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2006: a law for improving the french Research and Innovation system



The National Research Agency: a new tool for 5 major objectives

- To increase efficiency of our process to define strategic priorities
- To offer stimulating careers to young scientists
- To set up an efficient system for research evaluation
- To intensify cooperation between public research and private research
- To increase international partnerships

The french ANR: a new funding research agency



A public organization

devoted to competitive project funding in both fundamental and applied research on the basis of international standards

Objectives:

- ✓ to promote creativity
- ✓ to bring more flexibility and, subsequently, reactivity.
- ✓ to increase competitiveness while keeping a good balance between fundamental research and applied research
- ✓ Budget 2008: M€ 896
- About 1500 projects funded each year

2008 Programme and budget



ENERGY ENVIRONMENT M€ 111

- New energy technologies
 - Urban engineering
- Climate change and CCS
 - Ecotechnologies

ITC M€ 140

- Telecommunications
- Software technology
- Audiovisual & Multimedia
 - Robotics
 - Nanosciences

HUMAN & SOCIAL SCIENCES M€ 15

Creation

- Government & administration
 - Social vulnerability
 - Communication
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ECOSYSTEMS M€ 66

- Biodiversity
- •Food science & human nutrition
 - Genomics
 - Agriculture for a sustainable development

PROCESS & ENGINEERING M€ 46

- «Green» chemistry
- Materials & processes
 - Global security

BIOLOGY-HEALTH M€ 119,5

- Neurosciences
- Physiopathology/human diseases,
 - Microbiology
 - Biotechnology

European & International activities on Humanities and Social Sciences



















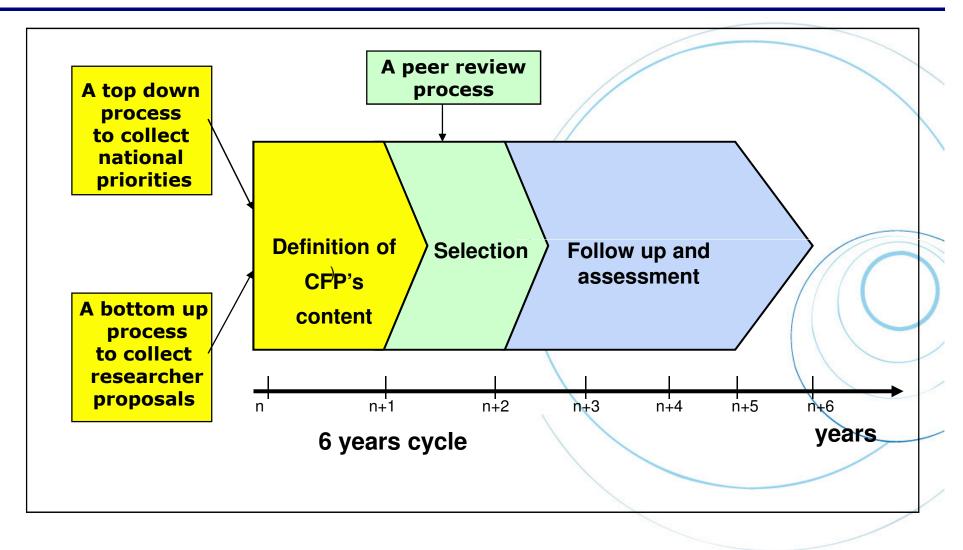




- Strengthening of European actions: joining ESF and Eranets (transnational CFP E.g. Norface Eranet)
- Improving of international cooperation with foreign agencies (bilateral calls)
- Enhencing cooperation with foreign researchers to take part in the projects selection
- Sharing best practices with other agencies

ANR main processes





Evaluation criteria



- Theoretical and methodological context
- Originality and research outcomes
- Research design
- Qualifications of the applicants
- Feasibility of the research
- Outcomes and impact
- Justification of ressources
- Value of the collaboration

Practical informations



- Applications should be for a minimum of two and a maximum of four years. A typical project financed by ANR lasts for 36 months
- The average level of funding is 180 000 euros per HSS project
- Applications should nominate one Principal Investigator who has a permanent academic position in a french research organisation
- Applications may include foreign partner teams but the foreign teams must bring their own funding to the project

The ANR's calls for enhancing Humanities and Social Sciences research



- 1) Non thematic transverse programme
- Open CFP (so called "White" programme)
- Young researchers Program
- Visiting professorships (Chairs of excellence)
- New: "incentive return Call" (so called: programme d'aide au retour"
- 2) HSS Thematic programmes
- 3) Bilateral calls

1.1 Open call (« Programme blanc »)



- A completely bottom-up, blue-sky call for proposal in all research fields.
- To give significant impetus to ambitious projects, internationally competitive, focusing on pioneer objectives, and innovative research.
- To strengthen the international competitiveness of French research in its specific area.

1.2 Young researchers' call (programme Jeunes chercheurs)



- To support young researchers or lecturers with a permanent position within a french university or a french research organisation in taking responsibilities, in allowing them to independently develop their own research project and to demonstrate their innovativeness.
- Open call to all research fields including Humanities and social sciences

1.3 Visiting professorships (*Chairs of excellence*)



- To attract high-level scientists from all over the world to offer significant funding for a specific research project. Part of the grant can be dedicated to support the grant-holder (mobility or living allowance).
- short-term (18-24 months) or long term chairs
- "senior" chairs or "junior" chairs
- Funded projects can receive additional funding from either research organisation or local authorities.

1. 4 Programme d'aide au retour



- A new call: « incentive young researchers' return »
- Young french Ph-D holders (less than 3 years after complition) currently in a foreign post-doctoral position

2. Thematics calls in HSS: 4 stakes



- HSS are sciences like all others, with their own methods. HSS do not have a single allembracing theory about society.
- The relation between individual and collective types of research in HSS
- The strong link between research and university education
- The growing cooperation between HSS and other sciences (natural sciences, engineering, etc)



HSS Thematics calls:

- Sciences, technologies et knowledge: current stakes and historical matters
- Children and childhood



HSS Thematics calls:

- >Territories and governance
- >Creation: actors, objects, contexts

3. Bilateral calls



>F/Germany (DFG)

Open

>F/ UK (ESRC)

Social sciences

► F/USA (NSF)

Open

>F/Argentina (ANPCT)

Open

>F/Japan (JST)

Open

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Thank you for your attention.....



