

Briefing

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Opportunities for Plant Scientists in the WEAVE Programme

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<u>Weave</u> is a bottom-up, cross-European initiative developed by European research funders organised in <u>Science Europe</u> to support excellent collaborative research projects across borders.

It aims to simplify the submission and selection procedures of <u>collaborative research proposals</u> that involve researchers from up to three European countries or regions. Proposals go through a single evaluation procedure followed by coordinated but autonomous decision processes of the involved <u>funding organisations</u>.

Weave currently comprises 12 national and regional research funders from 11 European countries: FWF / AT; FNRS & FWO / BE; HRZZ / Croatia; GACR / CZ; DFG / DE; FNR / LUX; RCN / NO; NCN / PL; ARRS / SV; FORMAS / SE; SNSF / CH.

Have a quick overview of Weave with this video

How does WEAVE work?

Weave makes use of existing funding programmes. There are no additional restrictions on the thematic focus or subject matter covered by the proposals other than the ones provided for by the relevant national and regional calls. Research projects are funded through national or regional research programmes that are managed by Weave signatories. Researchers are financed by the funders for whose support they are eligible. Funders will only provide funding within their national or regional borders.

The team of researchers determine a coordinating applicant, who submits the joint proposal to the respective Weave funding organisation in their own country or region. The other applicants (co-applicants) then have to submit a copy of the proposal to their respective funding agencies (Partner Agencies). Both bi- and trilateral Weave proposals can be submitted.

Weave is based on the Lead Agency Procedure. The funder that receives the proposal (the Lead Agency) evaluates it according to its internal rules set out for its respective national or

regional programme. The funding recommendation is then communicated to the other funders (the Partner Agencies), for approval and budgetary purposes.

Science Europe provided its member organisations with the platform to develop the Weave Lead Agency Procedure and corresponding agreement(s) and continues to support their implementation. The research funding and performing organisations organised in Science Europe are committed to strengthening international research collaboration and helping to realise the European Research Area. Further Science Europe member organisations may join Weave at a later timepoint.

Note that for the funding line opened for Weave, the DFG's Individual Research Grants Programme - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (German Research Foundation), proposals can be submitted continuously. Therefore, Weave proposals with DFG as the Lead Agency are accepted any time without any deadlines. However, deadlines may apply if DFG serves as a Partner Agency for a Weave proposal, whenever the funding programme the Lead Agency has opened for Weave comes with deadlines. DFG has implemented Weave together with the following seven partner organisations: FWF / AT; FNRS & FWO / BE; GACR / CZ; FNR / LUX; NCN / PL; SNSF / CH.

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