FAQ

Joint Call ANRS MIE – DZIF for Research Projects on HIV, HBV, and HDV CURES

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1. Does the PI based in Germany need to work on HIV, HBV or HDV? Can someone from a company serve as the PI?

The project must explicitly focus on HIV, HBV and/or HDV cure. The call text does not require the German PI's previous work to be in this field, but the evaluation committee will assess the expertise and complementarity of the co-lead applicants.

The German PI must be affiliated with a DZIF member institution, an associated partner institution, or be a DZIF associated partner. A complete list of DZIF member institutions, associated partner institutions, and DZIF associated partners is available in the appendix of the call. A person from a private company cannot act as PI. For-profit companies are not eligible for funding, but they are welcome to join the consortium as non-funded partners.

2. Are you planning to have this call every year?

At this stage, this is a one-off call. The ANRS MIE – DZIF collaboration steering committee will advise on future joint activities, such as new calls or other actions. We will keep the community informed.

3. Who needs to sign the letter of commitment on behalf of the host institution? The financial director, the scientific director or the head of the grant office?

The letter must be signed by the person authorised to make funding commitments on behalf of your institution. Depending on the institution, this may be the legal representative or a person with delegated signing authority. Please check with your grant office.

4. Are partners eligible to receive funding under this call?

Yes, partner teams can receive funding if they meet the same eligibility criteria as the co-lead applicants (French higher education or research institutions, or DZIF-affiliated institutions in Germany). Private for-profit companies can take part only as non-funded partners.

5. How many research teams can be included in one application?

A maximum of six teams: the two co-lead teams (one French, one German), plus up to two additional partner teams per country.

6. Is it possible to have one team in one country and two teams in the other?

Yes. However, the budget must remain balanced between French and German partners: the split between the amounts requested from ANRS MIE and DZIF must not exceed 60/40, and the amount requested from each funder must not exceed €250,000.

7. Can teams based in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) take part?

No. This call is specifically designed to strengthen Franco-German collaboration, and only teams based in France and Germany are eligible.

8. Do German partner teams also need to be affiliated with DZIF?

Yes. German partner teams must meet the same criteria as the German co-lead applicant: they must be affiliated with a DZIF member institution, an associated partner institution, or be a DZIF associated partner. It is not possible to include new associated partners as part of the call.

9. Is there a template for the letter of commitment? Where should the letters be uploaded on Apogée?

Yes, a template for the letter of commitment is available on the Apogée platform and on the call page of the ANRS MIE website, among the documents related to the call: https://anrs.fr/financements/tous-les-appels-a-projets/appel-projets-conjoint-recherche-vih-vhb-vhd/

The letters of commitment must be uploaded on Apogée, under the "Detailed project presentation" tab, in the "Appendices" section. This section is located below the spaces dedicated to uploading the scientific proposal and the bibliography.