

# Support for Risk Assessment Funding Opportunities in Germany

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# Background

## EU Risk Assessment Agenda

- Delphi study for identifying risk assessment priorities
- Wide range of topics: methodical approaches, nutritional, environmental, microbiological, and chemical risks



Mapping funding opportunities to support the risk assessment process of identified priorities at national, EU and international level



# Background

## EU Risk Assessment Agenda

- Addressing complex and innovative issues in collaborative projects
- Identification of interested partners to collaborate
- Joint projects of Member States on items of the EU Risk Assessment Agenda
- International networking
- Improvement of scientific expertise
- Investing of resources

# Research Funding Opportunities

## Project Funding

- Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL) / Research and innovation
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)/ Research and innovation
- Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) / Environment Innovation Programme
- Federal Ministry of Health (BMG) / Research and innovation
- Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology (BMWt)
- The “Landwirtschaftliche Rentenbank” / Research and innovation
- German Research Foundation (DFG) / Research Funding
- Foundations
- European Union (e.g. Horizon 2020)



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## Studentships

# Funding by Federal Ministries

## **Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)**

- Promotion of innovation (calls for core funding areas, fixed deadlines, SME partners)
- Decision making procedures (call for topics with research needs)
- Federal Organic Farming Programme (BÖLN)
- Promotion of biodiversity

## **Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)**

- Topics of international and supraregional importance (calls, fixed deadlines, funding up to three years)
- Collaborative research
- Development of new ideas and technologies
- Topic orientated research programmes (new technologies, life sciences, biomedical research, biotechnology (genome research), health, nutrition, energy, environment and sustainability, social science and the humanities)

## **Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB)**

- Yearly determination via the Environmental Research Plan - UFOPLAN (e.g. for the areas “impacts of climatic change”, environment & health, chemical safety, nature protection policy) → award via call of interest, application after invitation)

# German Research Foundation (DFG)

- No thematic limitations (projects from all fields of science)
- Promotion of **fundamental research**
- Different funding schemes
  - individual grants programme
  - coordinated programmes
    - priority programmes „emerging fields“, multidisciplinary, network-building
    - research groups (alliance of outstanding scientists, new work areas, profiling of universities)
    - collaborative research centres (transdisciplinary research programme)
    - research training groups (doctorate level training)
    - promotion of young scientists: financing of temporary positions
    - special programmes for international cooperation

Search of projects:

[www.dfg.de](http://www.dfg.de)

[www.dfg.de/gepris/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/gepris/index.html)

# Criteria for the selection of research proposals/projects in Germany (one example)

## **German Research Foundation**

### **Criteria for assessing proposals**

- scientific quality
- applicants' qualifications
- objectives and work programme
- employment opportunities
- planned allocation of funding
- and in coordinated programmes, on
- quality and added value of the collaboration and plus programme-specific criteria

# Funding Opportunities – Example I

- **Funding organisation:** Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- **Programme:** Research and innovation, Specialised Programme Health Research
- **Topic:** Facilitation of a national research network for zoonotic infectious diseases, Module 1: zoonotic infectious diseases, Module 2: junior research groups for zoonoses research, Module 3: individual projects for current challenges (rapid response)
- **Targeted applicants:** Companies from the industrial and service sector with research and development capacities, universities, non-university research bodies, Federal departmental research institutes, public health institutions
- **Project Management Organisation:** German Aerospace Center (DLR)
- **Deadline(s):** Module 1 → 31.05.2016, Module 2 → 15.10.2016, Module 3 → 15.10.2016
- **Fund/grant value:** Grant, up to 100 % eligible costs



## Funding Opportunities – Example II

- **Funding organisation:** Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
- **Programme:** Research and innovation, Specialised Programme - Research for the civil security
- **Topic:** Protection against chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear hazards (CBRN), epidemics and pandemic, early identification for a rapid and targeted reaction of authorities and emergency services (four other topic areas as security of infrastructure and economy)
- **Targeted applicants:** Commercial enterprises, universities, non-university research bodies, established in Germany
- **Project Management Organisation:** Research Centre Jülich (FZJ)
- **Deadline(s):** n.n.
- **Fund/grant value:** Grant, up to 100 % eligible costs (for universities, non-university research bodies)

## Funding Opportunities – Example III

- **Funding organisation:** Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)
- **Programme:** Research and innovation, Specialised Programme Promoting Innovation
- **Topic:** Promoting innovation, e.g. in the field of plant breeding and plant protection, animal husbandry, animal health and welfare, safety and quality of food and feed, and in the area of consumer health protection especially with the focus on allergies
- **Targeted applicants:** Natural and legal persons with branch in Germany
- **Project Management Organisation:** Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE)
- **Deadline(s):** n.n.
- **Fund/grant value:** Grant, up to 100 % eligible costs

# Thank you for your attention

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