

## WHY INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?

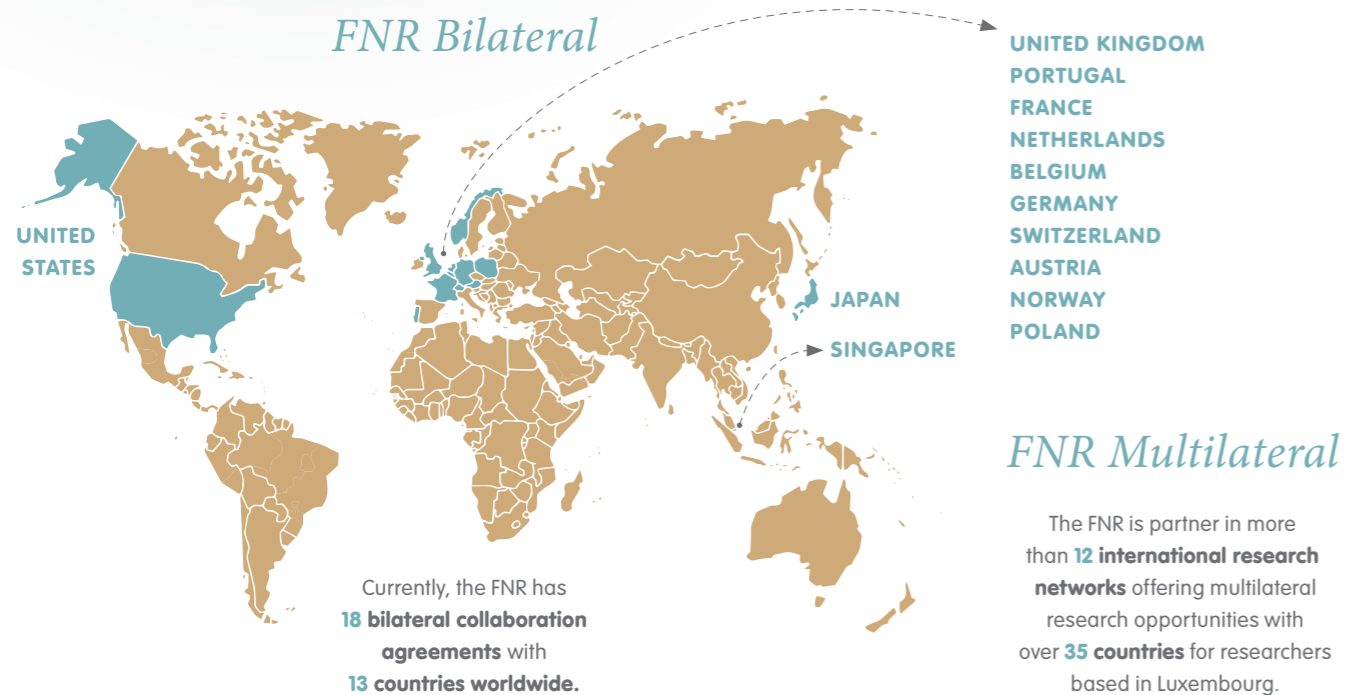


The FNR's International Relations policy aligns with its mission to set up a **sustainable world-class research system** in Luxembourg and to increase its international visibility and recognition. A first pillar comprises **funding possibilities** for excellent **joint research projects** encouraging Luxembourg-based researchers to connect with their best peers abroad. An international competition enables for **benchmarking** with the most successful research consortia/teams. Furthermore, the collaboration allows for a **transfer of knowledge** between the involved groups. The latter is further fostered by funding of researchers' mobility as well as by the FNR's efforts in attracting established and recognised researchers to Luxembourg.

The second pillar is FNR's active participation in several **international associations**, for defining **international quality standards in research funding** as well as **best practices** in research. By implementing those in Luxembourg, FNR builds-up **trust** among the worldwide research community and has become a valued partner among its peer institutions.

### INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The FNR maintains an increasing number of collaboration agreements that secure funding of all research partners after a single evaluation of the joint research proposal.



### INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND NETWORKING

The FNR is an active member of several international associations, bringing together research funding organisations (RFO) and research performing organisations (RPO) with the ultimate goal of **joining forces** to help **shaping the future** of (European) research. As a valued partner, the FNR is strongly involved in exchanging on and defining the **best practices in research and quality standards** in research funding.

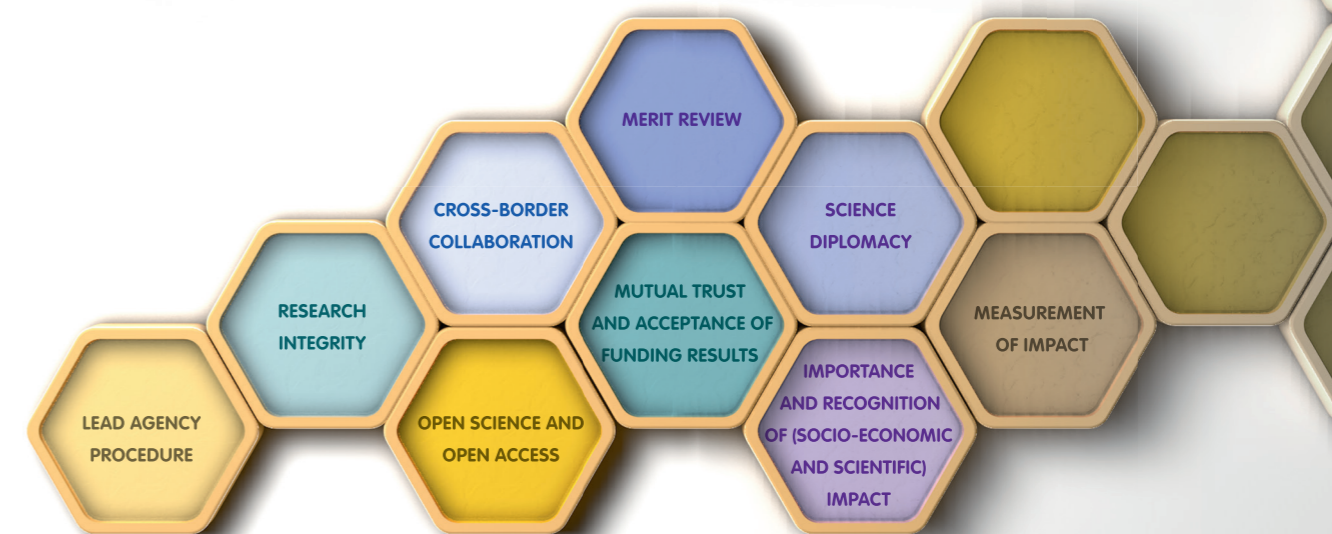
International networking among peer organisations is important to raise **visibility** for the country's research system, but also to share experiences, develop, improve and align procedures, and by thus build up mutual **trust** among the partners.

The effects of the quality standards set by international associations are not confined to the research system alone, but extend deep into society. Like its peer agencies, the FNR is fostering research with impact and is encouraging researchers to exchange with potential stakeholders (e.g. companies, citizens, ministries, politicians) and share their knowledge and findings for the benefit of society.

The FNR is a member of:



### EXAMPLES OF QUALITY STANDARDS SET BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS & IMPORTANT TOPICS CURRENTLY DISCUSSED



### Key Figures

80%

1166 researchers (private sector)

1968 researchers (public sector) in Luxembourg

of scientists are non-Luxembourgers (state 2016)

of research publications are co-authored with scientists abroad (2009 – 2015)

89.48 mio € in international projects (2014 – 2018)

representing 28,67% of total FNR budget (2014 – 2018)

312 mio € committed by FNR (2014 – 2018)

279 international projects (2014 – 2018)

representing 24,22% of all the FNR funded projects (2014 – 2018)