

# ACCOMPANYING MEASURES

SUPPORT AND PROMOTION OF RESEARCH-RELATED ACTIVITIES



Fonds National de la Recherche Luxembourg

INVESTIGATING FUTURE CHALLENGES





**AM**

Luxembourg's  
Accompanying  
Measures for the  
Support and Promotion  
of Research-Related  
Activities



**AFR**

Grant Scheme  
Aides à la  
Formation-Recherche)  
Luxembourg's Grant  
Scheme for PhD's  
and Postdocs



**CORE**

Excellence Programme  
in Research to Meet  
Luxembourg's Future  
Socio-Economic  
Challenges



**INTER**

Promotion of  
International  
Cooperation



**ATTRACT**

Luxembourg's Research  
Programme for  
Outstanding  
Young Researchers  
from All Over the  
World



**PEARL**

Luxembourg's Research  
Programme for  
Internationally  
Recognised Senior  
Researchers



## FNR - OBJECTIVES, STRATEGY, POLICY

Since the year 1999, the National Research Fund (Fonds National de la Recherche, FNR) has fostered the creation of a pool of knowledge and expertise in Luxembourg. With its current funding activities for public research – **CORE, ATTRACT, PEARL, INTER, AFR** and **AM** – the FNR pursues its strategic objectives, such as

- **supporting researchers to build up scientific quality and excellence;**
- **improving Luxembourg's research environment and institutional framework;**
- **promoting scientific culture among a greater public and the young.**

The FNR will continue its efforts to support research at the very highest standards of international R&D in order to achieve critical mass in certain fields of public research. Within all its activities, the FNR encourages research projects with a direct link to Luxembourg's socio-economic challenges and welcomes private-public partnerships of Luxembourg's key players in R&D.

The FNR launches regular calls for its funding programmes. The selection process follows strict rules and is based on peer review of the proposals. For further information, deadline applications, checklists and guidelines of each funding programme, go to [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu) or email to [info@fnr.lu](mailto:info@fnr.lu)



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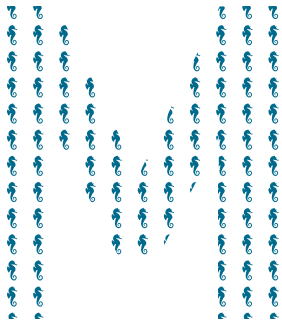
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## **ACCOMPANYING MEASURES** WHAT'S BEHIND IT?

Strengthening the general conditions for scientific research in Luxembourg is a major strategic objective for the National Research Fund (FNR). The **Accompanying Measures (AM)** support the promotion of scientific culture as well as training and mobility of researchers on an international and national level. Through its **Accompanying Measures** the FNR also co-finances the organisation of scientific conferences held in Luxembourg and funds scientific publications, national research coordination activities or initiatives of international collaboration.

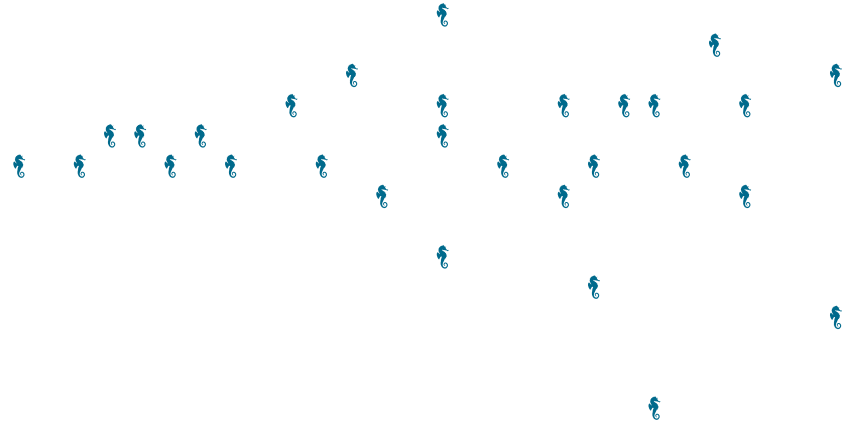
The National Research Fund addresses several **Accompanying Measures** directly to a larger public, aiming to consolidate the link between R&D players or institutions and Luxembourg's citizens.

Teachers, for instance, are invited to make a request for **AM1** funding. Any pedagogical school project – for example a scientific workshop, a trip to a thematically adequate exposition or a scientific experimentation performed in class – may be financed.



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## **AM1** PROMOTION OF SCIENTIFIC CULTURE

The promotion of scientific culture is intended to stimulate the sensitivity of scientific issues among the Luxembourg population. Funded activities should raise the interest in science with the objective to create, among citizens of all age, a profound understanding for the necessity of science and research as a guarantee for life quality and to fill youngsters with enthusiasm for scientific professions.

The target groups for **AM1** funding are young people, the research community and the public at large.

Funded are scientific and innovative activities, for example demonstrations in schools, scientific oral communications for a larger public, scientific competitions (Quizzes etc.) for young people.

Eligible are public institutions or public bodies with a research mission, individuals (e.g. students, teachers) or non-profit organisations.

Under **AM1** the funding covers costs for staff or personnel hired for the activity, for invited guests and publicity material up to a maximum amount of 25,000 EUR. The submission deadline ends three months prior to the planned event.



## **AM2** TRAINING AND MOBILITY

The FNR supports training activities and co-funds the mobility of researchers towards Luxembourg or from Luxembourg to research institutions abroad.

### **AM2a: ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES ABROAD**

Researchers should be encouraged to present their research results at scientific conferences abroad and to establish scientific contacts at an international level.

The target groups are researchers in Luxembourg or Luxembourg researchers abroad during their PhD phase or up to eight years after having completed their PhD.

Funded are oral presentations or posters at conferences and the work as chairman or member of a conference committee up to a maximum amount of 2,000 EUR. The submission deadline for **AM2a** ends six weeks before the beginning of the conference.





### **AM2b: TRAINING FOR RESEARCHERS (INCLUDING SUMMER SCHOOLS)**

Researchers working in a public research institution in Luxembourg, independent of their age and nationality, are invited to participate in summer schools and short training sessions (maximum 2 weeks). The training does not necessarily have to be in the framework of a formal course and could be organised by a public research institution in Luxembourg.

Costs related to the training course (inscription fees, living and travel costs) are covered by the **AM2b** up to a maximum amount of 2,000 EUR. The submission deadline ends six weeks before the start of the training course.

### **AM2c: MOBILITY OF RESEARCHERS**

Intended are exchanges of researchers between co-operating Luxembourgish and foreign organisations. The measure **AM2c** allows foreign researchers to come to Luxembourg and researchers from Luxembourg to go abroad for a period of support from one month up to one year. Exchanges of researchers between co-operating Luxembourg and foreign organisations are strongly encouraged.

Eligible are researchers from public research institutions or public bodies with a research mission in Luxembourg. There is no distinction or limitation in the age of the candidates or the countries involved.

The stay must be in connection with a research project in collaboration with a Luxembourg research institution or public body and a research institution from abroad. Up to 3,000 EUR per month for expenses will be provided by the FNR. The submission deadline for **AM2c** ends three months prior to the scheduled stay.



## **AM3** ORGANISATION OF SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCES IN LUXEMBOURG

The FNR co-finances the organisation of national or international scientific conferences, colloquia and workshops in Luxembourg by researchers from public research centres or organisations as well as from associations with a research mission in Luxembourg.

Accommodation and travel costs for keynote speakers, coffee breaks, meals, rental of venue or printing costs are co-funded up to the maximum amount of 25,000 EUR. The submission deadline for **AM3** ends three months prior to the activity.

## **AM4** SCIENTIFIC PUBLICATIONS INCLUDING PHD THESES

Layout, printing and correction costs of PhD theses or other scientific publications, of scientific conference proceedings, of articles in peer-reviewed journals (including online publications) and the publication of FNR project results are financed up to 4,000 EUR per publication.

The financial support is granted to researchers in Luxembourg as well as to Luxembourgish researchers abroad. The submission deadline for **AM4** ends six weeks at the latest before the printing of the publication.



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## AM5

### NATIONAL RESEARCH COORDINATION

With **AM5**, the FNR wishes to improve the collaboration among national researchers working in different private or public research institutions in Luxembourg.

#### **AM5a: THEMATIC AND STRUCTURAL RESEARCH PLATFORMS**

The strengthening of a structured information exchange between R&D actors of private and public sectors is supported, provided that the domain is considered to be a structural or thematic priority for Luxembourg.

Eligible are public institutions or public bodies with a research mission as well as non-profit organisations in collaboration with public administrations or services.

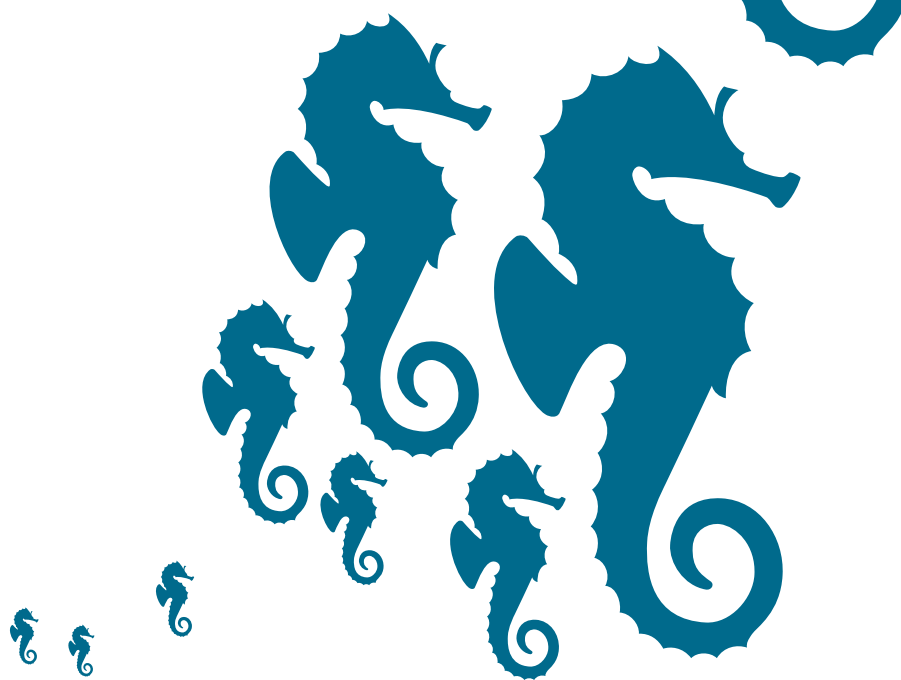
The FNR reimburses costs for personnel or fees for consultancy, meeting costs (room, rent, travel and accommodation for international experts) together with IT expenses up to a maximum amount of 15,000 EUR. The submission deadline for **AM5a** ends three months prior to the start of the activity.

#### **AM5b: PUBLIC DATA ACCESS FOR RESEARCHERS**

The financing aims at optimising public data access for research purposes in order to improve the collaboration between researchers and public administrations. Researchers' access to available public data as well as the documentation of data should be improved, regulated and controlled following international standards in data collection.

Target groups are public institutions or public bodies with a research mission and non-profit organisations in collaboration with public administrations or services.

The funding covers expenses for personnel, or fees for consultancy, meeting costs (room, rent, travel and accommodation for international experts) as well as IT costs up to a maximum amount of 25,000 EUR. The submission deadline for **AM5b** ends three months prior to the start of the activity.



## **AM6**

### PREPARATION OF A EUROPEAN UNION RESEARCH PROJECT

The participation of Luxembourg's researchers in European Union Framework Programmes is viewed as a major tool to increase the visibility of Luxembourg's research projects abroad.

In order to augment contributions of national research bodies within the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme, the National Research Fund gives support to coordinators and partners submitting a project under FP7 or in the framework of Art.169 or ERA-net+ up to a maximum amount of 10,000 EUR. For information on FP7, please visit the website [www.cordis.lu/fp7](http://www.cordis.lu/fp7)

Eligible are public institutions or public bodies with a research mission.

The submission deadline for **AM6** ends six months after the EU evaluation.



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## FNR ANNUAL AWARDS

Every year, the FNR attributes up to three awards for **Outstanding Promotion of Scientific Culture** as well as for **Outstanding Scientific Publications**.

The submission deadline for the **FNR Annual Awards** is 1<sup>st</sup> April each year.

## HOW TO APPLY FOR AM FUNDING?

Detailed information about conditions and the application procedure is available in the respective guideline for each **Accompanying Measure** on [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu). Please select the appropriate funding scheme for your research activity.

Each request for funding within the **Accompanying Measures** must respect the following mandatory deadlines:

ACRONYM	ACCOMPANYING MEASURE	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
AM1	Promotion of Scientific Culture	3 months prior to activity
AM2a	Active Conference Participation	6 weeks before conference
AM2b	Training for Researchers	6 weeks before course
AM2c	Mobility of Researchers	3 months before stay
AM3	Organisation of Scientific Conferences	3 months before conference
AM4	Scientific Publications (Including PhD Theses)	6 weeks before printing
AM5a	Thematic and Structural Platforms	3 months prior to activity
AM5b	Public Data Access	3 months prior to activity
AM6	Preparation of a EU Research Project	6 months after EU evaluation
AWARDS		
ASC	FNR Award for Outstanding Promotion of Scientific Culture	1 <sup>st</sup> April each year
ASP	FNR Award for Outstanding Scientific Publications	1 <sup>st</sup> April each year



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<a href="http://www.afr.lu">www.afr.lu</a>	AFR Grant Scheme/Aides à la Formation-Recherche
<a href="http://www.innovation.public.lu">www.innovation.public.lu</a>	Portail luxembourgeois de l'innovation et de la recherche
<a href="http://www.recherche.lu">www.recherche.lu</a>	Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche (MESR)
<a href="http://www.euraxess.lu">www.euraxess.lu</a>	EURAXESS Services Centre Luxembourg
<a href="http://www.luxinnovation.lu">www.luxinnovation.lu</a>	Luxinnovation
<a href="http://www.uni.lu">www.uni.lu</a>	University of Luxembourg
<a href="http://www.crp-sante.lu">www.crp-sante.lu</a>	Centre de Recherche Public – Santé (CRP-Santé)
<a href="http://www.lippmann.lu">www.lippmann.lu</a>	Centre de Recherche Public – Gabriel Lippmann (CRP-GL)
<a href="http://www.tudor.lu">www.tudor.lu</a>	Centre de Recherche Public – Henri Tudor (CRP-HT)
<a href="http://www.ceps.lu">www.ceps.lu</a>	Centre d'Études de Population, de Pauvreté et de Politiques socio-économiques (CEPS/INSTEAD)
<a href="http://www.ibbl.lu">www.ibbl.lu</a>	Integrated Biobank of Luxembourg
<a href="http://www.lns.lu">www.lns.lu</a>	Laboratoire National de Santé (LNS)
<a href="http://www.mnhn.lu">www.mnhn.lu</a>	Musée national d'histoire naturelle
<a href="http://www.mnha.lu">www.mnha.lu</a>	Musée national d'histoire et d'art
<a href="http://www.cherchonschercheurs.lu">www.cherchonschercheurs.lu</a>	Researchers Wanted! All about Research for Young People
<a href="http://www.proscience.lu">www.proscience.lu</a>	Groupement luxembourgeois pour la promotion de la culture scientifique

non-exhaustive selection



## INTERNATIONAL

<a href="http://www.cc.europa.eu/euraxess">www.cc.europa.eu/euraxess</a>	Euraxess - Researchers in Motion
<a href="http://www.cordis.europa.eu">www.cordis.europa.eu</a>	Community Research & Development Information Service (CORDIS)
<a href="http://www.ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc">www.ec.europa.eu/dgs/jrc</a>	Joint Research Centre (JRC)
<a href="http://www.euroscience.org">www.euroscience.org</a>	European Association for the Promotion of Science and Technology
<a href="http://www.cost.efs.org">www.cost.efs.org</a>	European Cooperation in Science and Technology (COST)
<a href="http://www.ercim.org">www.ercim.org</a>	European Consortium for Informatics and Mathematics (ERCIM)
<a href="http://www.esf.org">www.esf.org</a>	European Science Foundation (ESF)
<a href="http://www.esa.int">www.esa.int</a>	European Space Agency (ESA)
<a href="http://www.embl-heidelberg.de">www.embl-heidelberg.de</a>	European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)
<a href="http://www.embo.org">www.embo.org</a>	European Molecular Biology Organisation (EMBO)
<a href="http://www.eurohorcs.org">www.eurohorcs.org</a>	European Union Research Organisations Heads of Research Councils (EUROHORCS)
<a href="http://www.icsu.org">www.icsu.org</a>	International Council for Science

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## EDITORIAL

The FNR is constantly reviewing and monitoring its programmes and wants to stay flexible and strong in its reactions to possible demands and critical remarks. The FNR Annual Report, available on [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu), offers detailed information on all FNR activities and funded projects. Information about ongoing calls and deadlines is also available on [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu). More details concerning the FNR Foresight Exercise are provided on [www.fnrforesight.lu](http://www.fnrforesight.lu).

Further brochures about the FNR and its funding programmes are available upon request or on [www.fnr.lu](http://www.fnr.lu).

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**CORE**

research = excellence + priority



**ATTRACT**

research = opportunity + challenge



**PEARL**

research = flexibility + synergies



**INTER**

research = mobility + collaboration



**AFR**

research = training + perspective



**AM**

**research = support + promotion**



**PSC**

research = communication + promotion

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