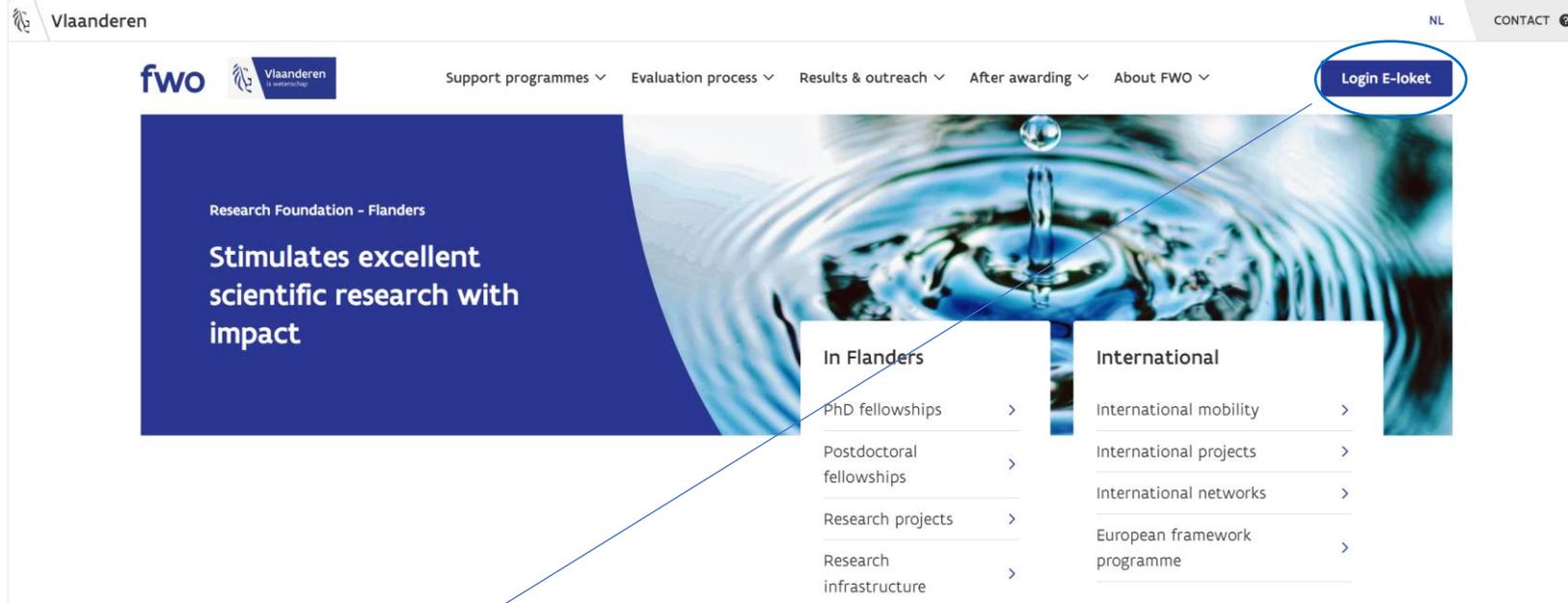**EXAMPLE OF AN APPLICATION FORM:**

IRI APPLICATON FOR FUNDING REQUEST

Login to E-PORTAL

Applicants first have to register (at least 24 hours in advance) in order to receive a login name and password, which gives access to the web-based FWO e-portal for preparing and submitting a proposal. Go to the FWO home page (https://fwoweb.fwo.be/) and click on Login E-loket.

PREPARING YOUR APPLICATION

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Checklist before starting new application

General

▸ **Gender**
▸ **Place of birth**
▸ **Nationality**
▸ **ORCID iD** *(Open Researcher and Contributor ID)*

Addresses

▸ **Domicile address (in Belgium or abroad)**
▸ **(Future) service address**

Academic degrees

Positions

No access to new application ⛔ **before these 8 items are completed...**

APPLICATION TYPE SELECTOR

Create application ✕

Select Application Type

Infrastructure	✕ ⌄

International research infrastructure	✕ ⌄

The program international research infrastructure (IRI) aims to support the Flemish participation in and/or the subsidization of international investment initiatives that are carried out at large scale, international or supranational facilities in which the Flemish Government contributes and/or of which the strategic importance for Flanders can be demonstrated.

From 2025 there are two separate calls for the participation at international research infrastructure at FWO: a roadmap call and a call for funding:

- The roadmap call: call for the decision to include Flanders in (future) international research infrastructure in case there is no formal support from Flanders yet (ERIC, MoU) and/or Flanders/Belgium is not yet a formal member of the research infrastructure and the strategic importance for the Flemish Region or the Flemish community can be demonstrated.

- The funding call: call for funding start (after approval in roadmap call) or renewal of the funding of the participation in international research infrastructures.

In 2026 only the funding call is organised and this is the application form 'IRI application for funding request'. This will only be open for follow-up funding applications or applications that were positively assessed in the 2025 IRI roadmap call.

IRI application for funding request	✕ ⌄

Working title *(optional)*

Define a working title for your application so you can easily identify it later. This title is not a part of the application itself and can be changed later on.

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APPLICATION FORM

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← **Application form**

My IRI application for funding request ✎
IRI APPLICATION FOR FUNDING REQUEST

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SUMMARY	○
INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE	○
CONSORTIUM - REQUESTED FUNDING	○
SCIENTIFIC CONTEXT AND ADDED VALUE	○
EXPLOITATION & USAGE PLAN	○
PEER REVIEW	○
EXTRA DATA	○
ETHICS	○
DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN	○
CONSENT	○

General

GENERAL

Give the English title of your IRI proposal.

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Give the Dutch title of your IRI proposal.

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Give a summary in English of your IRI proposal in layman's terms.

If the application is approved, this information may be entirely or partially used for scientific communication (press release or publications for a broader public).

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Give a summary in Dutch of your IRI proposal in layman's terms.

If the application is approved, this information may be entirely or partially used for scientific communication (press release or publications for a broader public).

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Summary

SUMMARY

This summary of the application has the intention to give an overview of the main aspects of your application and should be in a language which can be easily understood by a scientist/scholar who is not a specialist in the subject.

State the title of the application.

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Describe the consortium.

Give a short overview of the members of the consortium. This should include a brief description of the teams involved, the key expertise of the teams, and the key achievements in the last 5 years (number of PhD's, publications, spin-offs, patents, …, f.e. Team Modelling, x PhD's, y publications, z patents, …).

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Give a short summary of the application.

Give a summary of your application in a language which can easily be understood by a scientist/scholar who is not a specialist in the subject. This should also include information about:

- what you are applying for (including the specific name of the (type of) device/tool, if the application concerns a device/tool).

- the key area(s).

- the positioning into the scientific field.

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Give an overview of the expected goals and impact of the proposal.

This should include a brief description of the key goals or work packages, the expected output per work package and the expected improvements compared to today, … Summarize also the economic, societal and/or policy-relevant impact achieved or to be expected.

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Give an overview of the results of previous infrastructure grants.

Describe in short the results and output reached by previous research infrastructure grants (by also mentioning the amount of the grants). If no research infrastructure grants were allocated yet, complete this section by 'NOT APPLICABLE'.

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International Research Infrastructure

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE

ACRONYM AND GOAL

Give the acronym and title of the international research infrastructure.

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Describe the goal of this international research infrastructure.

Explain the goal of this international research infrastructure and also state whether it is a distributed or a single-sited infrastructure.

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STATUS

When looking at the lifecycle of the international research infrastructure, what is the status of the international research infrastructure?

Describe the status and the timeline.

Describe the status and the expected timeline of the international research infrastructure and the status of the Belgian participation.

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Describe the international consortium.

Mention the coordinating country (HUB), other countries having a special task in the consortium (service centre ...), members, observers. If not yet established describe the current situation.

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MEMBERSHIP FEE

Is the payment of a membership fee for this particular research infrastructure required?

Yes	No

What type of instance is (or will be) providing the membership fee?

If other, please explain in the question below.

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Indicate the expected annual fee for the period 2027 – 2030.

This membership fee must NOT be included in the requested funding budget except if the institution itself is paying the fee.

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Consortium – requested funding

CONSORTIUM - REQUESTED FUNDING

Consortium – supervisors - funding

Please provide information on the host institution and other consortium partners and define the (co-) supervisors for each partner. Afterwards mention for each partner the funding scheme (subsidy and/or cofunding).

Main Flemish host institution	**Main Flemish host institution** Select a main Flemish host institution from the pick list, and name a (main) supervisor. *Minimum amount of entries: 1.* *Maximum amount of entries: 1.* **+ Add** **Main Flemish host institution** ↑↓ Please add an item
Flemish partner institution(s)	
Third parties	

When looking at the Flemish landscape, can your consortium be considered as complete?

Yes | No

Motivate how all relevant partners are included and no expertise is missing.

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When looking at the Flemish landscape, can your consortium be considered as complete?

Yes | No

Describe the possible expansion (or scaling down) of the Flemish consortium.

If not relevant state 'NA'. If relevant, explain whether all relevant actors from the Flemish Science Community are participating in the consortium. Explain, if necessary/advisable, how the consortium can be adjusted in the next phase by adding or omitting other actors. Mention or indicate private companies, located or not in Flanders, that are eventually interested to join in the consortium.

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Will there be a specific role for the Flemish/Belgian partners within the international research infrastructure?

Describe the role of the Flemish consortium within the international research infrastructure? Specify if Belgium or Flanders has (or will have) a specific role (service centre, central coordinator for a certain topic) within the international research infrastructure. What is the impact of the Flemish participation on the international research infrastructure?

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Explain the role of the Flemish supervisor towards the Flemish and Belgian science community.

Who is (or will probably be) head of Node (or coordinator) for Belgium or Flanders?

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Are there Belgian entities involved?

| Yes | No |

Provide the Belgian entities involved.

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How is the Flemish/Belgian consortium organised?

Describe the organisation and governance structure of the Flemish/Belgian consortium. What advisory boards (members, role, frequency, …) are in place to support the scientific/strategic vision?

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PREVIOUS FUNDING

Has your consortium already received funding in previous infrastructure calls?

| Yes | No |

Describe the funding already received for the research infrastructure in previous calls of the type IRI, ESFRI funding, FWO medium-scale or large-scale research infrastructure funding, EFRO funding (VLAIO), Moonshot programmes, University Special Research Funds (BOF) or other infrastructure funding (e.g. European, ..). Summarize the previous infrastructure funding (type, amount, period, …).

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Add Main Flemish host institution

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Supervisor-spokesperson

Minimum amount of entries: 1.

Maximum amount of entries: 1.

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First name ↑↓	Last name ↑↓	Research unit ↑↓
Please add an item		

Co-supervisor(s) *(optional)*

+ Add

First name ↑↓	Last name ↑↓	Research unit ↑↓
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REQUESTED FUNDING

The subsidy for selected proposals for international research infrastructure amounts to 80% of the eligible costs.

- The subsidy is raised to 90% if the investment initiative originates from one or more research groups with more than one applicant, and if the application file proves that all applicants share the remaining 10% of the eligible costs proportionally according to substantive contribution and commitment so as to demonstrate the effective contribution and commitment.
- The operational plan shows which costs will be covered in-kind as a financially assessable contribution, via co-funding or via income. The operational plan provides clarity about the annually expected costs and how they will be financed, via one-off or recurrent costs, throughout the term of the participation in the international research infrastructure.
- If the applying consortium is able to prove in the operational plan that, due to the nature of the infrastructure, no co-funding is possible, the subsidy percentage may be raised to 100% provided the participation, support and commitment of the relevant bodies is demonstrated. Infrastructures are very diverse in nature and co-funding options vary widely. In these exceptional cases, this aspect can be taken into account in the financing.

Eligible costs

Specify the funds applied for by each host institution of the consortium. Specify the different costs per year for each institution. The project period is 4 years, renewable for maximum 2 years. The subsidy is used for the financing of equipment, personnel, institutional, operational and logistic costs.

Not all of the eligible cost categories are mandatory to be applied for. However, if funding in a category is requested, more detailed information needs to be provided by completing the corresponding template under the summary table on the Consortium tab.

- equipment: costs for research investments, notably costs for the acquisition or building and connection of (components) of the international research infrastructure, and for substantial upgrades, including the non-recoverable portion of VAT.
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Funding for equipment costs requested?

| Yes | No |

Funding for staff costs requested?

| Yes | No |

Funding for operational costs requested?

| Yes | No |

Do you have co-financing?

| Yes | No |

Please provide a motivation why no co-financing is possible. *(optional)*

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Do you have co-financing?

Yes | No

Co-financing

Add per host institution the co-financing. Co-financing can also be indicated for third parties.

Specify the manner in which the costs not covered by FWO will be financed by each partner of the consortium. If third parties are involved in the application, specify the financial, material and/or personal contribution of each third party. If (a part of) the contribution of one or more third parties is made in kind, in the form of a material or personal contribution, specify how the corresponding equivalent financial value is estimated.

Maximum amount of entries: 1.

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Co-financing ↑↓	Main usage of contribution ↑↓
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Please provide a motivation why no co-financing is possible. *(optional)*

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Add Supervisor-spokesperson

Add: supervisor-spokesperson

First name

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Last name

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Date of birth *(optional)*

Current occupation

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Employment rate

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Email

Research unit

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Street and number

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City

Short CV

This CV should be based on the template below, can be max. 3 pages long and should be uploaded as a PDF file using the following format: shortCV_name_lastname.

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SHORT CV OF THE SUPERVISOR AND CO-SUPERVISOR(S)

(MAX. 3 pages per supervisor/co-supervisor)

The titles below provide a list of aspects that should be discussed in the short CV with focus on the international research infrastructure application to be completed by each of the (co-)supervisor(s) with a maximum of 3 pages (including the questions) per CV. Please retain these titles in the final CV unless for third parties not relevant. You may add extra titles and subtitles as necessary. Please stick to the maximum number of 3 pages, without changing text layout (font Calibri 11, line distance 1, page margins 2,5 cm, etc.). Please remove this explanatory paragraph before submitting this short CV. Name the CV's correctly before uploading. (shortCV_name_lastname).

<u>Guidelines on formal requirements in application forms and accompanying documents of application programmes shall be strictly followed. If these are violated, the application may be declared inadmissible.</u>

Specify your name.

Click here to insert you name.

Mention your current job position/appointment.

Click here to insert your current job position/appointment.

Describe your experience of conducting research with and the management of research infrastructures, possibly in a consortium or and international context.

Click here to insert your experience.

Give your top 5 publications and/or achievements/awards.

Here you can mention the publications and/or achievements within the past 5 years you consider most relevant in order to prove your competences with regard to this present application. The total number of all items (publications and/or achievements/awards) taken together amounts to five.

<u>For publications</u>: list all authors, title of publication and journal name (without abbreviations) of your top 5 publications with volume, start/end page and year and persistent identifier, if available (e.g. DOI). Mention impact factor of the journal (if applicable) and whether the publication was peer reviewed or

not. For book publications, give all necessary bibliographic information (author(s) or editor(s), book title, publisher, place, year, number of pages) and persistent identifier, if available (e.g. DOI)..

<u>For achievements</u>: provide a short description, when it was undertaken and finalised and list all the relevant participants involved in it. It may be constituted by scholarships, supervision of completed and running PhDs, coordination or participation in (inter)national projects/networks/consortia, a data base, surveys, a technical diagram, software, objects (maquettes, prototypes…), keynote lectures or other lectures at scientific or other meetings, the organisation of such meetings, the organisation of or participation in exhibitions, activities as a scientific evaluator for submitted papers or grant applications and the like, and any other type of activity or output you consider to be relevant. List all associated metadata where applicable such as type of achievement, title, persistent identifier, … Do mention for each item your share and its nature and those of other significant partners in the workload.

Click here to insert your top 5 publications and/or achievements/awards.

Give your 5 most relevant publications for this application. If possible, mention if the research infrastructure was acknowledged.

Click here to insert your 5 most relevant publications.

State if research financing (other than funding for infrastructure) was obtained in the last 5 years: (co)-promotorship of research projects (with a statement of the financing body, project title, budget, period).

Click here to insert your obtained financing.

Provide other applicable information or accomplishments (honours, awards, patents, …) for this research infrastructure application from your CV.

Click here to add more information from your CV.

Add Flemish partner institution(s)

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Flemish partner institution

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Co-supervisor(s)

Minimum amount of entries: 1.

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First name ↑↓	Last name ↑↓	Research unit ↑↓
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Funding for equipment costs requested?

[Yes][No]

Funding for staff costs requested?

[Yes][No]

Funding for operational costs requested?

[Yes][No]

Do you have co-financing?

Yes | No

Co-financing

Maximum amount of entries: 1.

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Co-financing ↑↓	Main usage of contribution ↑↓
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Please provide a motivation why no co-financing is possible. *(optional)*

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Add Third parties

Add: Third party

Third party

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Co-supervisor(s) *(optional)*

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First name ↑↓	Last name ↑↓	Research unit ↑↓
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REQUESTED FUNDING

Co-financing by third parties

If third parties are involved in the application, specify the financial, material and/or personal contribution of each third party. One example of a personal contribution is the provision of specialist construction personnel. One example of a material contribution is the free supply of building materials or technical components. If (a part of) the contribution of one or more third parties is made in kind, in the form of a material or personal contribution, specify how the corresponding equivalent financial value is estimated. Third parties do not qualify for subsidies.

Do you have co-financing?

Yes No

Co-financing

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Please provide a motivation why no co-financing is possible. *(optional)*

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Scientific Context And Added Value

SCIENTIFIC CONTEXT AND ADDED VALUE

Scientific context of the research field (or fields) to which the application relates.

Describe in an international context the research field or fields to which the application relates, the state-of-the-art infrastructure available for this research and recent breakthroughs. Explain the important scientific knowledge gaps which your application aims at dealing with. Describe the infrastructure related scientific gaps that you plan to deal with in your proposal (f.e. relate to the ESFRI Roadmap, …).

Describe also the added value of the international research infrastructure for the research field in Flanders and in general.

Describe also the already available (virtual) infrastructure in the consortium and how this is used.

Describe how participation in the international research infrastructure will strengthen the position of Flemish researchers within this scientific discipline and provide a landscape analysis and demonstrate the user's needs.

Demonstrate the importance of the participation at the international research infrastructure for the research within the research discipline in Flanders and internationally and provide a SWOT analysis to demonstrate this.

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Scientific position of the Flemish research groups.

Describe and place in an international context the scientific position of the Flemish research group(s) submitting the application, and show their involvement in managing and setting policy in relation to international research infrastructures.

Show to what extent the research groups possess the scientific and technological competency and management experience needed to carry out the proposed research programme(s) using the requested infrastructure and, where necessary, the extra competencies in need of development.

Describe the complementarity and added value of the consortium partners and the role of each partner in the consortium, if applicable.

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Alignment with the institution(s)' strategic research policy.

How closely does the application fit in with the strategic research policy operated by the requesting institutions and their component parts (e.g. group, faculty, department)?

Clarify the necessity for your access to this international infrastructure to carry out the research work. What is the novelty of the (access to and participation at the) international infrastructure compared to existing infrastructure in the consortium and for the Flemish research community at large?

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Describe the proposed research programme(s) to be carried out in Flanders within the international research infrastructure project.

Describe the proposed research programme or proposed research programmes to be carried out within or with the international research infrastructure. Do(es) the proposed research programme(s) tie in with the long term research of the consortium members? Do(es) the proposed research programme(s) represent a new research direction?

Describe the different work packages (WP) the proposed research work will be divided into and define intermediate goals and a corresponding timeline for the period 2027 - 2030.

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Describe the scientific added value of the participation at the international research infrastructure for the research work to be carried out.

Explain the relevance, scientific, technological or societal added value and innovative character of the proposed research programme(s) for the research field(s) in question by participating at the international research infrastructure.

Please include 3 major milestones for the first three to five years.

Provide an overview of the research projects (ongoing, applied for, or planned) that will make use of the equipment/infrastructure.

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Describe the training opportunities or realisations for users.

Are there already training sessions or realizations organized or planned for users, students, …? Do these concern also other audience groups? Explain what the contribution of the consortium will be in terms of training and its outcome towards Flanders.

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Describe the impact and achievements already obtained or to be expected.

Describe the long- and short-term scientific, economic, societal and/or policy-relevant impact achieved or to be expected. If possible, provide a quantifiable overview of the impact, based on the KPI's, and provide concrete examples.

Describe briefly the achievements already obtained or to be expected. If applicable, please demonstrate the results/output of the previous research funding (i.e. key publications, patents, visibility, training, development of collaborations and projects, development of linkages with Flemish spearhead clusters, etc., in the past four years).

Describe the impact of the RI on the position of Flemish users/stakeholders. Describe how this IRI proposal is expected to enhance the acquisition of new (research) projects and attract funding opportunities for the Flemish infrastructure users.

Describe the added value and impact of the proposed infrastructure on the position of the consortium research group(s) and of other Flemish infrastructure users and stakeholders within the international R&D&I landscape. Explain to what extent does (or is expected to do) the proposed research programme(s) contribute to the strengthening of the Flemish position in the research field or sector in question.

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Describe five KPI's.

Specify 5 KPI's for the next four years of the present proposal, quantifiable if possible, to support your statement. Please include scientific, economic, societal and/or policy relevant KPI's.

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Describe the 'hot topics' and research priorities in Flanders and Europe to which the application relates.

Describe the 'hot topics' in terms of wider needs and priorities in Flanders related to the proposed RI, including if relevant, technological applications. How is the infrastructure related to Smart Specialization Strategies and/or the spearhead clusters or other strategic initiatives/programmes in Flanders, and/or possibly to other initiatives in the wider region and Europe? To what extent do the requested infrastructure and associated research programme(s) fit in with initiatives and infrastructure in the research field in question in Flanders, Belgium, or the European Union, or at supranational or international level?

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Describe how this IRI proposal is expected to enhance the acquisition of new (research) projects and attract funding opportunities for the Flemish infrastructure users.

To what extent might the (access to or the participation at the) infrastructure function as a locus to generate new projects and partnership agreements? Describe in terms of scientific excellence and in terms of research projects acquired or expected to acquire.

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Describe the collaboration with other RI's and how you will maximize the impact of the proposed RI through this collaboration with (an)other RI(s) and through expanding the community.

Describe the possible added value of a collaboration with other RIs in Flanders or in Europe. Indicate the specific RIs. How will you practically realize this collaboration and, if applicable, which actions have you already undertaken or will be set up? Please also highlight interdisciplinarity and complementarity level in collaborations with other RIs. Explain what economies of scale are envisaged through the collaboration or what incentives for collaborations have been set up.

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Describe the collaboration with industry.

Give us more information about the current collaborations with industry and/or any future plans for this kind of cooperation. What has been and/or could be the potential impact for your research infrastructure and the output? If you currently do not collaborate with industry, please elaborate why this is the case.

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Impact from participation of Flanders in the (future) related international research infrastructure.

Which research activities can be developed in the future thanks to the participation to the international research infrastructure? What is the expected added value or impact the Flemish consortium will expect or can Flanders expect from this participation?

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Describe the expected know-how acquisition resulting from the proposed RI and from the participation of Flanders in the related IRI. How do you plan to organise this knowledge and expertise transfer to future infrastructure users?

Explain which knowledge and expertise will be generated within Flanders through the proposed infrastructure. How do you plan to assure knowledge transfer?

Explain which knowledge acquisition opportunities the researchers in Flanders will get access to through the participation in the IRI.

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Scientific context and added value other information. *(optional)*

This part contains maximum two pages herein included all tables, graphs, illustrations or **other relevant information.**

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Exploitation & usage Plan

EXPLOITATION & USAGE PLAN

EXPLOITATION PLAN

Give an exploitation plan (4 years) relating to the infrastructure. If the infrastructure will be purchased: for the first three years after purchase, or, in the case of construction, after commissioning by the applicants.

Give information on the following:

• The planned date on which the research infrastructure can be used for research purposes or commercial research usage.

• The exploitation of the research infrastructure, paying attention to quality care and safety aspects.

• Open access modalities, cost model for financing of user time, incomes, financing of the maintenance, exploitation and upgrading costs. If relevant specify for the different types of users (internal and external academic users, non-academic usage, in and outside consortium, …).

• The valorisation opportunities (societal and/or economic). Please provide concrete examples of potential ongoing and future opportunities. Do you see the valorisation opportunities evolve over time (during and after the FWO funding period)?

• The risk analysis including risk mitigation strategies.

• The long-term sustainability of the infrastructure (timeline of the lifecycle of the RI within Flanders and internationally, how do you foresee to deal with it). How will you achieve your plans with the proposed infrastructure investments after the 4 years of the funding period?

Give an indication of the cost for maintenance, exploitation and upgrading the infrastructure and envisioned income from exploitation after the funding agreement with FWO expires. How do you plan to deal with possible bottlenecks such as supporting personnel capacity, organizing suitable training activities, maintaining, further developing and transferring the acquired know-how, etc. after the project period (2027-2030)?

Do the various suppliers offer sufficient guarantees, even after installation and delivery? Should a supplier drop out, is there a backup plan for, among other things, maintenance?

Please consult the Tech Transfer Office of your organization for support in drafting the exploitation plan.

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Describe in case of an exit scenario how the participation at the international research infrastructure can be terminated and provide more information on the notice and phasing out period and the budget required to complete the membership termination.

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USAGE PLAN

Describe the expected usage in and outside the consortium. Which science communities and other users (companies, policy-makers,..) will the IRI serve in Flanders and abroad? How will these (potential) users be reached?

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How will you increase the visibility of your infrastructure? / How will you make your infrastructure known? How will the (potential) users be reached?

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Provide more information on the access policy and the actual use of the infrastructure, for researchers both within and outside the host institutions, in Flanders and internationally.

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Exploitation plan and usage other information. *(optional)*

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Peer review

EXTERNAL PEER REVIEW

Please list at least 1 and up to 5 potential referees below and provide contact details.

The names and contact details of a maximum of five people, not working in Belgium, whom the applicants consider suitable to referee the application given.

FWO will contact referees from this list in a random way. Referees should be appointed at a university, research institution or research entity of another type of organisation and at least at postdoctoral level.

Not eligible as referee are:

- persons with a professional appointment to a foreign institute where the applicant had been enrolled as a student or professional in the course of the past three years;
- any co-authors with the applicant of a publication that was submitted or published in the three years preceding the final submission date for the applications;

  'Co-authorship' is to be understood as follows:

    - co-authorship of a monography of which the applicant is co-author as well;
    - co-authorship of an article or another type of contribution to a collection (book, journal issue, report, congress proceedings, ...) of which the applicant is co-author as well.

  Editors are not regarded as co-authors insofar as they have not also acted as what is understood as 'co-author' as described above. Co-editors of the applicant are not accepted as an external referee.

- any partners of the applicant(s) in a research project that has been applied for or has been running after January 1st of the year n-3 (n=year of application).

Maximum amount of entries: 5.

Minimum amount of entries: 1.

[+ Add]

First name ↑↓	Last name ↑↓	Organisation ↑↓	Research group ↑↓
Please add an item			

Add: referees

First name

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Last name

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Email

Organisation

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Research group

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Do you want to exclude experts from the evaluation of your proposal as an external reviewer?

[Yes][No]

Please list a maximum of 3 experts not suitable as referee.

Suggestions for exclusion need to be motivated.

Please click 'Add' to provide the necessary data about each of these experts.

Only persons can be challenged; organisations and institutions or parts thereof cannot be challenged.

Maximum amount of entries: 3.

Minimum amount of entries: 1.

[+ **Add**]

First name ↑↓	Surname ↑↓	Institution ↑↓	Conflict of interest ↑↓	Content other purposes ↑↓
Please add an item				

Add: Expert

First name

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Surname

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Email *(optional)*

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Institution

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Reason(s) for excluding this expert

Conflict of interest

☐ The expert has a conflict of interest making them unfit to make an objective assessment.

Content other purposes

☐ The expert might use the content of the application for other purposes than its assessment.

Short additional motivation to exclude this expert.

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SCIENTIFIC DISCIPLINES

Select up to five scientific disciplines that best characterize the proposed research.

Minimum amount of entries: 1.

Maximum amount of entries: 5.

[+ **Add**]

Discipline ↑↓

Please add an item

KEYWORDS

Enter three free-text keywords or concepts in English that best characterize the proposed research.

Please be as specific as possible. These keywords allow the FWO to find reviewers with expertise in this specific area.

Minimum amount of entries: 3.

Maximum amount of entries: 3.

[+ **Add**]

Keyword(s) ↑↓

Please add an item

Enter three free-text keywords or concepts in Dutch that best characterize the proposed research.

Please be as specific as possible. These keywords allow the FWO to find reviewers with expertise in this specific area.

Minimum amount of entries: 3.

Maximum amount of entries: 3.

[+ **Add**]

Keyword(s) ↑↓

Please add an item

Extra data

EXTRA DATA

OTHER FUNDING

Have the content of this proposal and at least the main part of the proposed research actions, be it with literally the same text or in a varied form, already been submitted before AND was it funded or is the funding decision still pending? (This question does not refer to submissions in the framework of this FWO funding scheme.)

Yes	No

To whom have they been submitted?

☑ to FWO, regardless of the type of funding (fellowship, project,...)

Specify the project number(s), title and programme.

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Has the proposal already been funded?

Evaluation still pending	No	Yes

☑ to another organization

Please enter the name of that organization.

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Has the proposal already been funded?

Evaluation still pending	No	Yes

Enter any additional remarks and the decision date(s) of pending evaluation(s) mentioned above.

- You are encouraged to use this field as an opportunity to point out potential overlap, complementarity, added value of current funding applied for or already obtained, ... related to the applications mentioned above.
- There can be good reason for applying or already having applied for funding at FWO or elsewhere. It is however important that the panel understands how pending applications for funding or obtained funding mentioned above relate to the current application.

State 'NA' if not applicable.

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EXTRA DATA

Additional information. *(optional)*
You can upload all other relevant information (letter of intent, partner agreements, letter of acceptance international research infrastructure, ESFRI statements, …) here.

Allowed file extension(s): .pdf.

Maximum file size is 10 MB.

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Ethics

ETHICS

FWO Ethics Table

The table below lists questions about possible ethical aspects in research proposals. If you are applying for research infrastructure, please note that this list pertains to ethical aspects of the requested research infrastructure itself, and NOT of the research that will be carried out with the requested infrastructure.

Please go through the main table and tick 'YES' for aspect(s) relevant to your proposal. Then **answer any related sub-questions by clicking on the appropriate ethical topic** that then appears under 'Ethical Issues'. You can return to the main table by clicking on 'Ethical issues'.

If you mark a 'yes' for the question, it follows that:

- **For the questions marked with *:** the applicant is legally or on the basis of institutional regulations obliged to ask for an ethical approval at the competent ethics committee of the host institution. Please do take into account that even when there is no obligation with regard to the research itself, for the <u>publication of the results</u> an approval may still be necessary and that no retroactive ethics committee approvals are provided.
- If you have answered questions with an * positively, you must submit an ethics approval request with detailed documentation on e.g. study methodology, procedures, informed consent form, insurance, etc to the ethics committee **<u>as soon as your application has been approved for funding.</u>** Study-specific procedures cannot begin until this ethics approval has been formally given. Only if the approval relates to a work package planned at a later stage of the project, and if legislation allows, the host institution may decide to authorize the researcher to obtain ethical approval at a later stage, i.e. at the latest before the initiation of the relevant part of the research. Please keep in mind that this delayed application/permission is not possible for all research institutions. Also keep in mind that the ethics advisory procedure can take some time and that therefore you should submit your proposal to the ethics committee <u>well in time</u>.
- **For the questions that are not marked:** Perhaps no ethics approval may be needed for your research proposal. However, please do take into account that your host research institution might have a stricter policy towards ethics approval for certain research topics and methodology. Furthermore, even when there is no obligation with regard to the research itself, for the publication of the results an ethics approval may still be necessary. At any case, the applicant will have to reflect on those issues and take, if necessary, appropriate measures. If in doubt, it is advised to contact the supporting services of your host institution.

For more information on each of the ethics issues and how to address them, check the FWO webpage on research ethics and the Guidelines on FWO's ethics checklist.

Ethical issues

Are you using human embryos and/or human embryonic stem cells in your study?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve human subjects?

| Yes | No |

Do you use human cells and/or tissues in your research?

| Yes | No |

Does your study require the processing of personal data?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve animal testing?

| Yes | No |

Does your research use genetic resources and/or associated traditional knowledge covered by Access and Benefit Sharing legislation and/or the Nagoya Protocol?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve international collaboration with non-EU countries?

| Yes | No |

Could your research potentially harm the environment and/or the health and safety of people involved?

| Yes | No |

Could your research have dual-use or military applications?

| Yes | No |

Could your research be misused, compromise security and/or human rights?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve artificial intelligence?

| Yes | No |

Are there any other ethical considerations that need to be taken into account?

| Yes | No |

Ethical issues

Human embryos and/or human embryonic stem cells ⓘ

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Ethics approval related to these questions should always be requested before the start of the research project as a whole (as soon as your application has been approved for funding). In addition to ethics approval by your local ethics committee, research projects using human embryos also require subsequent approval by the Federal Commission for Medical and Scientific Research on embryos in vitro (FCE).

Ethical issues

Human embryos and/or human embryonic stem cells ⓘ

Does your research involve the use of human embryos? *

Yes	No

Does your research involve human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? *

Yes	No

Ethical issues

Human embryos and/or human embryonic stem cells ⓘ

Does your research involve the use of human embryos? *

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)? *

| Yes | No |

Will the hESCs be directly derived from embryos within this project?

| Yes | No |

Are the hESCs previously established cell lines?

| Yes | No |

Ethical issues

Human participants

Does your research involve human participants?

Yes	No

Does your research involve interventions (physical, also including imaging technology, behavioral treatments, etc.) on the study participants? *

Yes	No

Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) i.e. using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products? *

Yes	No

Does your research involve human participants?

Yes   No

Are they volunteers for non-medical studies (e.g. social/societal or human sciences research)?

Please note that not every research involving human participants triggers the obligation to request ethical approval. However, it is important to keep in mind that the journal in which you want to publish the results of your research might ask you, nonetheless, to submit an ethical approval. For this reason, it might be advisable to request ethical approval anyway before the start of the project from the relevant ethics committee within your institution.

Yes   No

Are they persons unable to give informed consent (including children/minors)? *

Yes   No

Are they potentially vulnerable individuals or groups? *

Yes   No

Are they children/minors? *

Yes   No

Are they patients for medical/clinical studies? *

Yes   No

Are they healthy volunteers for medical/clinical studies? *

Yes   No

Does your research involve interventions (physical, also including imaging technology, behavioral treatments, etc.) on the study participants? *

| Yes | No |

Do the interventions involve invasive techniques?

| Yes | No |

Do the interventions involve collection of biological samples?

| Yes | No |

Does this activity involve conducting a clinical study as defined by the Clinical Trial Regulation (EU 536/2014) i.e. using pharmaceuticals, biologicals, radiopharmaceuticals, or advanced therapy medicinal products? *

| Yes | No |

Ethical issues	**Does your research involve the use of human (including foetal) cells or tissues? ***
Human cells/tissues	Yes No

Does your research involve the use of human (including foetal) cells or tissues? *

Yes	No

Does it concern human foetal tissues/cells (not covered in section 1, i.e. other than human embryonic tissue and hESCs)?

Yes	No

Are they obtained from commercial sources?

Yes	No

Do they originate from another laboratory/institution/biobank?

Yes	No

Were they produced or collected by you during previous research activities?

Yes	No

Are they produced or collected by you as part of this project?

Yes	No

Ethical issues

Personal data ⓘ

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Personal data are defined as 'any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person'. An 'identifiable natural person', or 'data subject', is 'one who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that natural person' (Article 4(1) GDPR).

Ethical issues

Personal data ⓘ

Does your research involve collecting and/or processing of personal data?

The GDPR requires that all personal data processing activities are recorded. Please consult your host institution for the procedure to follow as soon as the project is granted.

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve international import or export of personal data?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve collecting and/or processing of personal data?

The GDPR requires that all personal data processing activities are recorded. Please consult your host institution for the procedure to follow as soon as the project is granted.

Yes	No

Does it involve the collection and/or processing of special categories of personal data (e.g.: information on sexual orientation, ethnicity, genetic information, biometric and health data, political opinion, religion or philosophy of life)?

Yes	No

Does it involve profiling, systematic monitoring of individuals, or large-scale processing of special categories of data, or intrusive methods of data processing (such as, surveillance, geolocation tracking etc.)?

Yes	No

Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (including use of pre-existing data sets or sources or merging existing data sets)?

Yes	No

Does it involve the processing of personal data related to criminal convictions or offences?

Yes	No

Does your research involve international import or export of personal data?

Yes | No

Do you plan to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries?

Yes | No

Specify the type of personal data and country/ies involved.

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Do you plan to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or allocate personal data from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?

Yes | No

Specify the type of personal data and country/ies involved.

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Does your research involve research procedures to live non-human vertebrate animals (incl. independently feeding larval forms, foetal forms of mammals in the last trimester of their normal development) and/or cephalopods, and/or forms in earlier stages (if the experiments have consequences in later stages)? *

| Yes | No |

Are they non-human primates?

If no ethical approval has been obtained for the proposed research as of yet, the ethics approval process has to be initiated prior to the project application deadline. In any case, FWO must be in the possession of the ethical approval at the time of the rebuttal, or if no rebuttal is foreseen in the procedure of the subsidy channel concerned, at the latest 1 month before the start of the evaluation panels. See Guidelines on FWO's ethics checklist for further information or contact MED@fwo.be for assistance.

| Yes | No |

Ethical approval for non-human primate studies.

Please upload either the ethical approval for the intended experiments on non-human primates, or the acknowledgement of receipt of your request for ethical advice by the Ethics Committee on Animal Testing.

Minimum 1 file(s).

Maximum 1 file(s).

Maximum file size is 10 MB.

Allowed file extension(s): .pdf.

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Please upload your file(s)

Are they genetically modified animals?

| Yes | No |

Are they cloned farm animals?

| Yes | No |

Are they endangered species?

| Yes | No |

Ethical issues

Access and benefit sharing and the Nagoya Protocol

Ethical issues

Access and benefit sharing and the Nagoya Protocol

Does your research involve genetic resources or traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources, that are captured by the EU Regulation related to the Nagoya Protocol?

In Access and Benefit Sharing legislation, more specifically according to the EU-legislation related to the Nagoya Protocol, 'genetic resources' are defined as 'any material of plant, animal, microbial or other origin containing functional units of heredity and that is of actual or potential value', and 'traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources' means 'knowledge held by an indigenous or local community that is relevant for the utilisation of genetic resources'. Please consult https://nagoya.vlir.be for the procedure to follow as soon as the project is granted.

Yes	No

Specify the country/ies.

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Ethical issues

International collaboration: exploitation and ethics dumping (i)

(i)

For all these issues it is necessary to comply with relevant legislation and regulations. Please contact the supporting services at the host institution, as soon as the project is granted.

Ethical issues

International collaboration: exploitation and ethics dumping (i)

Will some of the research activities be conducted in non-EU countries?

Yes	No

Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?

Yes	No

Does your research involve international import or export of materials?

Yes	No

Will some of the research activities be conducted in non-EU countries?

| Yes | No |

Name of the country/ies.

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Do the undertaken activities in these non-EU countries raise potential ethics issues?

| Yes | No |

Specify the country/ies.

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Could the situation in the country put the researcher and/or the individuals taking part in the research at risk?

| Yes | No |

Specify the country/ies.

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Do you plan to use local resources (e.g. animal and/or human tissue samples, genetic material, live animals, human remains, materials of historical value, endangered fauna or flora samples, etc.)?

Yes	No

Specify material and country/ies involved.

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Does your research involve international import or export of materials?

Yes	No

Do you plan to export any material to non-EU countries?

Yes	No

Specify material and country/ies involved.

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Do you plan to import any material from non-EU countries or transfer material in-between two non-EU countries?

Yes	No

Specify material and country/ies involved.

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Ethical issues

Environment & health and safety

Does your research involve the use of (chemical, physical, sound, …) substances that may cause harm to the environment (water, air, soil, …), or to animals or plants (now and/or in the future)?

Yes	No

Does your research involve the use of (chemical, physical, sound, …) substances that may cause harm to humans, including research staff and their co-workers? (now and/or in the future)?

Yes	No

Does (part of) your research deal with endangered flora or fauna, or is it carried out within protected areas?

Yes	No

Do the proposed experiments make use of any parts of animals, GMOs or pathogens?

Yes	No

Does the proposed research make use of information, installations, processes or products that need to be covered by permits (ionizing radiation, radioactive substances, pharmaceutical products, drug precursors, explosives and precursors, cyanides, ozone-depleting substances, soils/animals/animal parts and by-products/plants from third countries …)?

Yes	No

Ethical issues

Dual use and military applications ⓘ

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Please consult the brochure of the Flemish Interuniversity Council on the topic: https://vlir.be/publicaties/brochure-dual-use/. For these issues your host institution has to be consulted when the project is granted.

Ethical issues

Dual use and military applications ⓘ

Does your research have the potential for military applications?

| Yes | No |

Does your research involve dual-use items in the sense of Regulation 2021/821, or other items for which an authorisation is required?

'Dual-use goods' are 'goods, software and technology that are commonly used for civilian purposes, but that can have military applications, or can contribute to the production or distribution of weapons of mass destruction'.

| Yes | No |

Ethical issues

Misuse, Security & Human Rights ⓘ

Some research can generate knowledge, materials, methods or technologies that could also be used in unethical ways. Although such research is carried out with benign intentions, people with bad intentions may potentially harm humans, animals or the environment with the acquired research results.

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Ethical issues

Misuse, Security & Human Rights ⓘ

Does your research have the potential for misuse of research results?

Yes	No

Might the activities lead to or might the chosen partners be involved in Human Rights violations?

Yes	No

Do you take security measures to prevent misuse?

Yes	No

Ethical issues

Artificial intelligence

Does your research involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence?

Yes | No

Could the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence that is based on your research raise ethical concerns related to human rights, values, decision making, and/or can it cause negative societal or environmental impact?

Yes | No

Ethical issues

Other ethical issues

Are there any other issues that should be taken into consideration?

Your research may raise new ethical issues and concerns that are currently not (fully) covered by this Ethics Issue Table (e.g. new developments in the fields of neurobiology, man-machine interaction, developments in nanotechnology, genetic enhancement, etc.). Please specify.

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Details on ethically sensitive issues per work package *(optional)*

Give the number and description of the work packages for which you will submit an application to the relevant ethics committee(s).

+ Add

Number/description of work packages ↑↓	Start date ↑↓	Ethics committee category ↑↓	Ethics committee ↑↓
Please add an item			

Add: work package

Number/description of work packages

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Start date

Please specify which ethics committee(s) deal(s)/will deal with your applications.

Ethics committee category

Ethics committee

Ethical issues: Yes

☐ I hereby acknowledge that an ethical approval is required for issues marked with an asterisk (*) as far as they apply to my project proposal. I will abide by the applicable regulatory framework, law and institutional policies regarding matters, with or without asterisk (*), that apply to my proposal. If an ethical approval is required, I will ensure to obtain this approval from the competent ethics committee of my host institution, at the latest before starting with the ethically sensitive activities.

Ethical issues: No

☐ I confirm that I have read all questions above and that there are no ethical issues concerning my research proposal.

Data management plan

DATA MANAGEMENT PLAN

Data management is an integral part of sound scientific research. It covers the description of data and metadata, their storage and long-term preservation, the designation of responsible persons, the handling of highly sensitive data, and the open access to and sharing of research data.

The FWO has made data management a key element of its policy for all support channels provided by the FWO. The FWO expects researchers to pay due attention to this dimension before, during and for at least five years after their research.

For background information on data management and the procedures regarding the Data Management Plan (DMP), which FWO expects from its applicants when applying for research funding, please see our website.

Please note that the answers to the questions below and the Data Management Plan should cover the full project, including all (inter)national partners involved in cross-institutional projects.

Describe the datatypes (surveys, sequences, manuscripts, objects ...) you will collect and/or generate and/or (re)use during your research project.

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Specify in which way the following provisions are in place in order to preserve the data during and at least 5 years after the end of the research.

Motivate your answer.

- Designation of responsible person (If already designated, please fill in their name.)
- Storage capacity/repository
  - during the research
  - after the research

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What is the reason why you wish to deviate from the principle of preservation of data and of the minimum preservation term of 5 years?

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Are there issues concerning research data indicated in the ethics questionnaire of this application form?

Yes	No

Which specific security measures do those data require?

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Which other issues related to the data management are relevant to mention?

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For whom might your data be useful outside of the research project, e.g. researchers or other stakeholders? How will you share this data?

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Consent

CONSENT

DECLARATION BY THE APPLICANT

General

In completing this application, the applicant confirms that to the best of their knowledge and belief, the information in this application is complete and correct.

The applicant declares that all information provided in the personal data section of the FWO E-portal is accurate and up-to-date according to the instructions of the respective programme (i.e. only the items in the E-portal that are applicable to the type of support you apply for should be filled out).

The applicant declares that the definition of a research and knowledge-dissemination organization' as stated in Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation 2022/C 414/01 [1] is fully met.

The applicant will inform the FWO immediately if the intended project cannot be carried out as foreseen or if a major change occurs that may hinder the planned implementation of the project and, if applicable, its intended valorisation.

Regulations

The applicant declares that they have read and agree with the FWO regulations that form an integral part of the application documents published on the FWO website and that form the legal basis of the future contract. Furthermore, they take note that the FWO is committed to the principles of the European Charter for Researchers and the Code of Conduct for their Recruitment.

Use of data by FWO

The applicant agrees that the data required for the application and follow-up are electronically stored and used by the FWO. The FWO will use the data provided by the applicant according to the legal requirements of data protection in Belgium, including the use of the anonymized data for statistical purposes and reports. As soon as the FWO has processed the application, the applicant will receive a notification message. The FWO respects the Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) in regards to the processing of your personal data. For more information concerning the privacy policy of the FWO, we refer to our website: https://www.fwo.be/en/about-fwo/processing-personal-data-privacy/.

Exchange of data with third parties

The applicant agrees that the FWO may forward the full application form including their personal data and their e-mail address to, as far as applicable, **the members of the FWO expert panels and to experts** involved in the evaluation of their proposal in Flanders and abroad (EU and outside EU) and to a partner organization. Any of these receiving parties must declare in advance that they will treat data confidentially and that they will not forward the data or the knowledge gained to anyone nor use it for their own purpose. Furthermore the FWO will make sure the necessary agreements are in place to secure any transfer of data will be compliant to the GDPR-regulations. More information and details, if available, are published on the FWO website.

The applicant agrees that the FWO may forward to their **host institution(s)** the full application (including, amongst other items, the data provided in the section ethics, research security, and DMP) and data, as provided in the personal data section of the FWO E-portal and as far as relevant for the application procedure, among other non-personal data regarding their application. In case an application is not awarded but labelled as reserve by the FWO, the applicant agrees that the FWO may forward additional information regarding the evaluation to their host institution. This will contain information regarding the individual scores, the ranking in the panel and the ranking on the reserve list. The receiving host institution must declare in advance that they will treat data confidentially and that they may not forward the data or the knowledge gained to anyone nor use it for their own purpose. More information and details are published on the FWO website or can be requested via dpo@fwo.be.

The FWO will take the necessary safety measures to assure this data transfer to the aforementioned organizations or persons will take place in a secure and correct way.

Use of data for improvement of FWO processes and research on research

The applicant acknowledges that the FWO may use pseudonymised data from applications and evaluations in order to analyse and improve its evaluation processes and to support research on research, in line with its legal mission and in compliance with data protection legislation. These analyses are carried out under strict safeguards and solely for internal policy and quality purposes and may involve third parties.

Publication of data

Furthermore, the applicant agrees that the following information may be included in lists published by the FWO: title/abstract; full name of the beneficiaries/supervisors; host institution(s); scientific domains/disciplines/key words; start date and end date, allocated funding of the project.

Research Integrity

The FWO watches over the scientific integrity from the moment research funding is applied for until the execution of the research and the publication of the research results and/or socio-economic utilisation of the research results. Therefore, researchers benefiting from FWO support as well as their host institutions, (co-)supervisors and other collaborators involved in FWO research are required to adhere to the scientific integrity at all times.

To this end, elementary rules of behaviour have been laid down in the Ethical Code for scientific research in Belgium and the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity as well as the general regulations of FWO. These documents are part and parcel of the call and grant procedures for research proposals. The FWO assumes that each applicant has acknowledged these codes and regulations from the moment the application is submitted and undertakes to comply with their provisions in all stages of the proposed research. This also applies to their host institutions, (co-)supervisors and collaborators involved in FWO research, for whom the applicant bears partial responsibility.

If there is any doubt about the applicability or implementation of a provision, the host institution and/or the researcher responsible for the project at hand will contact the FWO administration in order to clarify or make concrete arrangements about the relevant provision.

[1] *an entity (such as universities or research institutes, technology transfer agencies, innovation intermediaries, research-oriented physical or virtual collaborative entities), irrespective of its legal status (organised under public or private law) or way of financing, whose primary goal is to independently conduct fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development or to widely disseminate the results of such activities by way of teaching, publication or knowledge transfer. Where such entity also pursues economic activities the financing, the costs and the revenues of those economic activities must be accounted for separately. Undertakings that can exert a decisive influence upon such an entity, in the quality of, for example, shareholders or members, may not enjoy preferential access to the results generated by it. (Definition of a 'research and knowledge-dissemination organisation').*

☐ I declare to be in agreement with c.q. to acknowledge the items of this declaration.

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