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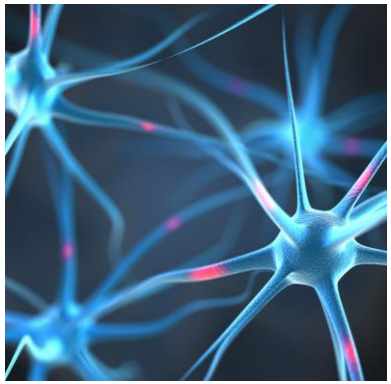
Cognitive Sciences

Call 2018



Proposers‘ Day

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Johanna Trupke

Agenda

- Brief introduction WWTF
- Presentation Call **Cognitive Sciences**
- CS11 & CS15 Grantees: Z. Virányi & G. Silani
- Q & A
- Networking (open end)

WWTF: Distinctive features

- The only larger Austrian private non-profit organisation established to promote science and research
- Founded in 2001 | Funding since 2003: almost 150 M € have been awarded (Private foundation, City of Vienna)
- WWTF Mission:
  - We fund top scientific research in Vienna
  - We provide substantial funding for larger research projects and bring research group leaders from abroad to Vienna
  - We run competitive calls according to highest international standards

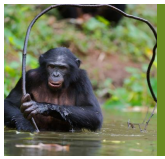
WWTF: Overview programmes and instruments

Thematic programmes

Life Sciences (*2003)

Mathematics *and …* (*2004)

Information- and Communication Technology (*2008)



Cognitive Sciences (*2011)

Environmental Systems Research: Urban Environments (Pilotcall 2017)

Instruments

- Projects
- Vienna Research Groups
- Summer Schools

Content of the current call – CS 2018 I

- Researchers affiliated to universities and non-university research institutions in Vienna (+ moving to Vienna)
- 2 - stage selection process with short and full proposal
- Total budget: 3 M €
- Funding range: 200.000 € - 600.000 €
- 2 - 4 year research projects
- Please note: a researcher can appear in **two** proposals at most

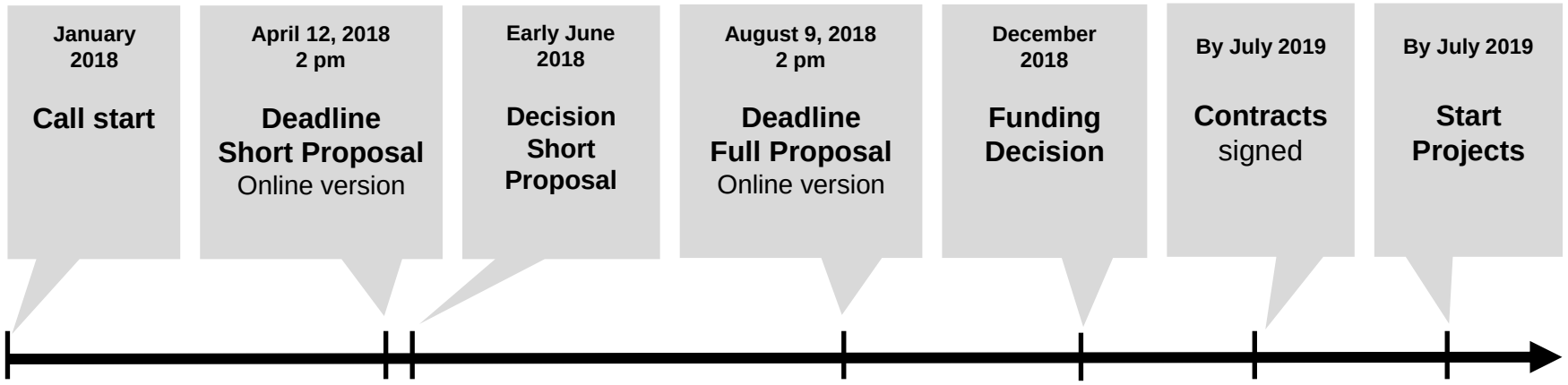
Content of the current call – CS 2018 II

- Innovative interdisciplinary research projects in the field of Cognitive Sciences
- Research projects addressing the phenomena of cognition (including but not limited to perception, reasoning, thinking, behaviour) from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- **Interdisciplinarity:** Proposals must bring together scientists from **2-3 different research disciplines** …
- …to advance the understanding of **cognition and behavior in humans, animals and/or artificial systems**

Content of the current call – CS 2018 III

- Projects may come from all fields and subdomains of the Cognitive Sciences – Partners may come from areas and disciplines outside the Cognitive Sciences
- Must **include empirical data** (purely theoretical approaches are excluded)

Schedule of the current call



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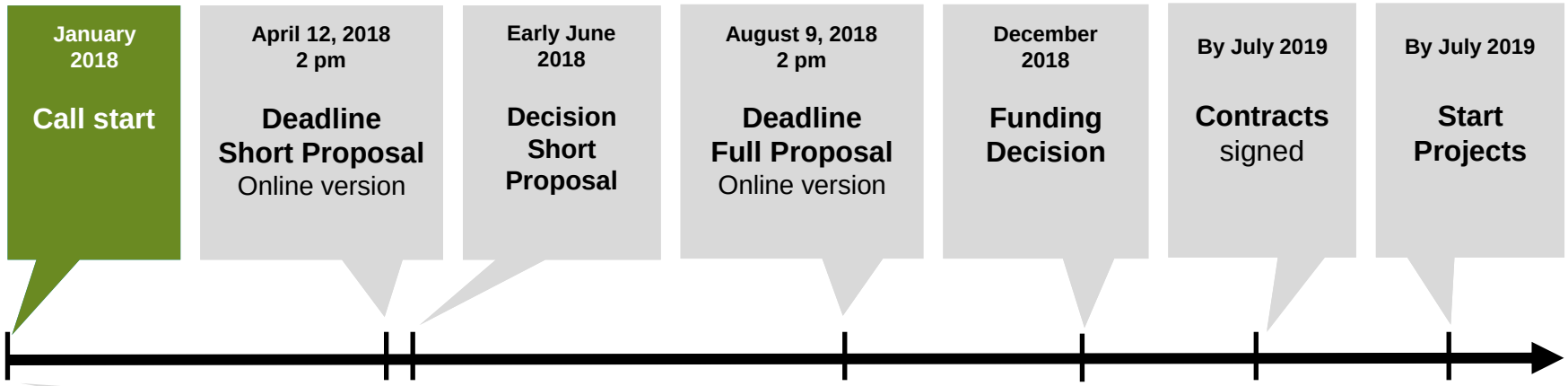

Applicants

- Up to 3 researchers per project core team
- One designated coordinator (PI)
- Coordinator must be affiliated to a **Viennese University** or non-university research institute
- Project partners can be based **world-wide**. Up **to 20%** of funding for researchers may be allocated outside Vienna

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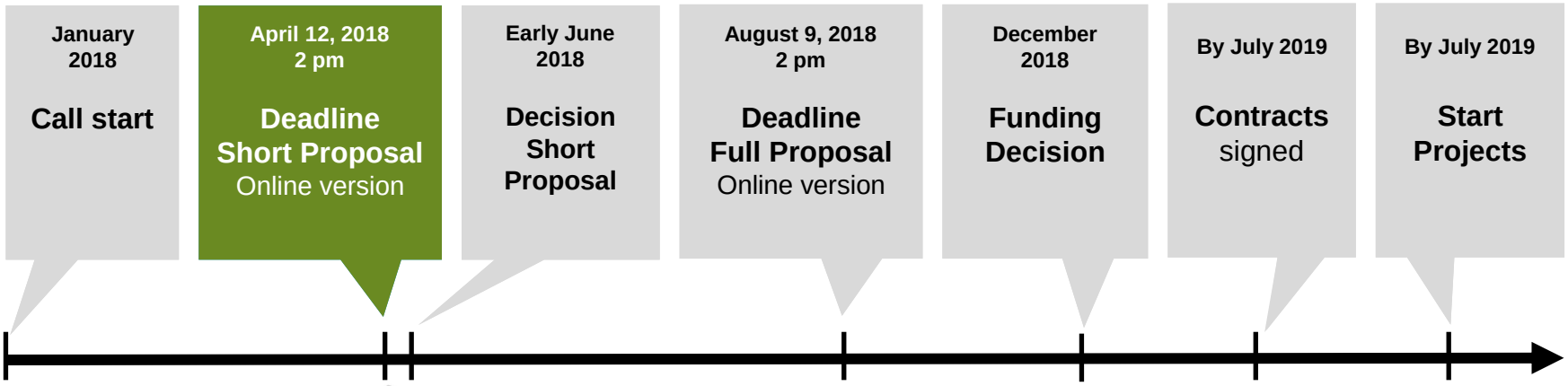

Submission via WWTF Online Submission System

- Funding requests can range between € 200.000 up to € 600.000 per project
- Overhead costs: up to 20% of the direct costs
- No funding of companies
- Self-funded business partners are possible
- Project relevant services from companies can be calculated as consumables (if these services can not be provided with reasonable effort by the team)
- Non-personnel costs must not exceed 30% of the total budget

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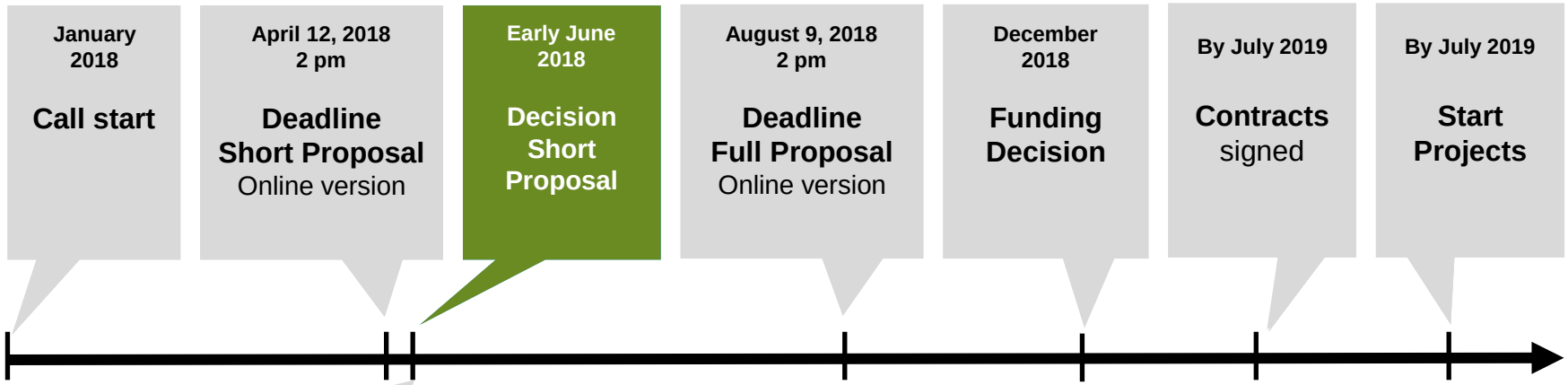

Jury

- ~6 internationally renowned scientists with expertise relevant to the call (names to be released after the funding decision)
- Duties and responsibilities:
  - Selection of short proposals for next stage
  - Nomination of reviewers
  - Comparative assessment of the proposals and funding decision

Decision Short Proposal

- Projects will not go on to the next stage if they are outside the scope of the call or do not meet international quality standards.
- Applicants will be informed immediately in both cases.

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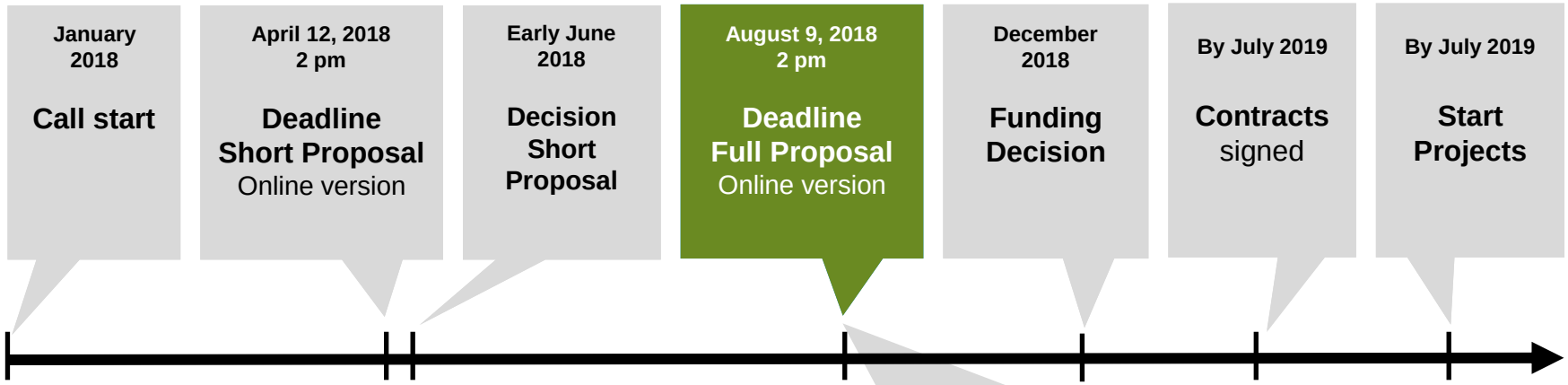

Full Proposal Submission

- Via the online submission system only!

Peer Review-Process

- Applicants may exclude and must suggest reviewers
- A minimum of three reviews per proposal.
- Reviews only by (anonymous) international reviewers.
- Reviews form the basis of the jury discussion.

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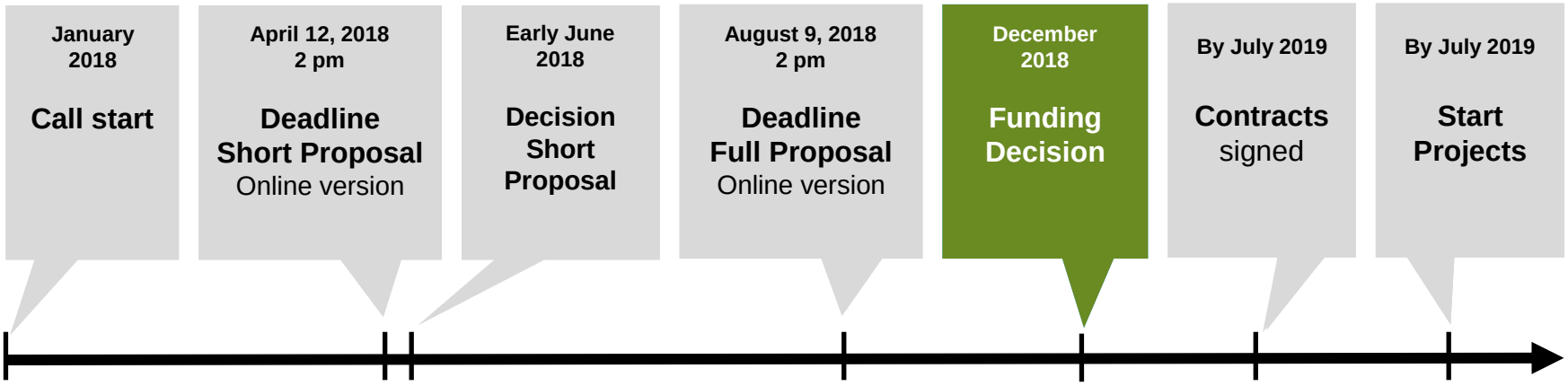

Jury recommendation

Main evaluation criteria:

- **Scientific quality**
- **Collaboration** and **expertise** of the consortium members
- Clear and concise research questions
- Appropriate **concept** to address the research question
- **Feasability** of the working plan presented with Gantt-chart
- **Innovation** and **relevance** of the project

Decision

- Formal decision by the board of directors
- All applicants will receive a decision letter (rejections and acceptances) with anonymous reviews

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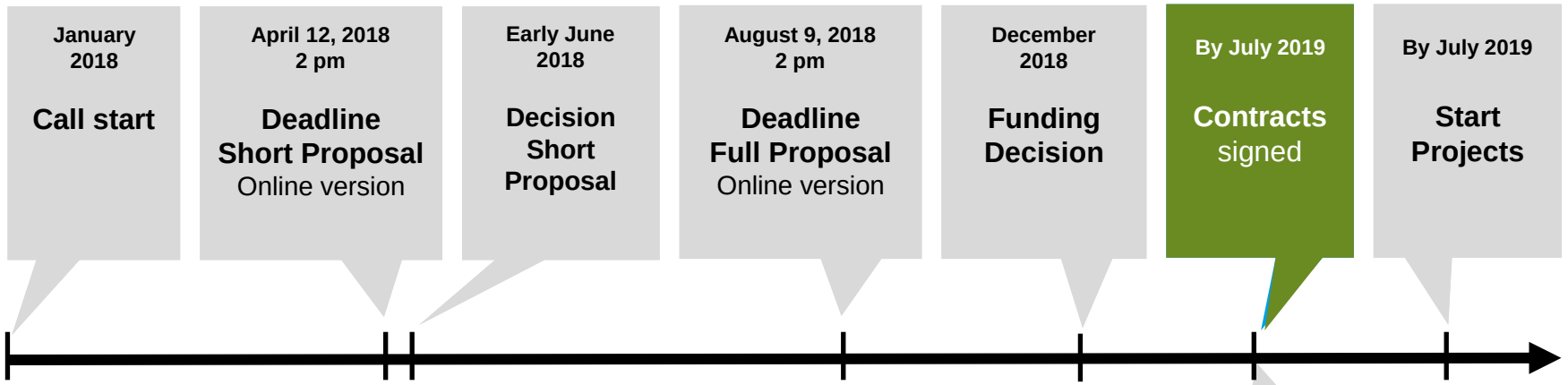

- Funding contract is between WWTF and the PI's institution (according to § 27 of the 2002 University Law)
- PI has scientific and financial responsibility for the project
- Project start by July 2019 at the latest

Submission system

- Registration with e-mail address and name at **https://funding.wwtf.at**
- Login, select the call and click on “create a new proposal”
- Complete the proposal, upload necessary documents, and submit (a PDF file with a project number will be generated automatically)
  - Submission is only possible after the form has been completed in its entirety
  - No amendments can be made after the submission

Short Proposal Structure

The short proposal consists of **12 parts:**

1 PI & Team Information	2 Basic Information	3 Project Summary
4 State of the art, hypotheses, …	5 Objectives & expected results	6 Novelty and relevance
7 Methods and feasibility	8 Role of team members, interdisciplinarity	
9 Ethical aspects	10 Key References	11 Gantt Chart
12 Affirmation/ Authorization		

Submission system: Researcher's Information

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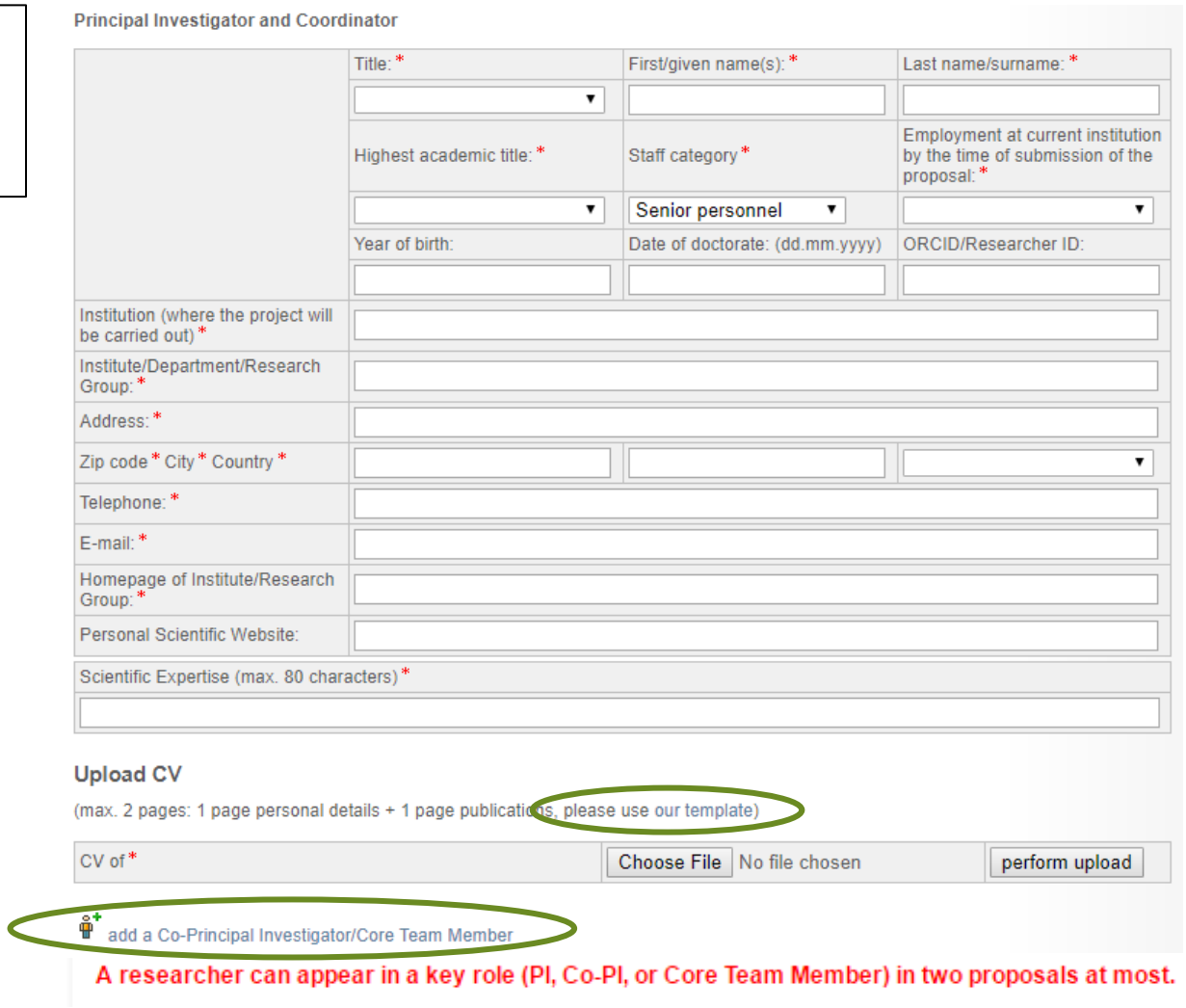
PI & Team Information



Principal Investigator and Coordinator

	Title: *	First/given name(s): *	Last name/surname: *
	Highest academic title: *	Staff category *	Employment at current institution by the time of submission of the proposal: *
		Senior personnel	
	Year of birth:	Date of doctorate: (dd.mm.yyyy)	ORCID/Researcher ID:
Institution (where the project will be carried out) *			
Institute/Department/Research Group: *			
Address: *			
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Telephone: *			
E-mail: *			
Homepage of Institute/Research Group: *			
Personal Scientific Website:			

Scientific Expertise (max. 80 characters) *

Upload CV

(max. 2 pages: 1 page personal details + 1 page publications, please use our template)

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add a Co-Principal Investigator/Core Team Member

A researcher can appear in a key role (PI, Co-PI, or Core Team Member) in two proposals at most.

Submission system: Basic Project Information

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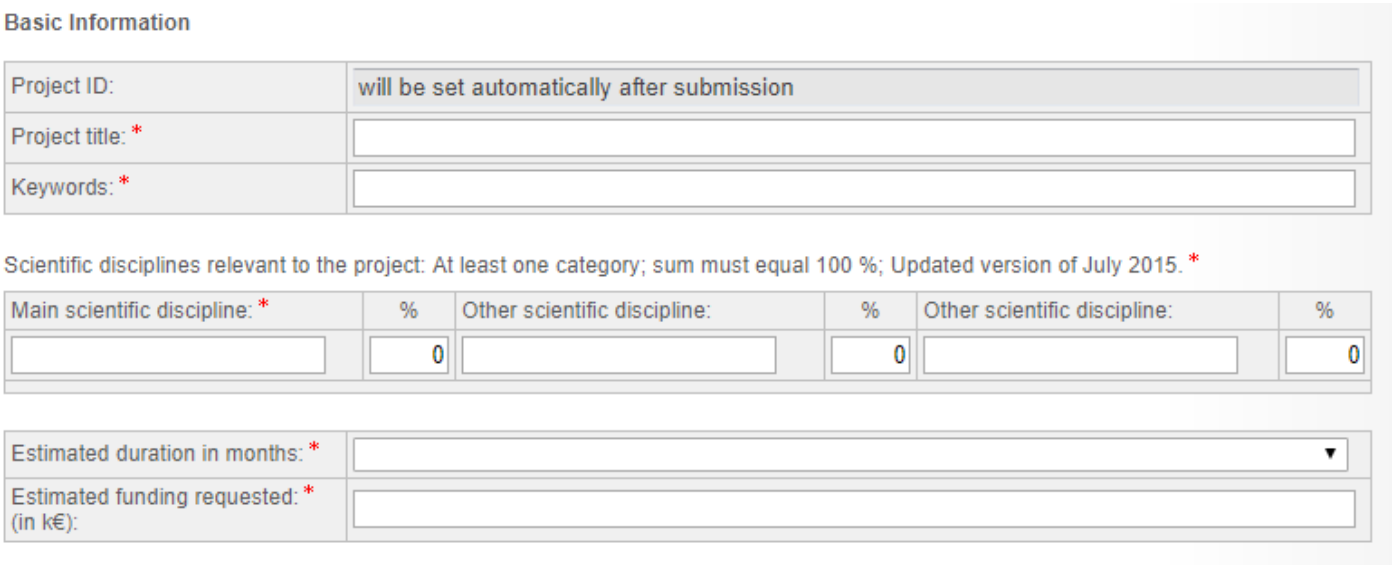
Basic Information



Basic Information

Project ID:	will be set automatically after submission
Project title: *	
Keywords: *	

Scientific disciplines relevant to the project: At least one category; sum must equal 100 %; Updated version of July 2015. *

Main scientific discipline: *	%	Other scientific discipline:	%	Other scientific discipline:	%
	0		0		0

Estimated duration in months: *	
Estimated funding requested: * (in k€):	

- Title: max. 100 characters
- Title, core team, key words, disciplines cannot be changed in full proposal

Cost Planning Tool

- Spreadsheet download to help calculate the indicative budget:
  - Per institution and per year calculations
  - Personnel costs (in-kind and WWTF funding, use FTE/100% salary)
  - Non-personnel costs (consumables, third-party services, travelling, publishing costs; maximum 30% of total budget)
  - Overheads (maximum 20% of total funding)

- The exact budget does not have to be submitted in the short proposal stage
- Budget changes in the full proposal stage are permitted, but require an explanation

Submission system: Project Summary

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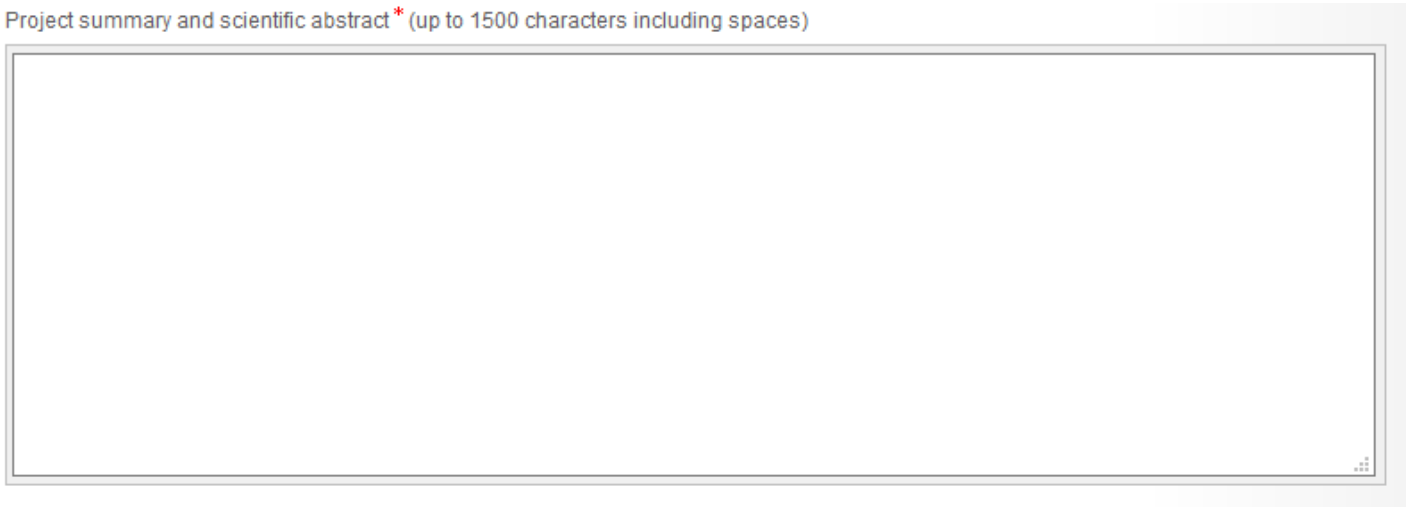
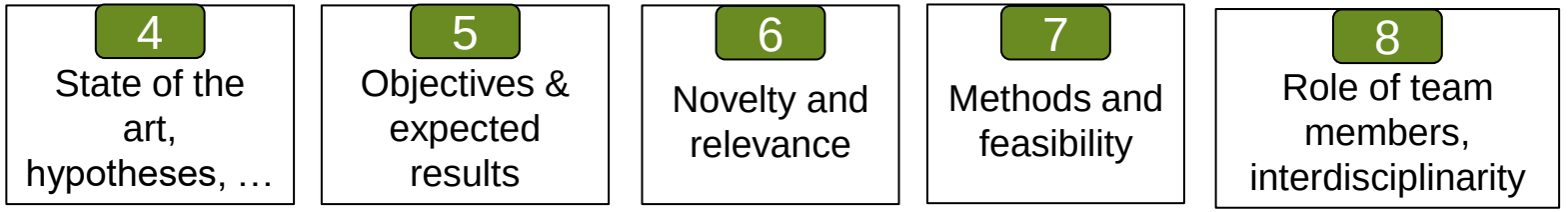
Project Summary



- Concise project summary including all relevant aspects of the proposal ("first impression")

Submission system: Actual Short Proposal



- Text box input fields, character number limited (incl. spaces)
- Keep applications short and precise
  - use language aimed at the scientific community
  - Balance ambition and feasibility
  - in English

Submission system: Additional Information

9 Ethical aspects

- If the project requires approval by the ethics committee or has already been approved, write a brief statement (include approval nr.)
- It is the researcher's responsibility to comply with ethics regulations

10 Key References

- Text box input field, character number limited

11 Gantt chart

- PDF upload, max. one page

Submission system: Signatures

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Affirmation/
Authorization

- WWTF-projects are § 27-projects (for universities)
  - A commitment from the involved universities or research institution is necessary, the coordinator's institution will be the contract partner
  - **Affirmations**: Signature of the PIs / Core team members
  - **Authorization**: Signature of the authorized person from the involved institutions of the PIs / Core team members
  - Be aware of internal regulations of the respective institutions
  - Contact the research services unit/grant managers in advance
- Signatures can be on separate sheets, but only one PDF document can be uploaded!

Submission system: Signatures

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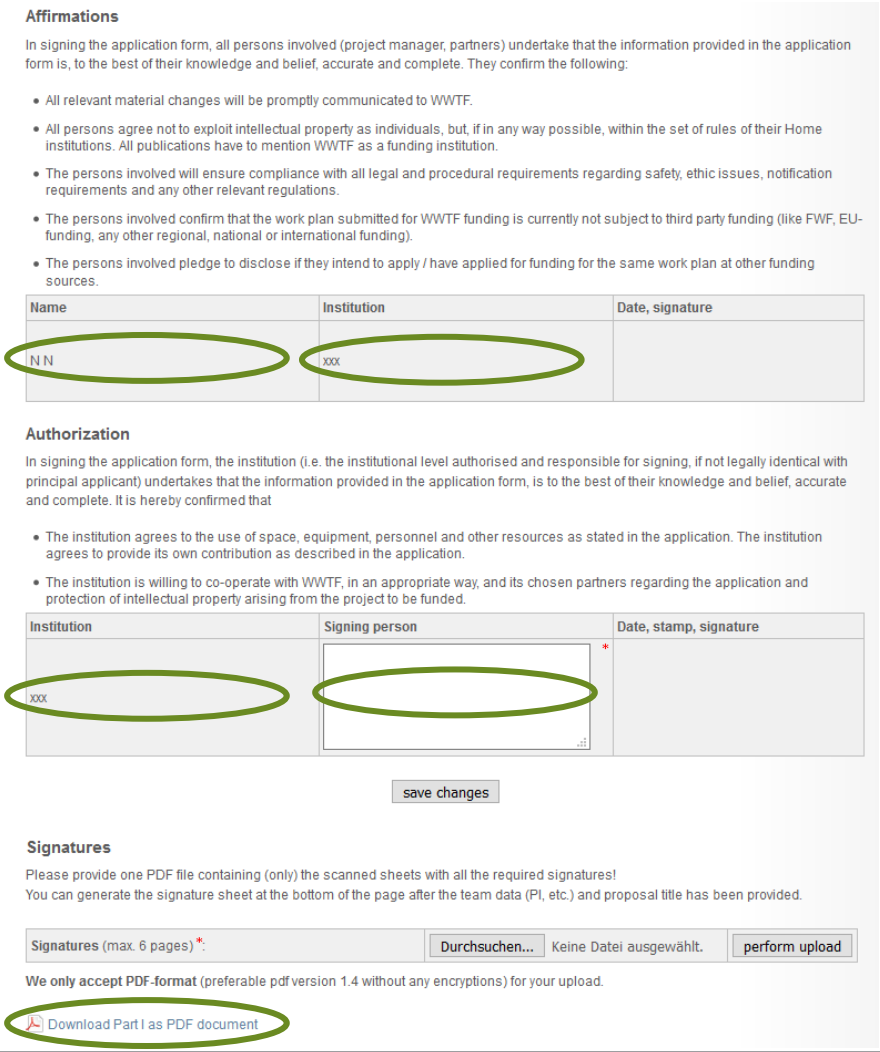
Affirmation/
Authorization

- PDFs will be generated automatically using the information about the core team and hosting institutions
- "Download Part I as PDF document"
- Print for signatures
- Scan signed sheets and upload (up to 6 pages)



Affirmations

In signing the application form, all persons involved (project manager, partners) undertake that the information provided in the application form is, to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. They confirm the following:

- All relevant material changes will be promptly communicated to WWTF.
- All persons agree not to exploit intellectual property as individuals, but, if in any way possible, within the set of rules of their Home institutions. All publications have to mention WWTF as a funding institution.
- The persons involved will ensure compliance with all legal and procedural requirements regarding safety, ethic issues, notification requirements and any other relevant regulations.
- The persons involved confirm that the work plan submitted for WWTF funding is currently not subject to third party funding (like FWF, EU-funding, any other regional, national or international funding).
- The persons involved pledge to disclose if they intend to apply / have applied for funding for the same work plan at other funding sources.

Name	Institution	Date, signature
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Authorization

In signing the application form, the institution (i.e. the institutional level authorised and responsible for signing, if not legally identical with principal applicant) undertakes that the information provided in the application form, is to the best of their knowledge and belief, accurate and complete. It is hereby confirmed that

- The institution agrees to the use of space, equipment, personnel and other resources as stated in the application. The institution agrees to provide its own contribution as described in the application.
- The institution is willing to co-operate with WWTF, in an appropriate way, and its chosen partners regarding the application and protection of intellectual property arising from the project to be funded.

Institution	Signing person	Date, stamp, signature
xxx		

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Signatures

Please provide one PDF file containing (only) the scanned sheets with all the required signatures!
You can generate the signature sheet at the bottom of the page after the team data (PI, etc.) and proposal title has been provided.

Signatures (max. 6 pages)*: Durchsuchen... Keine Datei ausgewählt. perform upload

We only accept PDF-format (preferable pdf version 1.4 without any encryptions) for your upload.

Download Part I as PDF document

Submit!

The Online Submission System will close automatically

at 2pm on April 12, 2018

Advice and contact

All documents are available at www.wwtf.at

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