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Federal and State Ministries

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Funding of joint innovative projects in the field of applied research by the "German-Egyptian Research Fund" (GERF)

Aim

On the occasion of the closing event of the “German-Egyptian Year of Science and Technology 2007” in Berlin, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) agreed to establish a German-Egyptian Research Fund to promote joint application-oriented research projects.

The announcement is open to researchers from all disciplines. Applicants are invited to submit project proposals, particularly in the following subject areas:

- Agriculture and management of natural resources (including water resource management, food production and food safety),
- Renewable energy,
- Materials Science and Mechanical Engineering,
- Health research,
- Information and communication technology,
- Urban planning (including de-urbanisation, transport, traffic planning and management).

Emphasis is also placed on joint project proposals, which are both interdisciplinary in nature and examine socio-economic aspects of the thematic priorities mentioned above.

Target Group

bilateral research collaborations consisting of scientists – also particularly junior scientists – from Germany and Egypt

Duration

2 years

Funding

max. € 100,000 for the German partner

Deadline

15 August 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information

Website of the BMBF
Gründungen: Innovative Start-ups für Mensch-Technik-Interaktion

Förderung

„Das Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) will das Innovationspotenzial von Start-ups im Bereich Spitzenforschung zur Mensch-Technik-Interaktion (MTI) stärken. Dazu werden zwei Ansätze verfolgt. Zum einen sollen die Chancen für die Gründung von Start-ups durch gezielte Förderung geeigneter Forschungsteams bereits an Hochschulen und Forschungseinrichtungen verbessert werden (Modul 1). Zum anderen sollen bereits gegründete junge Start-ups bei Forschung und Entwicklung (FuE) passgenau gefördert werden (Modul 2). Ziel ist eine maßgeschneiderte Gründungs- und Start-up-Förderung für den Bereich der MTI."

Zielgruppe

Modul 1: u.a. deutsche Hochschulen; Modul 2: u.a. Start-ups und deutsche Hochschulen

Förderzeitraum

bis zu 3 Jahre

Förderhöhe

Modul 1: max. 60.000 €
Modul 2: max. 400.000 €

Fristende

15. Oktober 2018

Weitere Informationen

Website des BMBF

Funding of international collaborative projects in research and innovation between Southeast Asia and Europe with a focus on bioeconomics and infection research

Aim

Multilateral research and development projects are funded which, in cooperation with partners from Europe and Southeast Asia, are working on one of the following priority topics:

- Bioeconomics,
- Infectious diseases.

The projects should have a high practical relevance and point out strategies for implementing the research results in politics, society and business.

Target Group

research consortia consisting of at least 3 eligible institutions from 3 different countries participating in the call; at least one of these institutions must come from Southeast Asia.

Duration

max. 3 years

Funding

up to € 100,000

Deadline

18 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information

Website of the BMBF
Scientific and technological cooperation (WTZ) with Chile

**Aim**  
Research projects are funded that work on one or more of the following priority topics in international cooperation with partners from Chile [...]:

- Protection against natural risks and adaptation to climate change,
- Health research, in particular non-communicable diseases (cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases).

The projects should have a high practical relevance and point out strategies for implementing the research results in politics, society and business.

The support relates to staff exchanges, the coordination of bilateral cooperation and the organisation of events.

**Target Group**  
research consortia consisting of a German and a Chilean partner

**Duration**  
max. 3 years

**Funding**  
max. € 240,000

**Deadline**  
14 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**  
Website of the BMBF

Open Photonik Pro

**Aim**  
Funding is provided for risky pre-competitive research and development projects that are cross-technology and application-oriented. Funding is only available for research and development projects directly related to photonics. Possible targets:

- professional open source hardware leading to a broader use of high-quality photonics components and systems - photonics innovations from, with and for SMEs and start-ups;
- Provision of suitable interfaces or development tools that enable research and development with innovative photonics solutions and thus innovations also for third parties (inside-out processes);
- Open innovation approaches for sustainable networking of the photonics industry with makers and founders as well as creative industries (inside-out and outside-in processes);
- Approaches for the targeted networking of the maker scene and creative industries with the start-up scene.

**Target Group**  
universities (economic exploitation of results must be secured)

**Duration**  
up to 3 years

**Funding**  
up to 100% of eligible project-related expenses and a project lump sum of 20% for universities

**Deadline**  
28 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

**Further information**  
Website of the BMBF
Funding of research and development projects between Germany and Brazil within the framework of EUREKA

**Aim**
R&D projects are funded which work on one or more of the following priority topics in cooperation with partners from Brazil and, where appropriate, other European partners:

- plant phenotyping, plant breeding, industrial use of plant waste and biological plant protection measures, and strategic economic raw materials.

Funding is available for measures whose results contribute to market-effective innovations with great market potential for Germany, Brazil and Europe. The project should represent the contributions of all participants from the participating countries.

**Target Group**
at least one commercial enterprises, in particular SMEs from Germany and one from Brazil; universities as partners;

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Funding**
max. € 300,000

**Deadline**
31 October 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
Website of the [BMBF](http://www.bmbf.de)
Federal Ministry of Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)

ZIM: First call for joint research and development projects of medium-sized companies between Germany and Argentina

**Aim**
Argentina and Germany hereby publish a call for proposals for common research and development projects (R&D projects) for the development of innovative products, processes or technical services from all technology and application areas. Applicants are expected to provide market-ready solutions for products, services, and support services or develop processes that have great market potential.

**Target Group**
consortia consisting of at least one company each from Germany and Argentina; the participation of other companies and research institutions as project partner or subcontractors is possible.

**Duration**
up to 3 years

**Deadline**
31 October 2018 (submission of expressions of interest, two-stage procedure)

**Further information**
Website of ZIM
German Research Foundation (DFG)

Priority Programme "The Iranian Highlands: Resilience and Integration in Premodern Societies" (SPP 2176)

**Aim**  The priority programme focuses on archaeological, cultural and linguistic research projects of (pre-)historical societies in the highlands of Iran. The aim of the programme is to trace the various economic, social and cultural processes in this region according to raw material regimes, institutional conditions and the mobility of its inhabitants. The special forms of crisis management and social resistance as well as the cultural integration capacity as supporting elements of these highland societies are examined. Projects are to be developed along these themes in order to link the individual projects in the priority programme. Cooperation is expressly welcomed here and should already be mentioned in the application. The programme will be implemented in close cooperation with Iranian partners.

**Duration**  3 years

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  31 October 2018

**Further information**  Website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Nucleotide Second Messenger Signaling in Bacteria” (SPP 1879)

**Aim**  This Priority Programme represents the first systematic and comprehensive strategy ever to understand all fundamental aspects of nucleotide-based second messenger signaling in bacteria at the molecular level. Biosynthesis, turnover and functions of c-di-GMP, the “classics” cAMP and ppGpp, as well as “newcomers” such as c-di-AMP and others are being studied from molecular, cellular, physiological, systems-level and ecological perspectives.

Projects to be funded should address the following aspects:

- sensory input into second messenger signaling
- specific functions and “local” signaling of second messenger-producing and degrading enzymes in bacterial species that have multiples of these enzymes
- second messenger effector mechanisms and molecular targets
- novel physiological and ecological contexts as well as evolutionary aspects reflected in the molecular biology of second messenger signalling.

**Target group**  interdisciplinary cooperation of researchers in bacterial genetics and genomics, biochemistry, structural biology as well as analytic and synthetic organic chemistry

**Duration**  3 years

**Funding**  as requested

**Deadline**  29 October 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 22 October 2018)

**Further information**  Website of the DFG
Priority programme "Novel production processes through cross-scale analysis, modelling and design of cell-cell and cell-bioreactor interactions (InterZell)" (SPP 2170)

Aim  The InterZell priority programme therefore focuses clearly on cell-cell and cell-bioreactor interaction in biotechnological production processes for the production of basic and fine chemicals, flavouring substances, technical or therapeutic proteins and pharmaceutically active components such as antibiotics or precursors of drug synthesis. InterZell explicitly does not consider cell-cell interactions of natural habitats or biological consortia of soil, water or exhaust air purification, but focuses on the production of the above-mentioned valuable substances with defined cell groups under the controlled conditions of technical bioreactors. […]

InterZell's main goal is the networking of engineers and scientists. Therefore, the guiding idea is to achieve a close interaction between engineering and natural sciences on the one hand and the thematic linking of theory and experiment on the other.

Target group cooperation of working groups, for example between engineers and biologists

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested (a maximum of one doctoral student per research group)

Deadline 15 September 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

Further information Website of the DFG

Priority Programme „Regional Sea Level Change and Society (SeaLevel)“ (SPP 1889)

Aim  The aim of the programme is to analyse and obtain a process understanding of climate-related and anthropogenic sea level changes and associated interactions with coastal areas and their populations. In detail, all processes contributing to sea level rise as well as society's response to a possible sea level rise in two focus regions will be examined: the North Sea and Baltic Sea regions and the island states of the South Asian region. These regions were selected to understand how adaptation strategies to sea level changes differ in culturally, politically and socio-ecologically different societies. Aspects of sea-level rise in Asian megacities can also be investigated.

During the second funding period, work will focus on the following focus topics of the priority programme and contribute to their coordinated processing:

1. contributions to global and regional sea level changes […], 2. regional biophysical and social consequences in Northern Europe and Southeast Asia/Indonesia […], 3. adjustment, decision analysis and governance […].

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 31 October 2018

The call text does not specify the language in which the proposal is to be submitted. Please inform yourself before submission whether a proposal in English or German is required.

Further information Website of the DFG
Priority Programme “Non-Smooth and Complementarity-Based Distributed Parameter Systems: Simulation and Hierarchical Optimization” (SPP 1962)

Aim „Many of the most challenging problems in the applied sciences involve non-differentiable structures as well as partial differential operators, thus leading to non-smooth distributed parameter systems. The associated non-smoothness typically arises (i) directly in the problem formulation (through non-smooth energies/objectives or system components), (ii) through inequality constraints, nonlinear complementarity or switching systems, or (iii) as a result of competition and hierarchy, typically leading to multiobjective/hierarchical optimization or to quasi-variational inequality problems. In this context, the transition from smoothing or simulation based approaches to genuinely non-smooth techniques or to multi-objective respectively multi-level optimization are crucial. This motivates the research of the programme.

The goals of the Priority Programme are to

- lay the analytical foundations (through, e.g., the advancement of non-smooth and set-valued analysis),
- establish a basis for stable numerical approximation through the design of algorithms with mesh independent convergence,
- address the influence of parameters, which enter the above-mentioned problems and which fall into a specified parameter range (uncertainty set).“

Target group individual projects or joint proposals (involving typically two groups)

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 31 October 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 24 October 2018)

Further information Website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Perovskite Semiconductors: From Fundamental Properties to Devices” (SPP 2196)

Aim „The main objective of this Priority Programme is to bridge the gap between the application of perovskites, mainly in solar cells, and the corresponding fundamental research on this semiconductor regarding correlations between, e.g., structural, optical, electronic, or magnetic properties. Notably, this research topic is highly interdisciplinary in nature, bridging chemistry, material science, device engineering, and physics. The programme is aimed to intensify collaborations between different groups and disciplines, theory and experiment, as well as to bundle top-expert knowledge. “

Target group at least two principal investigators (PI) coming together from different institutions that can contribute distinct and complementary research expertise; involvement of young and female investigators as PI in the consortia will be explicitly encouraged.

Duration 3 years

Funding as requested

Deadline 30 October 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 16 October 2018)

Further information Website of the DFG
Infrastructure Priority Programme “Atmospheric and earth system research with the HALO (High Altitude and Long Range Research Aircraft)” (SPP 1294)

**Aim**
The Infrastructure Priority Programme serves the development of high-tech sensors and instrumentation and their application in atmospheric science. HALO makes it possible to conduct earth system research at the highest international level. The focus of our research is on these issues:

- Sources, properties and processing of aerosol particles
- Formation, development and radiation effects of clouds and precipitation
- Transport and dynamics in the troposphere and lower stratosphere
- Atmospheric gas phase processes and photochemistry
- Atmospheric coupling processes

**Duration**
3 years

**Funding**
as requested

**Deadline**
19 October 2018

**Further information**
Website of the DFG
**Aim**

“We are planning to support a new practice-oriented, interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary postgraduate program that prioritizes issues relevant to the future of smaller mid-sized towns. The general idea for this postgraduate program was developed in cooperation with scientists and practitioners. […]

- Are you interested in establishing and shaping this innovative postgraduate program?
- Do you want to offer PhD candidates from different disciplines in the field of urban development an opportunity to combine scientific research and practical experience and find viable answers to questions relevant to smaller mid-sized towns?
- Do you want to support young researchers in becoming mediators between science and municipalities?
- Do you have ideas about these issues you would like to implement by yourself or in cooperation with a (second) university or higher education institution entitled to confer doctorates?”

**Target Group**
universities with at least 3 participating disciplines related to the topic of cities; close cooperation with up to ten small and medium-sized towns

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**Volkswagen Foundation**

"Original – isn't it?" New Options for the Humanities and Cultural Studies

**Aim**

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**Target Group**

Funding line 1: postdoctoral researchers; Funding line 2: project teams

**Duration**

Funding line 1: 12 months; Funding line 2: 18 months

**Funding**

Funding line 1: € 80,000; Funding line 2: € 150,000

**Deadline**

14 November 2018

**Further information**

Website of the Volkswagen Foundation

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**Life? – A Fresh Scientific Approach to the Basic Principles of Life**

**Aim**

“What is life?” – This fundamental question has been occupying mankind for centuries. Quite recently, research areas located especially at the interface between the natural and life sciences emerged that provide new insights on this question: biophysics, synthetic biology and systems chemistry explore and develop artificial cell systems no longer definable as living or non-living. With the help of modern techniques biological cells can be mapped and analyzed. Scientists increasingly succeed in simulating processes of life within artificial systems or in developing novel artificial systems based on basic principles of life.

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**Target Group**

researchers at all stages of their postdoctoral career; single or integrative joint projects (up to 5 partners), opt. to include international partners

**Duration**

up to 5 years

**Funding**

up to € 1,5 million

**Deadline**

9 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the Volkswagen Foundation
German-Israeli Foundation

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FUNDING FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS

Volkswagen Foundation

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Deadline 14 November 2018

Further information
Website of the Volkswagen Foundation
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**Target Group**

researchers at all stages of their postdoctoral career; single or integrative joint projects (up to 5 partners), opt. to include international partners

**Duration**

up to 5 years

**Funding**

up to € 1,5 million

**Deadline**

9 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the Volkswagen Foundation

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**German-Israeli Foundation**

**GIF Young Scientists’ Program**

**Aim**

„The GIF Young Scientists’ Program aims to encourage young scientists and help them establish *first contacts with potential counterparts in Israel or Germany*. […] The GIF Young Scientists’ Program is aimed to scientists without research partner. The applicants should not have any working relations yet with scientists in the other country. This program offers a platform to facilitate first contacts between younger scientists with potential collaborators in the other country, which may later on lead to a joint proposal within the GIF Regular Program based on this project.”

**Field of research 2018:** *Exact Sciences* (Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics etc.); *Engineering Sciences / Technology / Computer Sciences* (and related); *Social Sciences* (Economics, Education, Law, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology, etc.)

**Target Group**

researchers within 8 years after completing their Ph.D., M.D., or an equivalent degree

**Duration**

1 year

**Funding**

€ 20,000 (average budget)

**Deadline**

25 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the GIF
Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Funding of joint innovative projects in the field of applied research by the "German-Egyptian Research Fund" (GERF)

**Aim**
On the occasion of the closing event of the "German-Egyptian Year of Science and Technology 2007" in Berlin, the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the Egyptian Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) agreed to establish a **German-Egyptian Research Fund** to promote joint application-oriented research projects.

The announcement is open to researchers from all disciplines. Applicants are invited to submit project proposals, particularly in the following subject areas:

- Agriculture and management of natural resources (including water resource management, food production and food safety),
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- Information and communication technology,
- Urban planning (including de-urbanisation, transport, traffic planning and management).

Emphasis is also placed on joint project proposals, which are both interdisciplinary in nature and examine socio-economic aspects of the thematic priorities mentioned above.

**Target Group**
**bilateral research collaborations** consisting of scientists – also particularly junior scientists – from Germany and Egypt

**Duration**
2 years

**Funding**
max. € 100,000 for the German partner

**Deadline**
15 August 2018 (submission of a project outline; two-step evaluation)

**Further information**
Website of the [BMBF](#)
Max Weber Foundation

Gerald D. Feldman Travel Grants

**Aim**

“...The travel grants are meant to **improve the career opportunities** for humanities and social science academics in their qualification phase. The scientists conduct a self-chosen research project in at least two and at most three host countries which are home to MWS institutes and branches or at the Richard Koebner Minerva Center for German History.”

**Target Group**

highly qualified **humanities** and **social science academics of any nationality** (highest degree must be at least a Master, M.A., state examination or German Diplom) who have already published and can present a research plan

**Duration**

max. 3 months

**Funding**

documented **travel costs** for travel to the foreign institute and back (least expensive route); **daily rates** between € 27 and € 56 depending on the host country; **lodging** in one of the institute’s inexpensive guest rooms.

**Deadline**

12 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the [Max Weber Foundation](https://www.maxweber-foundation.org)

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**Travel Grants China**

**Aim**

„Since 2018, the Max Weber Foundation – German Humanities Institutes Abroad (MWS) – awards travel grants once a year (for three years to begin with), with the support of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation. […]

Every year, two travel grants will be awarded […] for the purposes of **fieldwork**, **archive and/or library research in China**, preferably in **Peking**.”

**Target Group**

highly qualified **sinologists** (doctoral and postdoctoral), as well as **humanities and social science scholars**, whose professional qualification phase is concerned with **Chinese history, language or culture in the broadest sense** and who can present a research plan for their stay in China

**Duration**

3 months

**Funding**

€ 1,514 monthly and a lump sum for **flight expenses** amounting to € 700

**Deadline**

12 October 2018

**Further information**

Website of the [Max Weber Foundation](https://www.maxweber-foundation.org)
German Research Foundation (DFG)

Third Junior Academy "Dentistry" 2018

Aim  The junior academy offers young dentists the opportunity to develop their own project ideas through targeted training and support at an early stage in their careers. The subject areas are specific in relation to human studies, for example:

- Randomized clinical studies
- Prospective clinical studies in patients or subjects
- Retrospective studies with a prospective share of follow-up examinations
- Cohort and cross-sectional studies
- Studies with patients or subjects from different subgroups (e.g. university hospitals versus practice networks)
- Studies with the representation of the reality of care or patient-relevant outcomes
- Health economic studies

Target group  dentists max. 10 years after their PhD

Duration  19 until 23 November 2018

Deadline  15 August 2018

Further information  Website of the DFG

Priority Programme “Perovskite Semiconductors: From Fundamental Properties to Devices” (SPP 2196)

Aim  “The main objective of this Priority Programme is to bridge the gap between the application of perovskites, mainly in solar cells, and the corresponding fundamental research on this semiconductor regarding correlations between, e.g., structural, optical, electronic, or magnetic properties. Notably, this research topic is highly interdisciplinary in nature, bridging chemistry, material science, device engineering, and physics. The programme is aimed to intensify collaborations between different groups and disciplines, theory and experiment, as well as to bundle top-expert knowledge.”

Target group  at least two principal investigators (PI) coming together from different institutions that can contribute distinct and complementary research expertise; involvement of young and female investigators as PI in the consortia will be explicitly encouraged.

Duration  3 years

Funding  as requested

Deadline  30 October 2018 (registration in the elan portal until 16 October 2018)

Further information  Website of the DFG
PRIZES

An overview of the most important science awards is available here.

Alexander von Humboldt Polish Honorary Research Scholarship

**Aim**  “A scheme of **outstanding importance**, it is the equivalent of Humboldt-Forschungspreise, the prestigious award granted by the well-known Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung of Germany to eminent foreign scholars. It is intended as a form of appreciation for the **outstanding achievements** of its beneficiaries, at the same time being aimed at stimulating long-term co-operation between Polish and German scholars.”

**Target group**  outstanding German scholars with the highest qualifications and a significant contribution to global research

**Duration**  3 to 6 months

**Endowment**  € 4,000 monthly

**Deadline**  1 October 2018

**Further information**  Website of the Prize

academics Young Talent Award

**Aim**  academics, the leading online career portal for science and research, annually honors one person who has made **lasting progress in the respective scientific field with outstanding and forward-looking research achievements** and who is also distinguished by exemplary action and voluntary commitment to science.

**Target group**  doctoral or postdoctoral researchers of all research disciplines up to the age of 35 at the time of application

**Endowment**  € 5,000

**Deadline**  30 September 2018 (nominations as well as self-applications)

**Further information**  Website of the Prize
University of Cologne

Seed Funding by the University of Cologne

Aim
"By offering a seed funding, the University of Cologne intends to support its researchers in the preparation and application for third-party funded projects. The program is open to all fields of research. Proposals for coordinated programs and cooperative projects will be given priority. Individual proposals are usually not funded. Consultation with the responsible project manager of Department 7 for Research Management Patricia Hoff is obligatory for applicants."

Target Group scientists at the University of Cologne

Duration as requested

Funding The seed funding is designed for coordination activities for projects that are already well elaborated. Preliminary scientific work will not be funded. Applications may be submitted for e.g. personnel, material and travel expenses.

Deadline 30 September 2018 (3 cut-off dates annually)

Further information Website of Department 7 Research Management
Contact: Patricia Hoff, Dept. 7 Div. 71 Analysis and Consulting Services email: anschubfinanzierung@verw.uni-koeln.de, phone: 0221/ 470-5379
**MISCELLANEOUS**

50 years Collaborative Research Centres of the DFG
The "Collaborative Research Centres" programme will be 50 years old in 2018. The DFG celebrates this - among other things with this dossier. Here you will find a wealth of information about the programme, its history, its successes and the scientists involved.
Further information is available [here](#).

DFG Förderatlas: University of Cologne significantly improves its ranking
The University of Cologne has significantly improved its position in the Förderatlas 2018 of the German Research Foundation (DFG). Every three years, the DFG collects the third-party funds that it transfers to the HEIs. In the ranking of the universities with the highest total awards, the UzK rose by four places to 12th place.
Further information is available [here](#).

KoWi factsheet on the proposal for “Horizon Europe”
The new factsheet of KoWi summarises the changes in the proposal for the new EU Research Framework Programme "Horizon Europe" compared to the current Horizon 2020 Programme in a compact way.
Further information is available [here](#).

ELectronic Research Funding Information System (ELFI)
In addition to the individual funding search by the staff of Department 71, the comprehensive ELFI funding database is available to researchers at the University of Cologne free of charge.
Further information is available [here](#).
The Department 7 for Research Management of the University of Cologne organises in cooperation with the National Contact Point ERC a workshop on the ERC Consolidator Grants in Horizon 2020. Information on the general principles of the ERC, the current call and useful tips from a successful Principal Investigator and an ERC Panel Chair will be provided.

The workshop addresses researchers with 7-12 years research experience since completion of their PhD and with a scientific track record showing great promise. With an ERC Consolidator grant you can build up or consolidate your own research group over 5 years with max. € 2 million. The workshop addresses those researchers in particular who aim to submit their proposals in this year’s ERC Consolidator Grant call.

**Place:** GATEWAY of the University of Cologne

**Further information** as well as the **online registration form** is available at [https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events](https://verwaltung.uni-koeln.de/d7_events).

### Further events

**31.07.2018**

**NKS ERC: Webinar on ERC Synergy Grants**

*Place:* online

**04.09.2018**

**EUB: Horizon 2020 for beginners**

*Place:* Bonn

**11-12.09.2018**


*Place:* Brussels

**10.10.2018**

**EUB: Horizon 2020 for beginners**

*Place:* Bonn

**30.10.2018**

**Net4Society: International InfoDay and Brokerage Event (Horizon 2020)**

*Place:* Warsaw

**21.11.2018**

**Horizon 2020: NCP Life Sciences Symposium 2018**

*Place:* Cologne
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