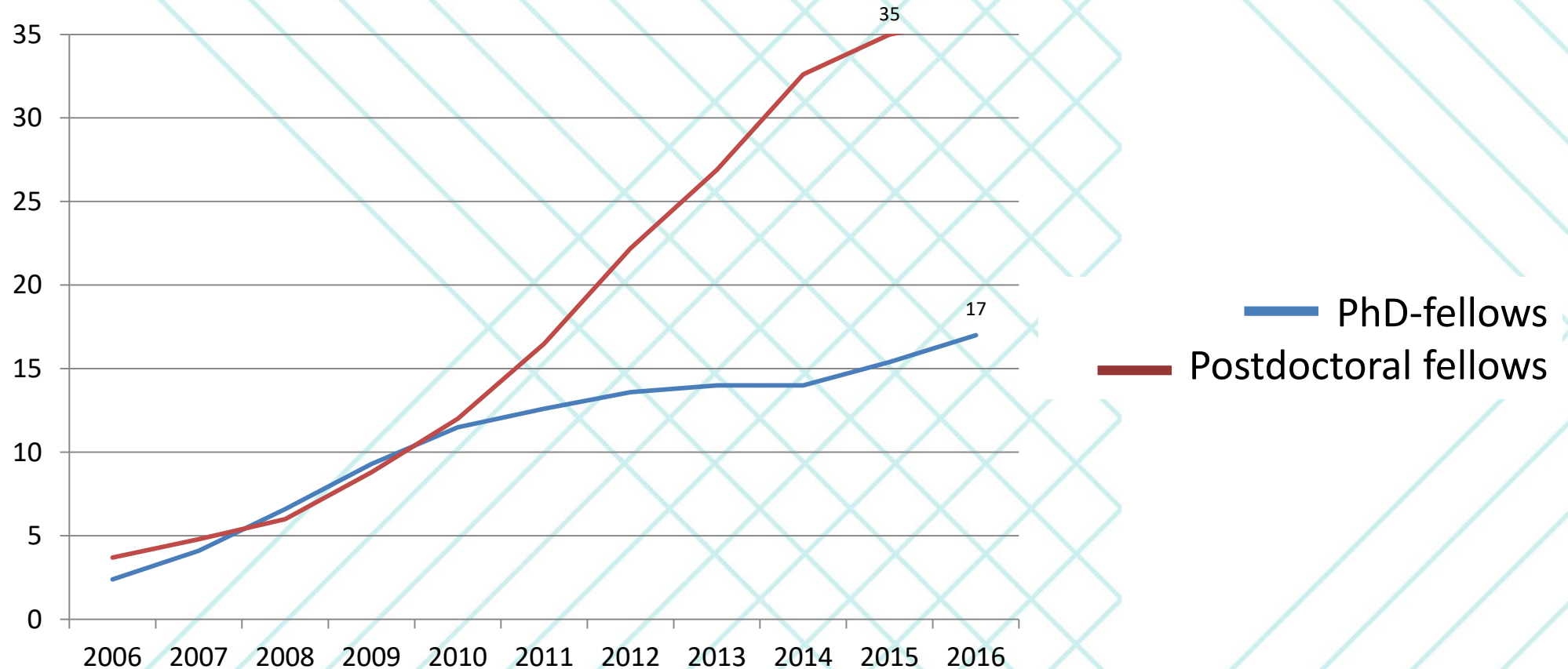


Postdocs



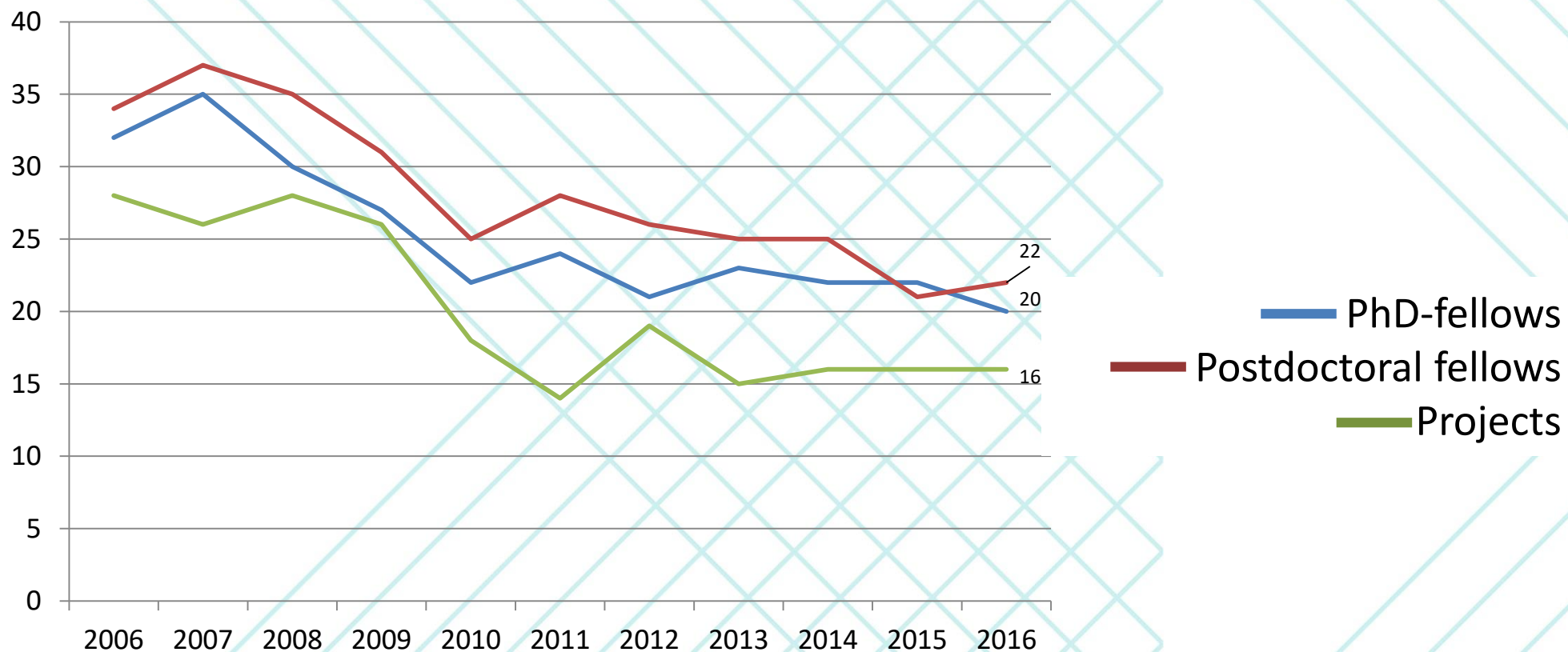
International researchers

- % foreign researchers (excl. Projects)



Success rate

- **Evolution success rate**



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Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

What?

- 3 years, 1x renewable
- Full time research
- Postdoctoral level (obtained PhD < 1 June 2018)
- First step in academic career
- No nationality requirements
- Host institution:
 - Flemish university
 - ITG, AMS, Vlerick BS, HZS

Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

Postdoctoral seniority?

- **Max. 3 year** postdoctoral seniority (on 1 june of submission year)
- Calculated from date of PhD diploma on
- Limit extended with 1 year per pregnancy or parental leave

Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

In practice

- Employment contract, 3 years
- Renewable once
 - Apply before deadline of the last year
- Salary is at the same level of doctor-assistant of a Flemish university
- Seniority is taken into account

Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

Bench fee

- Each year € 4.000
- Responsibility of the researcher
- Can be combined with other funding
- Saldi may be used the next year

Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

Mobility

- Very important for postdoctoral fellows
- Make use of (FWO) funding schemes for international mobility
- Travel grants (short/long stay)
- Bench fee: € 4.000

Postdoctoral fellowship in Flanders

Combining jobs: general max. 8 hours / week

- Unpaid
 - Administrative or clinical tasks
 - Guiding practica / seminars (1 hour = 2 hours)
 - ≤ 2 hours on yearly basis in teaching at a univ./institution for higher education (3 hours on yearly basis in 2nd)
- Parttime paid
 - Appointment as fellow % reduced
- Allowed without application
 - Compensation for stay abroad
 - Compensation covers only travel and accomodation costs

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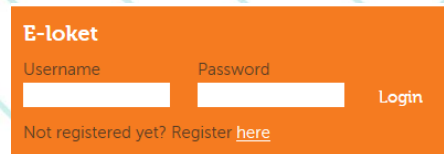
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Submission procedure

- Deadline fellowships: Januari 2018
- Start date: 1 October 2018
- Applications in English

Submission procedure

- **FWO E-Portal (ww.fwo.be)**
(register at least 24 hours in advance)










E-loket

Username Password Login

Not registered yet? Register [here](#)



 Edit your personal details.	 Start a new application or complete an unfinished application.	 Reviews
 Apply for expertpanel(s)	 Reports	 Help
 Communicate conflict of interests		

Submission procedure

- Templates of the application forms are online available (www.fwo.be)
- A standard template is presented with questions and instructions (Font Calibri 11 - max **10** pages).
- There is a maximum of 2 attempts to apply for a specific grant
- Selection of the correct Expertpanel is very important

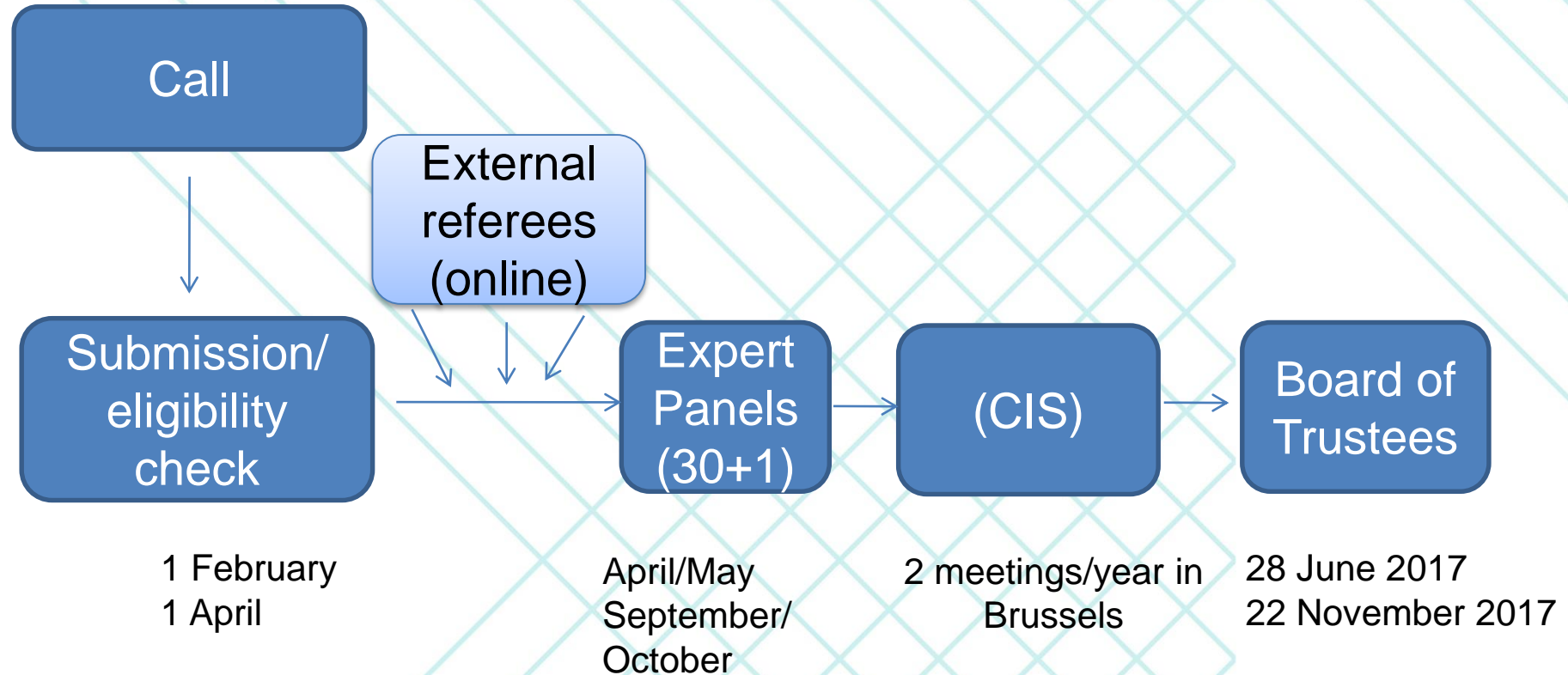
Submission procedure

- External advice
 - Head of the receiving research unit
 - At least 2 external referees
- Personal statement
 - Opportunity to discuss personal motivations
 - Why pursue career in science
 - Career breaks

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Selection procedure



Duration workflow fellowships: < 5 months
Duration workflow projects: < 7 months

Selection procedure

- **Ranking**
 - Applications with insufficient quality: not ranked
 - Others: ranked without the possibility of equal ranking.

Selection procedure

- **Ranking and granting 2017**

	PRE-DOC	POSTDOC I
	%	%
BIO	11,4	13,8
CULT	17,7	15
GM	18,1	15,4
INTDIS	2,3	2,9
MED	25,6	24,1
WT	25	28,7

Evaluation criteria

1. Quality of the applicant

- Research capability and potential such as
 - Publications in peer reviewed journals as well as other elements of the candidate's CV
 - Patents, teaching, advanced courses, etc., taking into account the level of experience
- Research skills and methodology
- Scientific independence (independent thinking, management experience and leadership qualities)
- Scientific background of the candidate
- Mobility of the applicant (previous transnational and/or intersectoral mobility experience)

Evaluation criteria

2. Quality of the proposal

- Originality and innovative nature of the project (progress beyond the state of the art)
- Feasibility of the project
- Focus of the project
- Relevance of the project
- Coherence of the project

Evaluation criteria

3. Quality of the context of employment

- Quality of the research environment of the host group (researchers, infrastructure, etc.)
- Quality of the supervision and training support of the host group

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ODYSSEUS

- Attracting Top Scientists to Flanders
- Start-up funding to develop a research group or to set up a research line at a Flemish university

Group I

- Internationally recognized leading researchers
- Budget: between € 400.000 and € 1.500.000 per year (max. 5 years)
- Permanent position at a university in the Flemish Community

Group II

- Researchers with the potential to grow to a leading position
- Budget: between € 100.000 and € 200.000 per year (max. 5 years)
- Postdoctoral fellowship at a university in the Flemish Community

<https://www.kuleuven.be/english/research/odysseus/home>

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