

CRA Pathways to SDG

National Annex: Germany

Partners: This call for building and/or expanding research networks is part of a multi-phase call on the implementation of the SDGs; it is supported by different partner organisations worldwide, including the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft.

Notice: Depending on all conditions of eligibility and review being met, the budget earmarked by the participating Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft for this call will be 1.000.000 Euro at max. The official national call announcement for Germany is published on the DFG website (www.dfg.de). Details of the call and the application process are provided via the Belmont Forum website (www.belmontforum.org/iof). Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact point before starting to prepare proposals for application. For German enquiries please see below.

Eligibility and national funding modalities:

It is expected that applications to this call will be collaborative research grants with a consortium composition as defined in the call document; funded international network activities in this framework have to be multilateral (i.e. partners from at least three countries have to be involved). The Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft will fund the German partners of any successful trans-national collaboration and their planned activities.

Proposals must fulfil the formal requirements as generally outlined in the Call documents. Furthermore, we like to remind all applicants of the eligibility rules laid out in the guidelines for the DFG Research Grants Programme. Engagement with users is welcome and an important prerequisite to submit proposals, but users are not eligible to apply for DFG funding.

German parts of network applications to this call will be funded through the DFG Programme “Scientific Networks“ (see on our homepage Guidelines document 1.03

https://www.dfg.de/foerderung/programme/einzelfoerderung/wissenschaftliche_netzwerke/formulare_merkblaetter/index.jsp). According to the Belmont Forum CRA, and thus deviating from the DFG Guidelines 1.03, the funding period is restricted to 24 months. Please remember this when designing your work programme together with your partners. Likewise, please be aware that DFG network funding requires proposals that address topic 1 as well as topic 2 outlined in the CRA call text.

According to our guidelines 1.03, scientific networks may comprise 10 -20 members including 50% of network members coming from abroad. German members must come from at least two different German institutions. As outlined in the guidelines 1.03 funds applied for are to cover costs for workshops, the invitation of guests, for network members’ travel, the coordination of the network, and the publication of results. Overheads for the German partners will be added automatically.

Please also note:

All applicants requesting funding from DFG are required to additionally submit their CRA proposals through the DFG’s elan system (<https://elan.dfg.de>). Proposals with German applicants that are not entered into elan will be rejected. Please note the following instructions for submission:

- German applicants need to be registered in elan. It takes the DFG 1-2 business days to process the registration, so make sure you are registered well ahead of the deadline.
- Deadline for elan submission: 05 November 2020
- Funding scheme: Scientific Networks
- Call to select: CRA Pathways to SDG I 2020
- Title and Summary: You do not have to translate either from English into German. Just copy/paste your English title and summary into the boxes that call for the information in German.
- PIs from the other participating countries are to be added as “Participating Individuals” in the role of “Cooperation Partner”.

- All documents submitted to the Belmont Forum electronic proposal system accessible through <https://www.bfgo.org> are to be uploaded to elan as well.

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