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# Life Sciences Call

Public Health 2022  
Proposers' Day

November 23rd 2021



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# Agenda

- TOP 1 Introduction WWTF
- TOP 2 Details of the Life Sciences – Public Health Call 2022
- TOP 3 Using the online Submission System
- TOP 4 Q & A

# WWTF – This is us

- Largest private non-profit research funder in Austria
- Since 2002: approx € 180 Mio
- Funding volume per year: €12-15 Mio
- Team of approx. 10 experts, diverse scientific expertise within the team, contact persons for the Viennese research ecosystem



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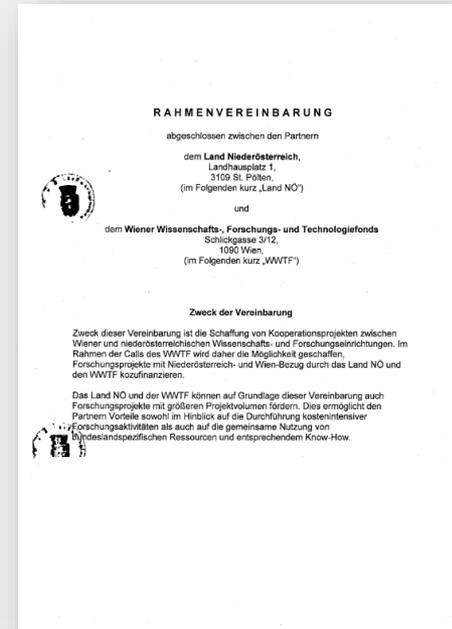
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## Our Mission

"The WWTF is a persistent driver in and for Vienna and a strong partner for Viennese universities and research institutions to continuously increase the excellence and also the relevance of Viennese research."

# However, we do not only promote research in Vienna...

- Since 2019: Framework agreement with NÖ
- Joint Projects for WWTF Calls possible (**max. 49% of the funding volume to lower austria**)
- Funding volume increased for Joint projects (+10%)
- So far 3 funded projects with substantial Lower Austrian participation (DUK, FH St. Pölten, KL)



# Matchmaking Platform

WWTF - Life Sciences Call 2022 - Public Health  
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### WWTF Life Sciences Call 2022 - Public Health

WWTF invites you to participate in this matchmaking event. The main purpose of this platform is networking and finding new project partners during the application phase.

This call is open to researchers at universities and non-university research institutions, who seek to conduct a cutting-edge interdisciplinary research projects (2 to 4 years) to explore and develop innovative methods and tools to improve health at a population level.

We strongly encourage you to use this platform for finding partners and for networking. The process of submitting a proposal is, however, independent from this platform and has to be performed via WWTF's [online submission system](#). For specifics about the call and the proposal submission process, see [Call Fiche](#).

#### How can you benefit from this event?

- Publish and showcase your project ideas and expertise to other researchers

**Register now**  
Open until 23 November 2021

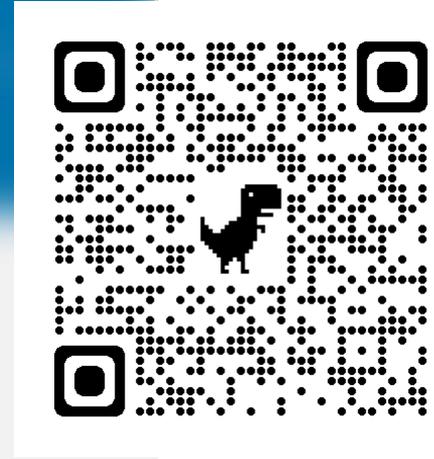
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# WWTF – Portfolio

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## What do we fund?

Life Sciences (\*2003)

Information- and Communication Technology (\*2008)

Cognitive Sciences (\*2011)

Environmental Systems Research (\*2017)

## How do we fund?

Projects

Vienna Research  
Groups

Additional  
Measures

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# New Topic: Public Health

- Health System in Austria: **treatment > prevention**
- Public Health Research in Austria: **low relevance** compared to other countries → hard lessons (Covid!)
- Biomedical research is very well funded: Public Health in general **underfunded**
- High **societal relevance**

# Public Health Research: What is our understanding?

- Focus on **health on a population level** + connected to health determinants (Dhalgreen-Whitehead, 1991)
- **Health in all policies** Approach, if possible
  - Requires a cross-sectional approach
  - Out of scope: clinical and therapeutic research, solely focusing on medical and curative topics; monodisciplinary approaches
- Target groups: **basically all population groups** (but: target-group specificity is important)

# What are the relevant sections...

- Child and adolescent public health
- Chronic diseases
- Digital health
- Environment and health
- Ethics in public health
- Food and nutrition
- Foresight
- Health impact assessment
- Health promotion
- Health services research
- Health technology assessment
- Health workforce research
- Infectious diseases control
- Injury prevention and safety promotion
- Law and public health
- Migrant and ethnic minority health
- Oral health
- Public health economics
- Public health epidemiology
- Public health genomics
- Public health monitoring and reporting
- Public health policy and politics
- Public mental health
- Sexual and gender minority health
- Social security, work and health
- Urban public health



# Key Facts

- Call is part of our Life Sciences programme
- Dedicated budget approx. € 3 Mio.
- Project duration 2 - 4 years
- Max project budget: € 500.000 per project (**€ 550.000 for NÖ Joint Projects**)



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Life Sciences**

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# What is a Joint Project?

- Collaborations between researchers from Vienna and Lower Austria
- PI located in Vienna, **Co-PI in Lower Austria**
  - Vienna: Min. 51% Budget
  - **Lower Austria:** 20% - 49% Budget
  - Optional: Other partners up to 20% Budget
- Funding volume: up to € 550.000 per project
- Regional branches of Viennese institutions in Lower Austria are considered as Viennese partners

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*More details on the reverse side*



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# Call 2022 Life Sciences Public Health

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This call targets cutting-edge interdisciplinary research projects, which seek to explore and develop innovative methods and tools to improve health at a population level.

**Funding** The overall budget allocated to the 2022 call is € 3 million

**Schedule** Deadline for Short Proposals: 18th of January 2022 at 2pm  
Deadline for Full Proposals (upon invitation only): 17th of May 2022 at 2 pm

*Note that this is a two-stage selection process; full proposals are only accepted upon invitation. The funding decision is expected in October 2022.*

## WWTF provides funding for scientific projects which

- should explore clearly framed hypotheses and/or research questions that are raised and addressed together by interdisciplinary research teams
- use quantitative and/or qualitative methodology and can originate from many different scientific disciplines (including but not restricted to biological science, social science, quantitative/computer science)
- explore questions in public health using a “Health in All Policies” approach, if possible
- include target group-specific research designs; e.g. by focusing on dedicated population groups
- promote international visibility and innovative public health research activity in Austria to further develop the field
- consider and explain potential sex-specific and gender-related aspects
- span over 2–4 years and can be achieved with funding in the range of € 250,000 up to € 500,000



For more details about this call,  
please visit our website

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## Central Sentence in our Call Fiche

“This call targets cutting-edge interdisciplinary research projects, which seek to explore and develop innovative methods and tools to improve health at a population level.”

# Call Details #1

- researchers and scientists at **universities and non-university research institutions** in Vienna, including those moving to Vienna;
- who seek to conduct a cutting-edge research project (**2 to 4 years**) in public health, to **improve and protect health at a population level**. Proposals should address public health challenges of **high relevance** for the Vienna region.
- Proposals should consider the **development and exploration of new methods** and tools, or their application in use-cases, as appropriate.

# Call Details #2

- Proposals should bring together scientists from across different disciplines, such as from biological, quantitative/computer, and social sciences (**interdisciplinary**). Proposals may also include stakeholder groups in the design and execution of research projects (**transdisciplinary**).
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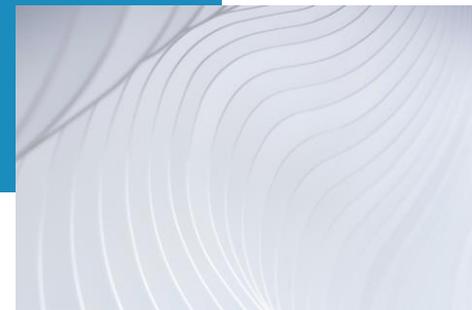
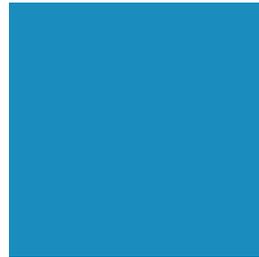
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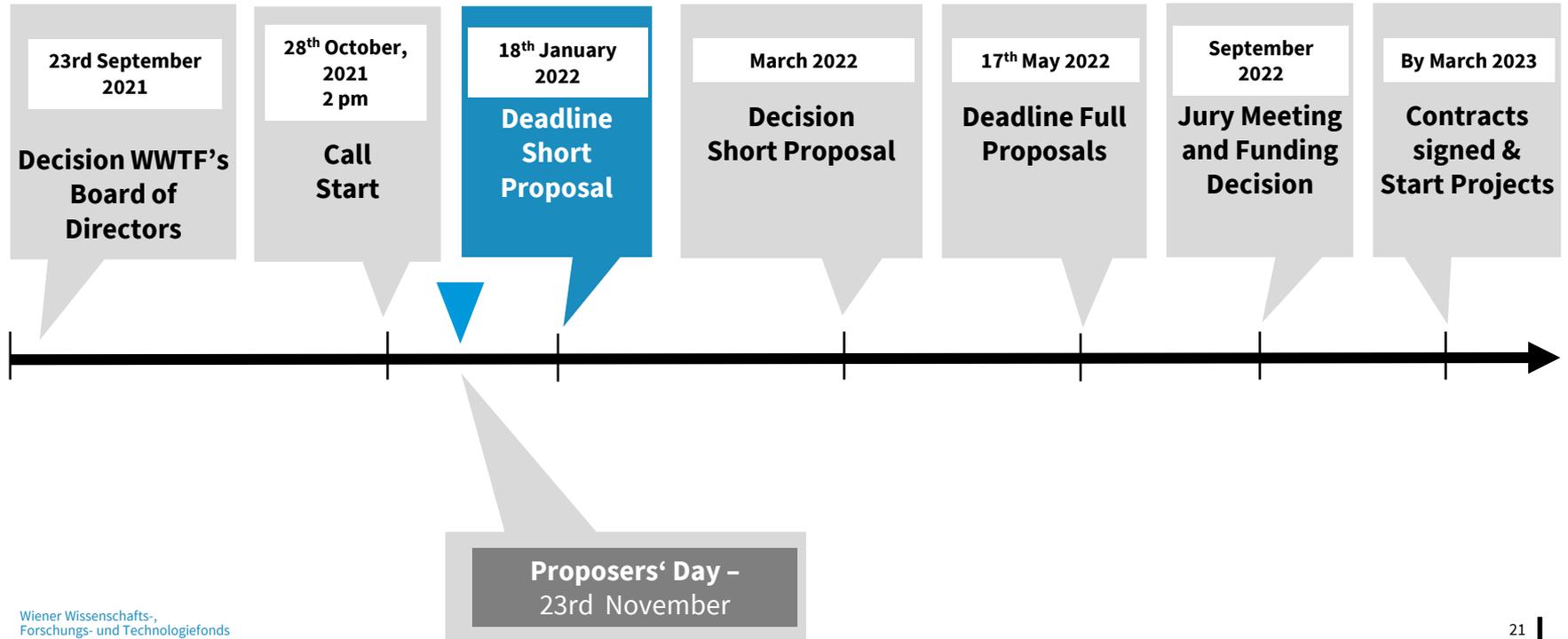
# Call Cornerstones

- **Interdisciplinary** projects (but also transdisciplinary)
- **Exploratory** approach
- Focus on **methodological innovation** (quantitative and/or qualitative)



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# Details for your proposal

- Up to **3 researchers** per project in **Core Team** (Short Proposal)
- PI/Coordinator must be affiliated to a Viennese research institution
- Project partner can collaborate worldwide
- Up to **20%** of the total Budget outside of Vienna (Joint project: up to 49%)
- Maximum **of two proposals per researcher** allowed (as Core Team member)
- **Selection procedure**
  - Step 1: Short Proposal -> **Deadline 18th of January 2022 – 2pm**
  - Step 2: Full Proposal -> Deadline 17th of May 2022 – 2pm

# Short Proposal: What do we expect?

1. Project Summary
2. Introduction, Background, State-of-the-art
3. Objectives and Hypotheses
4. Expected results, novelty and relevance
5. Methods and feasibility
6. Role of team members and interdisciplinary collaborative aspects
7. Short Budget

# Evaluation Criteria

- Scientific quality and innovativeness
- Scope and relevance of the project
- Appropriate approach to address clear research question
- Feasibility of the work plan (GANTT chart)
- Interdisciplinarity, collaboration, expertise and composition of the team
- Consideration of sex-specific or gender-related aspects



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# Selection Procedure: Short Proposal

## Jury

- approximately **7 internationally renowned scientists** with expertise relevant to the call (names to be released after the funding decision)
- **Duties and responsibilities:**
  - Selection of short proposals for next stage
  - Nomination of reviewers
  - Comparative assessment of the proposals and funding decision



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# Selection Process: Full Proposal

- Applicants must suggest 5 reviewers
- Applicants may exclude up to 3 reviewers
- A minimum of three reviews per proposal
- Only (anonymous) international reviewers
- Reviews form the basis of the jury discussion



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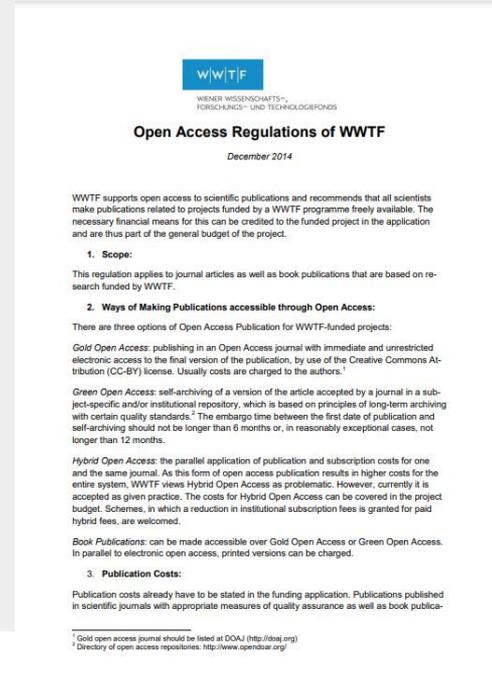
# Gender Policy, we aim to...

- implement gender-neutral processes
- raise awareness of gender bias (applicants, reviewers, panels)
- use evaluation criteria that account for career breaks and atypical career paths e.g. due to family circumstances
- Balanced teams & encourage more female researchers to apply as PIs of cutting-edge research projects



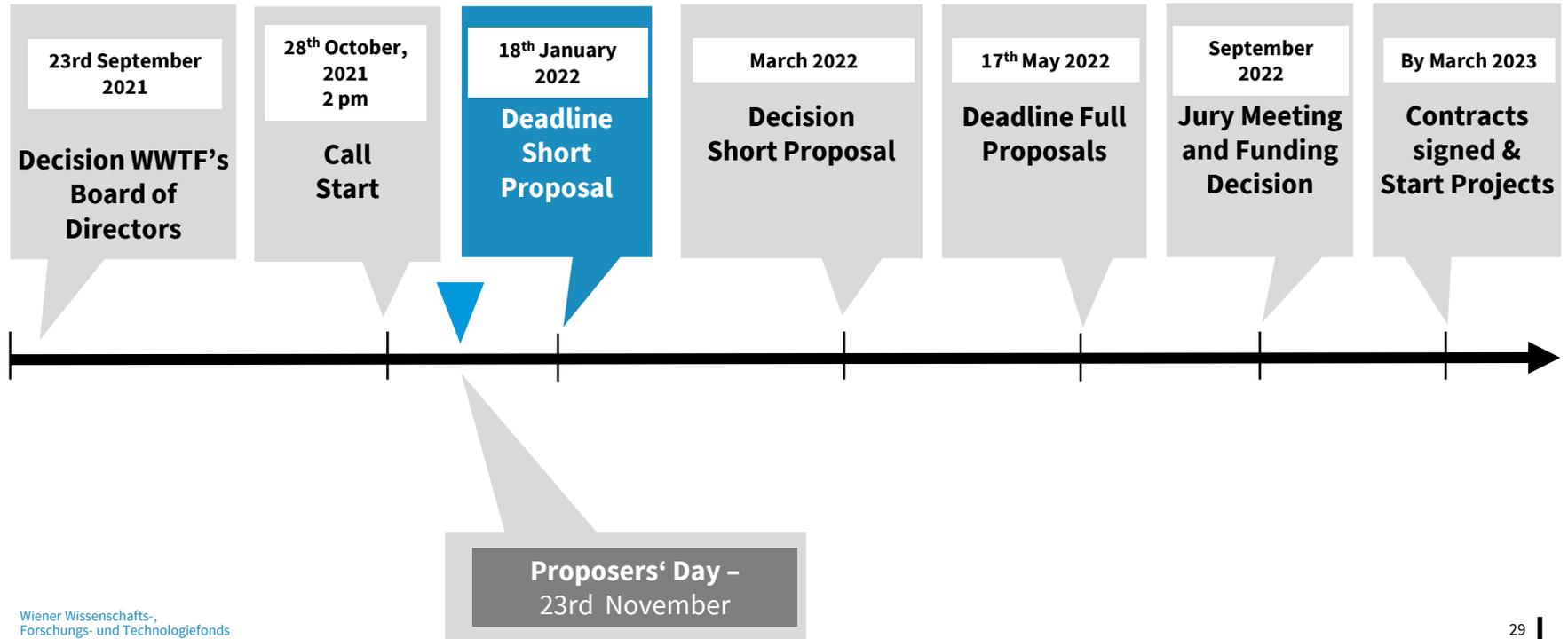
# Open Access Regulation

- Gold, Green and Hybrid Journals (problematic) can be covered
- Estimated publication costs need to be stated in full proposal phase
- We pay for OA publications, but budget focus should be on personnel
- **Post-project:** max. € 5,000 and a maximum of two publications can covered



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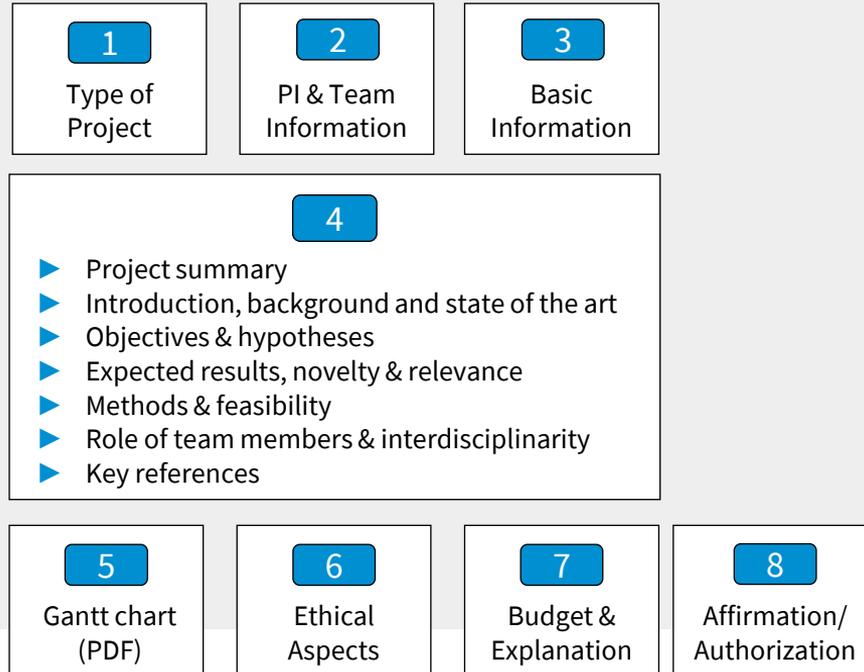
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# Submission system

- Registration with e-mail address and name at **<https://funding.wwtf.at>**
- Login, “my proposals”, select the call and click on “create a new proposal”
- Complete the proposal, upload necessary documents, and submit (a PDF file with a project number will be generated automatically)
- Submission is only possible after the form has been completed in its entirety
- No amendments can be made after the submission



# Short Proposal Structure



# Submission system: Type of project

1

Type of Project

Is this a Joint Project with substantial funding going to partners in Lower Austria? \*

- Yes (Joint Project)
- No (WWTF Project)

## WWTF Projects

- Funding volume: max. **€ 500,000**
- PI in Vienna
- Budget distribution:
  - Vienna: min. 80%
  - Other (incl. Lower Austria): max. 20%

## Joint Projects

- Funding volume: max. **€ 550,000**
- PI in Vienna
- At least 1 co-PI in **Lower Austria**
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# Submission system: Researcher's Information

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PI & Team  
Information

Please use  
**autocomplete**  
or use **exact**  
institution  
name

## Principal Investigator and Coordinator

Title: *	First/given name(s): *	Last name/surname: *
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Highest academic title: *	Staff category: *	Employment at current institution by the time of submission of the proposal: *
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Year of birth:	Date of doctorate: (dd.mm.yyyy)	ORCID/Researcher ID:
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Affiliation: *	<input type="text"/>	
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<input type="radio"/> Lower Austria	<input type="radio"/> Other	
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Homepage of Institute/Research Group: *	<input type="text"/>	
Personal Scientific Website:	<input type="text"/>	
Scientific Expertise (max. 80 characters) *		
<input type="text"/>		

## Upload CV

(max. 2 pages: 1 page personal details + 1 page publications, please use our template (Download: [WWTF\\_CVtemplate.docx, 18KB](#))

CV of *	<input type="button" value="Datei auswählen"/>	<input type="button" value="Keine ausgewählt"/>	<input type="button" value="perform upload"/>
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# Submission system: Basic Project Information

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Basic  
Information

## Basic Information

Project ID:	will be set automatically after submission
Project title: *	<input type="text"/>
Keywords: *	<input type="text"/>
Estimated duration in months: *	<input type="text"/> 
Indicative budget: (in k€):	Will be calculated below

Scientific disciplines relevant to the project: At least one category; sum must equal 100 %; Updated version of August 2019. \*

Main scientific discipline: *	%	Other scientific discipline:	%	Other scientific discipline:	%
<input type="text"/>	0	<input type="text"/>	0	<input type="text"/>	0

Type key words and suggestions will appear  
Refer to “List of scientific disciplines.doc”

# Submission system: Actual Short Proposal

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Project  
Proposal

- Project summary
  - Introduction, background and state of the art
  - Objectives & hypotheses
  - Expected results, novelty & relevance
  - Methods & feasibility
  - Role of team members, interdisciplinary collaborative aspects
  - Key references
- 
- Text box input fields, character number limited (incl. spaces)
  - If applicable: Include sex-specific or gender-related aspects
  - Keep applications short and precise
    - use language aimed at the scientific community
    - be ambitious
    - in English

# Submission system: Additional Information

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Gantt  
Chart

- PDF upload, max. one page
- Include WP and responsibilities
- No data allowed

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Ethical  
Aspects

- If the project requires approval by the ethics committee or has already been approved, provide a brief statement (include approval #)
- It is the researcher's responsibility to comply with ethics regulations
- Refer to guide for details and deadlines

# Submission system: Budget



- Overhead costs: up to 20% of the direct costs
- No funding of companies or industry partners
- Self-funded business partners are possible
- Project relevant services from companies can be calculated as non-personnel costs (if these services cannot be provided with reasonable effort by the team itself)
- Non-personnel costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget
- Budget changes in the full proposal stage are permitted, but require justification

# Cost Planning Tool

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Budget

- Spreadsheet download to help calculate the budget:
  - Per institution and per year calculations
  - Personnel costs
    - in-kind and WWTF funding, use FTE/100% salary
    - Includes automatic 3% annual salary increase
    - WWTF policy regarding senior staff in non-university research institutions and Universities of Applied Sciences: up to 20%
  - Non-personnel costs (consumables, third-party services, travelling, publishing costs)
- *Do not submit the spreadsheet*
- *Use the derived numbers to fill in the table online*
- *Insert numbers in **€ k** (€ 100,000 = € 100 k)*



# Submission system: Budget

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Budget

**Budget**

Institution	Personnel costs	Non-personnel costs	Total direct costs	Overheads	Funding applied for	% per institution
	0.00 k€	0.00 k€		0.00	0.00 k€	0.00 %
<b>Total funding applied for per cost category</b>	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	
<b>% of total direct costs</b>	-	-				

Partner Institution(s)

add Partner Institution

Partner Institution 1

Partner institution: *	<input type="text"/>		
Region	<input type="radio"/> Joint Project <input type="radio"/> Vienna <input type="radio"/> Lower Austria <input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="radio"/> Vienna <input type="radio"/> Other	<input type="radio"/> WWTF Project
Institute/department/group:	<input type="text"/>		
Address:	<input type="text"/>		
Zip code/city/country:	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	please choose ▼

- % personnel and non-personnel costs of total direct costs will be displayed
- % of budget per institution will be displayed
- Institutions of the Core Team are added automatically
- Up to 5 institutions in can be listed in total

# Submission system: Budget per region

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Budget

- Budget per region
  - Funding per region in k €
  - % of budget per region will be displayed

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Budget per region

Region	Funding applied for	% per region
Vienna	0.00 k€	- %
Other	0.00 k€	- %

Joint  
Project

Budget per region

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Other	0.00 k€	- %

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Budget

- Explanation of cost planning:
  - Describe main expenses planned within the project

Explanation of cost planning\* (up to 750 characters including spaces)

# Submission system: Signatures

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Affirmation/  
Authorization

- Can be downloaded before the proposal is complete
- WWTF-projects are § 27-projects (for universities)
  - A commitment from the involved universities or research institution is necessary, the coordinator's institution will be the contract partner
  - **Affirmations:** Signature of the PIs / Core team members
  - **Authorization:** Signature of the authorized person from the involved institutions of the PIs / Core team members
  - Be aware of internal regulations of the respective institutions
  - Contact the research services unit/grant managers in advance

# Submission system: Signatures

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## Affirmation/ Authorization

- PDFs will be generated automatically using the information about the core team and hosting institutions
- “Download Part I as PDF document”
- Regular or electronic signatures permitted
  - Print page, sign, scan and upload OR
  - Save individual page, insert e-signature and upload as PDF: do NOT afterwards alter PDF in any form (e.g. merge, edit)
- Up to 6 files, max. 6 pages

### Affirmations

In signing the application form, all persons involved (project manager, partners) undertake that the information provided in the application form is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. They confirm the following:

- All relevant material changes will be promptly communicated to WWTF.
- All persons agree not to exploit intellectual property as individuals, but, if in any way possible, within the set of rules of their Home institutions. All publications have to mention WWTF as a funding institution.
- The persons involved will ensure compliance with all legal and procedural requirements regarding safety, ethic issues, notification requirements and any other relevant regulations.
- The persons involved confirm that the work plan submitted for WWTF funding is currently not subject to third party funding (like FWF, EU-funding, any other regional, national or international funding).
- The persons involved pledge to disclose if they intend to apply / have applied for funding for the same work plan at other funding sources.

Name	Institution	Date, signature
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### Authorization

In signing the application form, the institution (i.e. the institutional level authorised and responsible for signing, if not legally identical with principal applicant) undertakes that the information provided in the application form, is to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. It is hereby confirmed that

- The institution agrees to the use of space, equipment, personnel and other resources as stated in the application. The institution agrees to provide its own contribution as described in the application.
- The institution is willing to co-operate with WWTF, in an appropriate way, and its chosen partners regarding the application and protection of intellectual property arising from the project to be funded.

Institution	Signing person	Date, stamp, signature
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### Signatures

Please provide one PDF file containing (only) the scanned sheets with all the required signatures!  
You can generate the signature sheet at the bottom of the page after the team data (PI, etc.) and proposal title has been provided.

Signatures (max. 6 pages) \*  Keine Datei ausgewählt.

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# Agenda

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**TOP 4 Q & A**

# Public Health Call: What's in it for me?

- Short Proposal is really short -> 5 Pages
- Focus on methods and interdisciplinarity, start new collaborations and explore ideas
- WWTF as a good entry point into the Vienna scientific community

# Q & A

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