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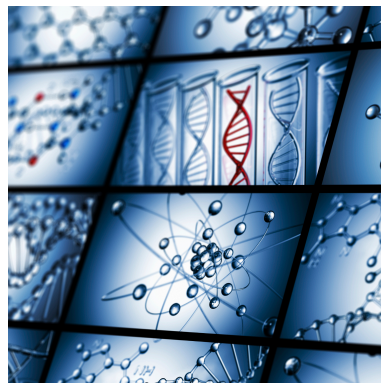
STRENGTHENING VIENNA'S EXCELLENCE IN RESEARCH

Agenda

►   Brief introduction WWTF

►   Details of the call **LS 2020**

►   Q & A

Brief introduction WWTF

WWTF: Distinctive features

► The only larger Austrian private non-profit organisation established to promote science and research

► Founded in 2001 | Funding since 2003: over 165 Mio. € 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

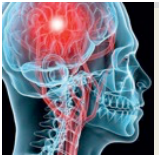# WWTF: Overview programmes and instruments

Thematic programmes

Life Sciences (*2003)

Information- and Communication Technology (*2008)

Cognitive Sciences (*2011)

Environmental Systems Research (*2017)

Instruments

Projects

Vienna Research Groups

Supplementing Measures

The frame of the current call

► Focus on long-term funding of Life Sciences in Vienna

► Regular competitive calls with thematic focus

Molecular Mechanisms and Methods	€ 15.5 Mio. | 29 funded projects	2003; 2005; 2009
Linking research and patients' needs	€ 15.6 Mio. | 23 funded projects	2007; 2011; 2018
Food and Nutrition	€ 3.0 Mio. | 8 funded projects	2012
New Ventures Beyond Established Frontiers	€ 5.1 Mio. | 7 funded projects	2013
Chemical Biology	€ 4.7 Mio. | 8 funded projects	2017
(Multimodal) Imaging	€ 8.5 Mio. | 14 funded projects	2014; 2019
Precision Medicine	€ 4.7 Mio. | 5 funded projects	2016; 2020

Details of the Call Life Sciences 2020

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Details of the current call – LS20

► 2 - stage selection process:

    ► Short proposal deadline: 02.04.2020

    ► Full proposal deadline: 06.08.2020

► Funding range: 200,000 € - 900,000 €

► 2 - 4 year research projects on cutting-edge research

► Total budget: 5 Mio €

Scope of the Precision Medicine call

► clear question in precision medicine

► projects based on omics technologies and patient cohorts

► focus on human-diseases

► go beyond basic biomedical research

► be hypothesis-driven

► lead to better diagnoses/prognoses of diseases & stratified therapeutic strategies

► improve the understanding mechanisms leading to diseases or of drug failure

► scientific and clinical competences in biology, medicine and systems biology

Scope of the Precision Medicine call

► high-quality omics data, functional data and/or imaging data should be integrated with system medicine approaches

► generation of new omics datasets, functional and/or imaging data must be justified.

► well-characterised patient cohorts is mandatory, (incl. solid sample size calculation and power analysis, and ethical approval)

► gender and sex related aspects should be considered

► if justified, the enlargement of existing patient cohorts can be funded

► prospective clinical investigator initiated drug trials will not be funded

WWTF Gender Policy

Our objectives are to:

► to implement gender-neutral processes

► raise awareness of gender bias (applicants, reviewers, panels)

► use evaluation criteria that account for career breaks and atypical career paths e.g. due to family circumstances

► encourage balanced teams & more female researchers to apply as PIs

► Inclusion of potential sex-specific or gender-related aspects in the respective parts of the proposal (details online)
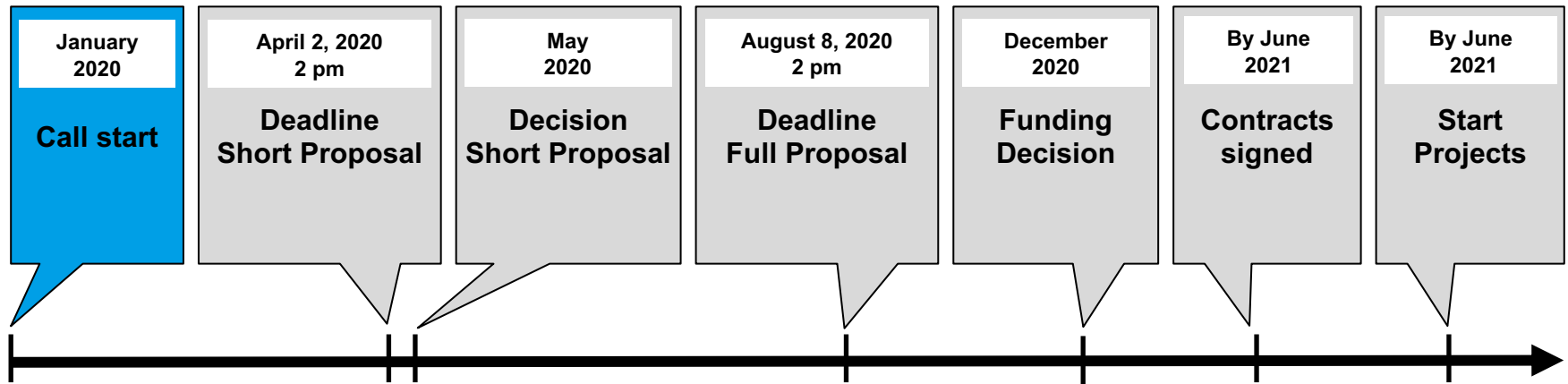
WWTF Projects

► Funding: € 200,000 – € 900,000 per project

► Up to 3 researchers per project core team (Short Proposal)

► One designated coordinator

► 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
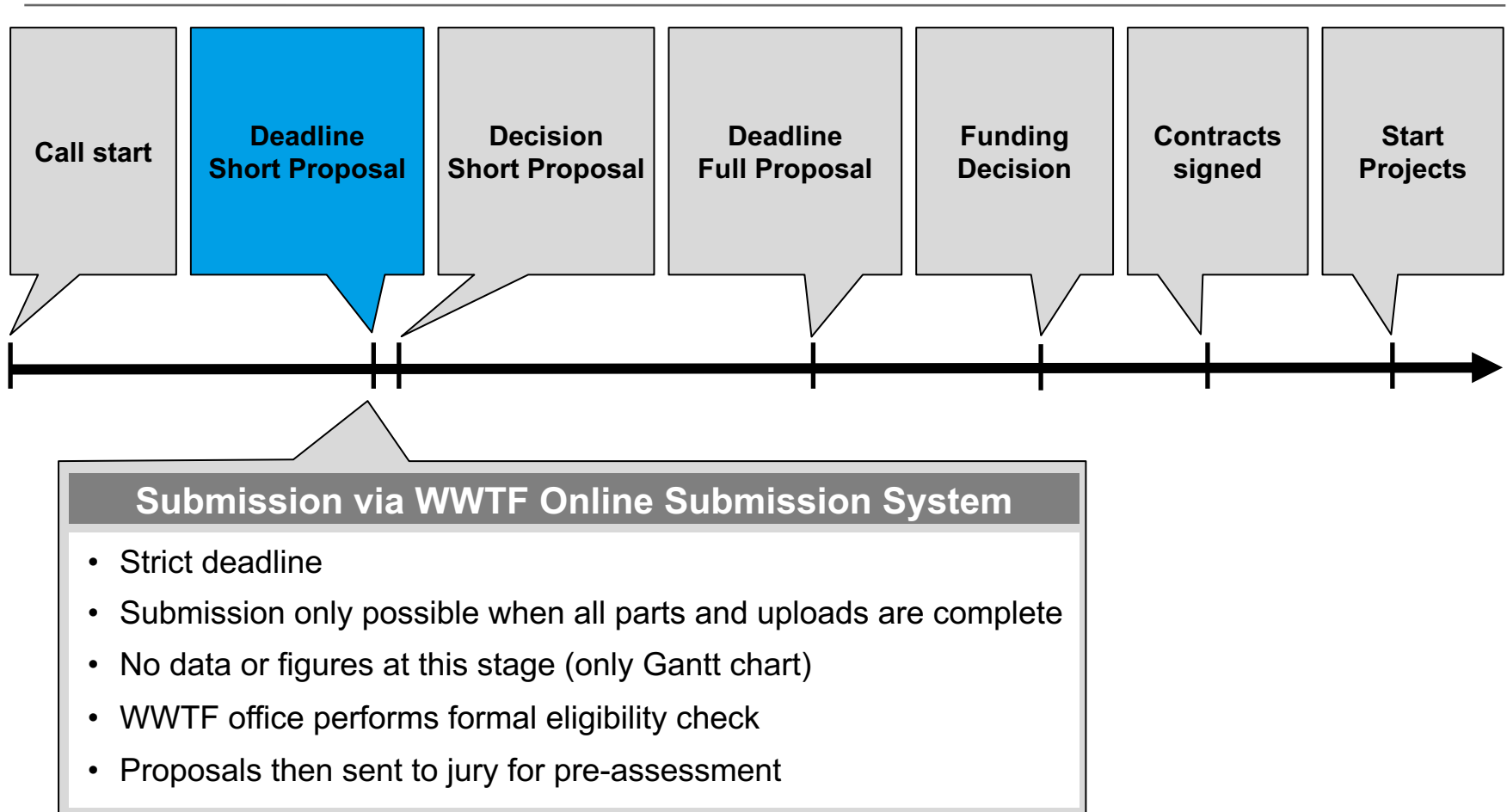
► A researcher can appear in two proposals at most

New: Joint Projects

► Collaboration between researchers in Vienna and Lower Austria on equal terms

   ► PI in Vienna, co-PI in Lower Austria

   ► Vienna: min. 51% budget

   ► Lower Austria: 20%-49% budget

   ► Optional: other partners up to 20% budget

► Funding: up to € 1,000,000 per project

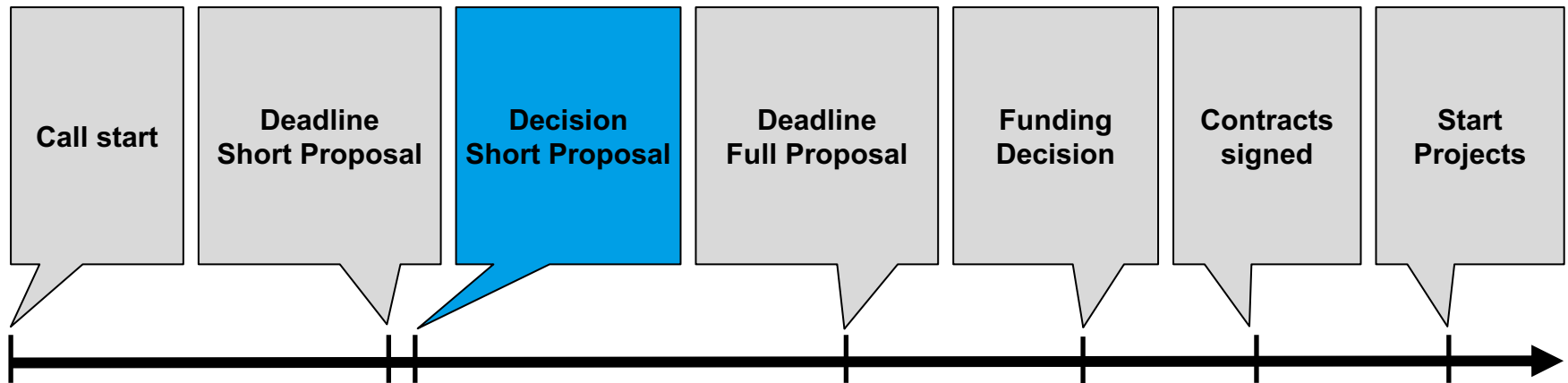► Regional branches of Viennese institutions located in Lower Austria are considered Viennese partners

Schedule & process of the current call

January 2020	April 2, 2020 2 pm	May 2020	August 8, 2020 2 pm	December 2020	By June 2021	By June 2021
Call start	**Deadline Short Proposal**	**Decision Short Proposal**	**Deadline Full Proposal**	**Funding Decision**	**Contracts signed**	**Start Projects**

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Submission via WWTF Online Submission System

- Strict deadline
- Submission only possible when all parts and uploads are complete
- No data or figures at this stage (only Gantt chart)
- WWTF office performs formal eligibility check
- Proposals then sent to jury for pre-assessment

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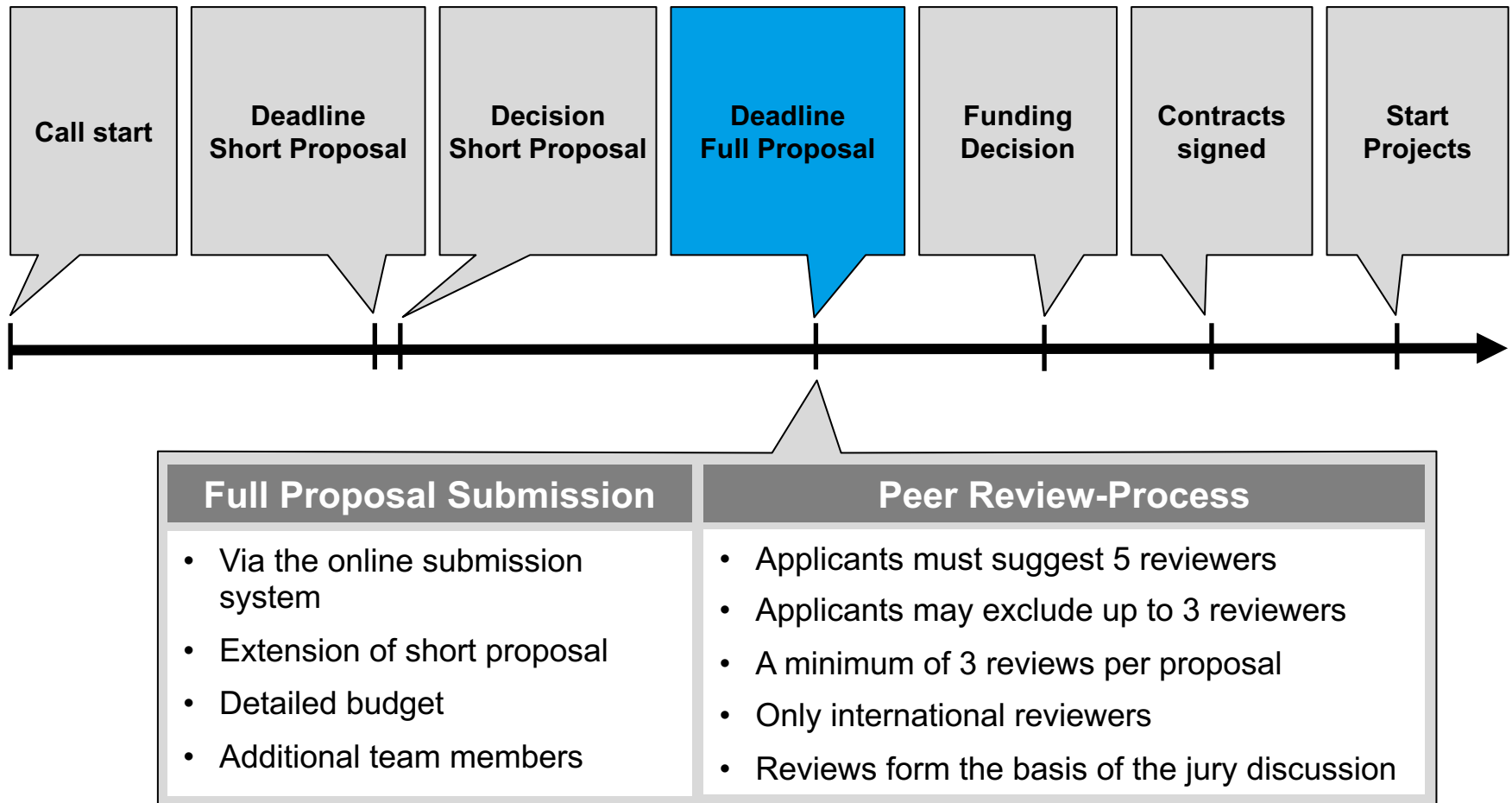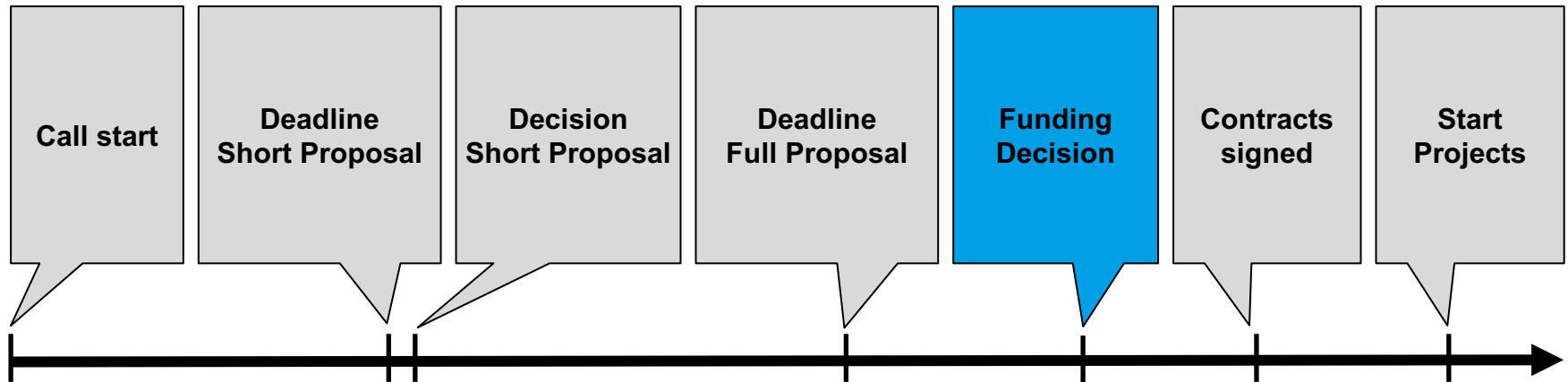| Call start | Deadline Short Proposal | Decision Short Proposal | Deadline Full Proposal | Funding Decision | Contracts signed | Start Projects |

Jury	Decision Short Proposal

• ~7 internationally renowned scientists with expertise relevant to the call
 	
Duties and responsibilities:
 	
  • Selection of short proposals for next stage
  • Recommend reviewers
  • Comparative assessment of the proposals and funding decision
	• 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.
	
	• Between 20-25 proposals invited to full proposal phase
	
	• Applicants will be informed immediately in both cases.

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Full Proposal Submission	Peer Review-Process
• Via the online submission system • Extension of short proposal • Detailed budget • Additional team members	• Applicants must suggest 5 reviewers • Applicants may exclude up to 3 reviewers • A minimum of 3 reviews per proposal • Only international reviewers • Reviews form the basis of the jury discussion

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Jury recommendation	Decision
Main evaluation criteria: • Scientific quality and innovativeness • Scope and relevance of the project • Appropriate approach to address clear research question • Feasibility of the working plan presented with Gantt-chart • Interdisciplinarity, collaboration, expertise and team composition • Consideration of sex-specific or gender-related aspects	• Formal decision by the board of directors • All applicants will receive a decision letter (rejections and acceptances) with anonymous reviews

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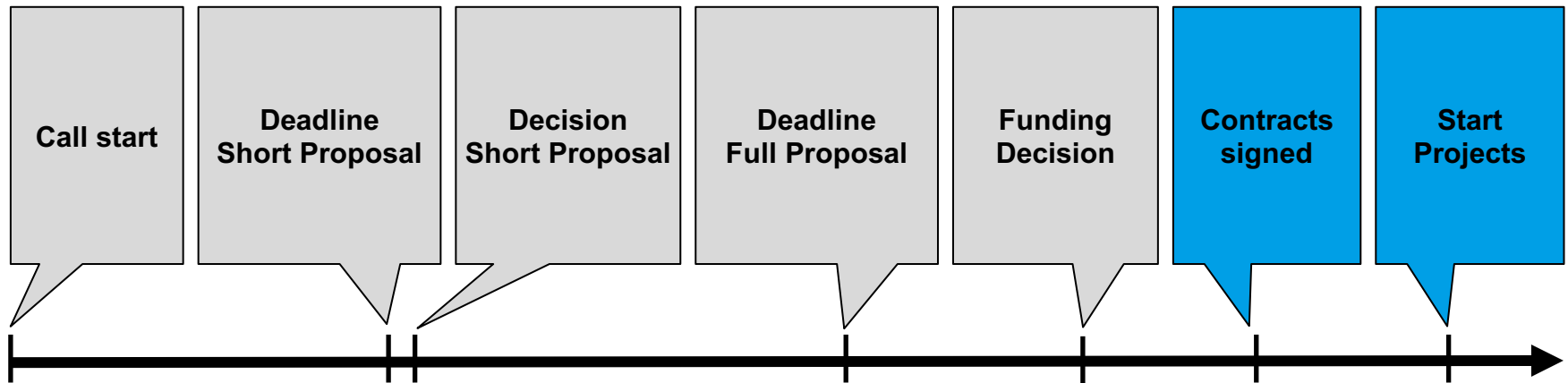
- Funding contract is between WWTF and the coordinator's host institution (according to § 27 of the 2002 University Law)
- Coordinator has scientific and financial responsibility for the project
- Project start by June 2021 at the latest

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 **8 parts:**

1	2	3
PI & Team Information	Basic Information	Project Summary

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► Introduction
► Objectives & hypotheses
► Expected results, novelty & relevance
► Methods & feasibility
► Role of team members & interdisciplinarity
► Key references

5	6	7	8
Gantt chart (PDF)	Ethical Aspects	Budget & Explanation	Affirmation/ Authorization

Submission system: Type of project

Is this a Joint Project with substantial funding going to partners in Lower Austria? *

○ Yes (Joint Project)
◉ No (WWTF Project)

WWTF Projects	Joint Projects

• Funding volume: max. **900,000** €
• PI in Vienna
• Budget distribution:
    • Vienna: min. 80%
    • Other (incl. Lower Austria): max. 20%
	• Funding volume: max. **1,000,000** €
	• PI in Vienna
	• At least 1 co-PI in **Lower Austria**
	• Budget distribution:
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	    • Lower Austria: 20%-49%
	    • Other: max 20%

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Submission system: Researcher's Information

Submission system: Basic Project Information

Basic Information

Project ID:	will be set automatically after submission
Project title: *	
Keywords: *	
Estimated duration in months: *	
Indicative budget: (in k€):	Will be calculated below

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Basic Information

Scientific disciplines relevant to the project: At least one category; sum must equal 100 %; Updated version of August 2019. *

Main scientific discipline: *	%	Other scientific discipline:	%	Other scientific discipline:	%
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Project Summary

Project summary * (up to 1500 characters including spaces)

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Submission system: Actual Short Proposal

4 Project proposal	► Introduction ► Objectives & hypotheses ► Expected results, novelty & relevance ► Methods & feasibility ► Role of team members & interdisciplinarity ► Key references

► Text box input fields, character number limited (incl. spaces)

► If applicable: Include sex-specific or gender-related aspects

► Keep applications short and precise

    ► use language aimed at the scientific community

    ► be ambitious

    ► in English

Submission system: Additional Information

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Gantt chart

► PDF upload, max. one page
► Include WP and responsibilities
► No data allowed

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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
► Refer to guide for details and deadlines

Submission system: Budget

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Budget

► 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 non-personnel costs (if these services cannot be provided with reasonable effort by the team)

► Non-personnel costs should not exceed 40% of the total budget

► Budget changes in the full proposal stage are permitted, but require an explanation
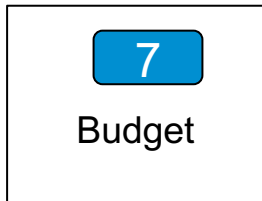
Cost Planning Tool

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Budget

► Spreadsheet download to help calculate the budget:

    ► Per institution and per year calculations

    ► Personnel costs

        ► in-kind and WWTF funding, use FTE/100% salary

        ► Includes automatic 3% annual salary increase

        ► WWTF policy regarding senior staff: up to 20% in case there is less than 40% basic institutional block funding

    ► Non-personnel costs (consumables, third-party services, travelling, publishing costs)

► *Do not submit the spreadsheet, but fill in the numbers online*

► *Insert numbers in **k€** (100.000 € = 100 k€)*

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Submission system: Budget

Budget

Institution	Personnel costs	Non-personnel costs	Total direct costs	Overheads	Funding applied for	% per institution
	0.00 k€	0.00 k€		0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 %
Total funding applied for per cost category	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	0.00 k€	
% of total direct costs	- %	- %				

Partner Institution(s)

add Partner Institution

Partner Institution 1

Partner institution: *	
Region *	Joint Project → ○ Vienna ○ Lower Austria ○ Other ○ Vienna ○ Other ← WWTF Project
Institute/department/group:	
Address:	
Zip code/city/country:	please choose ▼

► % personnel and non-personnel costs of total direct costs will be displayed

► % of budget per institution will be displayed

► Institutions of the Core Team are added automatically

► Up to 5 institutions in can be listed in total

Submission system: Budget per region

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Budget

► Budget per region

   ► Funding per region in k €

   ► % of budget per region will be displayed

WWTF Project

Budget per region

Region	Funding applied for	% per region
Vienna	0.00 k€	- %
Other	0.00 k€	- %

Joint Project

Budget per region

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Submission system: Budget

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Budget

► Explanation of cost planning:

    ► Describe main expenses planned within the project

Explanation of cost planning * (up to 750 characters including spaces)

Submission system: Signatures

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Affirmation/ Authorization

► Can be downloaded before the proposal is complete

► 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

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 in one PDF document)

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
N N	XXX	

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		*

save changes

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

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Submit!

The Online Submission System will close automatically

at 2pm on April 2, 2020

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