BMBF Project Funding
with special Focus on Iran-related Calls

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We

» drive research, innovation and education
» support policies, programmes and projects
» operate nationally, across Europe and internationally
» network disciplines, industries and stakeholders
» stand for dedication and professionalism

CONSULTING
EVALUATIONS
ANALYSES

INFORMATION,
COMMUNICATION,
DIALOGUES

FUNDING MANAGEMENT
RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MANAGEMENT

DLR-PT, Bonn
Our subjects

» World of work  » Education  » Society
» Environment  » Health  » Culture
» Innovation  » Technologies

Facts and figures

~1,000 employees, more than half of them researchers
3 locations: Bonn, Cologne, Berlin, 1 office in Brussels
~1 billion euros in funding and 9,500 projects annually
Our clients

» Federal ministries, state ministries, public authorities
» Foundations, associations, research organisations
» European Commission, foreign government bodies

Selection:
## Our business areas

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„International Partnerships for Sustainable Innovation“
(within the framework programme FONA³)

**Topics** for **Iran**:
- Sustainable Energy Systems
- Natural Hazards

- funds **joint research and development** (R&D) projects carried out by research institutions, industry and other practitioners
- supports **demand-oriented research** and development collaborations with select newly industrializing and developing countries with interesting markets for German suppliers of technology.
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Project types

• **R&D collaborative projects**
  • carried out jointly by science, industry and other practitioners
  • to develop and implement innovative sustainable technologies, products, services and systems solutions
  • run for a period of three years

• **Definition projects**
  • e.g. to user-oriented needs and market analyses, research into country-specific conditions, or the recruitment of suitable partners
  • run for a period of six months
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• **Need** for R&D in the partner country (e.g. respective programmes at ministerial and/or regional level)

• Involvement of **at least one German company**

• Involvement of, ideally several, **institutions in the partner country**: preferably research institutions, companies with R&D activities)

• Involvement of **at least one stakeholder** (e.g. public authority) **crucial to project implementation**

• Proof of **adequate own financing** by cooperation partners in the respective partner countries

• Signature of a **written agreement** between all collaboration partners
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Financing:

- about 100 Mio. € BMBF-funding
- own means of the consortia, e.g. from industrial partners
- co-financing by partner countries

The following deadline applies:

- May 31st 2019
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• Further Information

https://www.fona.de/en/20622

https://www.fona.de/client_II

Or simply google for „CLIENT II“
Project Funding – Current Calls – IKARIM

International Partnerships for Catastrophe- and Risk Management

Topics: innovative and application-oriented solutions contributing to population protection, disaster prevention and the protection of critical infrastructures; development of early warning systems

Target countries: Iran and selected countries in Africa and Asia

- Improvement of the society’s resilience against natural disasters (earthquakes, storms, landslides, droughts etc.) technical risks (chemical accidents, hazardous emissions, major fires, etc.)
- Formation of application-oriented bi-national innovative research co-operations on disaster prevention, management and restoration, qualification and education
- Provision of appropriate and mature German experience to Iran
Project Funding – Current Calls – IKARIM

- **3-step funding**
  - **preparatory phase**
    - 6 months, starting 2018; funding up to 60,000 EUR per project;
    - Deadline: December 2017
  - **collaborative R&D projects**
    - up to 3 years, starting 2019
    - Deadline: December 15th, 2018
  - **implementation phase**
    - up to 2 years, starting 2022

- Collaboration partners: research institutions, authorities, rescue and charity organizations, companies etc.

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Project Funding – Forthcoming Calls
Bilateral Mobility (BMBF+MSRT/MoHME)

**Aim:** Support of collaborative GER-IRN research projects (third parties allowed)

**Topics:** Wide range of topics

**Publication:** Late 2018, open for approximately 3 ½ months

- Support to start a larger-scale cooperation
- Intensifying and strengthening contacts through meetings
- Support mostly for travel and conferences, hardly for research itself (no personnel)
Project Funding - Workflow

1) Call is published
   Bundesanzeiger; BMBF-Webpage; DLR-PT Webpage; KI-Newsletter etc.

2) Applicants form consortia, inform themselves at DLR-PT

3) Deadline

4) Evaluation

5) Coordination with Iran (if bilateral) → bilateral funding decision

6) Applicants asked to hand in full application

7) Preparing application for finalisation in close cooperation with DLR-PT

8) Funding is granted

9) Project launched

10) Yearly interim-reports

11) Final report after the end of the project
Iran is a strong partner

Success Stories

- IKARIM: REVISE, NOTSCHI, INCOR (2018) (Catastrophe Risk)
- CLIENT-II: ConSolTiDEF (2018) (Energy)
- + several Projects e.g. in Vocational and Educational Training
Instruments for International Cooperation

- Fact Finding and Delegation Missions to Iran on various Levels
- Conferences and Workshops in Germany and Iran
- German Day of Science in Tehran in 2018
- Iranian Day of Science in Germany in 2019
- …
Instruments for International Cooperation

- Bilateral Call with Iran with Deadline in Jan. 2019
- IKARIM Call with Deadline in 2017
- CLIENT II Call with Deadline in 2017
- ...

Exchange of scientific staff
Instruments for International Cooperation

- CLIENT II Calls with deadlines in (2017 and) 2019
- IKARIM Call with deadline in 2017
- ...

Cooperation projects

Added value of cooperation

Degree of cooperation

Science clustering

Scientific exchange
Instruments for International Cooperation

- Exchange of information
- Exchange of scientific staff
- Cooperation projects
- Institutional cooperation
- Strategic partnerships

Dimensions:
- Added value of cooperation
- Degree of cooperation

Chart 19: DLR-PT.de • BMBF Project Funding Iran > Dr. Hendrik Meurs > Sept 12th 2018 > Ferdowsi University Mashhad
Q & A
Thank you for your attention

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