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All funding programmes presented in this newsletter are open to researchers from all scientific disciplines.

1. **FET Open: Future and Emerging Technologies – Challenging Current Thinking**

The FET open funding scheme is interesting for innovative and high-risk research projects from all disciplines.

Projects should have the following characteristics (FET “gatekeepers”):

- Radical vision (enabled by a new technology concept),
- Breakthrough technological target (as a first proof of concept),
- Ambitious interdisciplinary research (opening up new areas of investigation – aiming at disruptive innovations).

Consortia must include at least 3 organisations from 3 EU member states / associated countries.

**Funding**: up to 3 Mio. Euros

**Success rate (in 2018)**: 10.7%

**Next cut-off-date**: 13 May 2020
2. **Science with and for Society**

Science with and for Society (SwafS) is a work programme with a focus on the following thematic areas:

- Citizen science / science communication
- Skills development, including training in PhD programmes
- Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI)
- Gender equality plans, gender dimension in research.

The last calls of this programme in H2020 have a **deadline on 15 April 2020**.
For the specific topics, go to the EU Funding and Tenders Portal.

3. **ERC Consolidator Grants**

- Grant for individual researchers of any nationality with 7-12 years of experience since completion of PhD (extensions possible)
- Research project can be conducted at the University of Würzburg or at another research institution located in the EU / Associated countries
- Evaluation criterion: **scientific excellence** of researcher (publications, awards, patents...) and research project ("ground-breaking")

**Duration:** Up to 5 years  
**Funding:** 2 mio. € (+ 1 mio €)  
**Deadline:** 4 February 2020 (publication: 24 October 2019)


4. **Brexit: What does it mean for EU projects?**

The UK will leave the EU on 31 October 2019. What are the consequences for EU projects with UK partners?

- The UK government has committed to **guarantee funding** for all successful competitive UK bids to Horizon 2020 that are submitted before the UK leaves the EU, if there’s a no-deal Brexit. The guarantee also covers all successful competitive UK bids to Horizon 2020 calls open to third-country participation submitted between Brexit and the end of 2020.
- Both the guarantee and extension commit funding to UK Horizon 2020 participants for the **lifetime of projects**.
- Third Country participants in Horizon 2020 are eligible to coordinate projects. Therefore, collaborative projects can still have coordinators from the UK.
- In case there is a no-deal-Brexit, projects which require a minimum of 3 partners from the EU / Associated Countries will **not be eligible** if the consortium consists of only 3 entities including an organisation from the UK.
- Also, with a no-deal-Brexit, mono-beneficiary projects within the ERC or the MSCA funding scheme will **not be eligible**.

For up-to-date information, please go to [https://www.gov.uk/guidance/horizon-2020-funding-after-brexit](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/horizon-2020-funding-after-brexit)
5. **Register as an expert for EU proposals**

Researchers are invited to register as experts and to become evaluators of EU proposals. This is a good opportunity to acquire background knowledge about evaluation procedures and might help you to write better proposals!

This is where you can register: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/work-as-an-expert)

6. **Anbahnung internationaler Kooperationen: BayIntAn**

Die nächste Runde des Bayerischen Programms zur **Anschubfinanzierung internationaler Kooperationen** (BayIntAn) ist eröffnet.


**Maximale Fördersumme: 10.000 €**

**Deadline: 12. November 2019**

Alle Informationen zu den Voraussetzungen und zum Antrag: [https://www.bayfor.org/de/ueber-uns/unsere-aufgaben/anschubfinanzierung-bayintan.html](https://www.bayfor.org/de/ueber-uns/unsere-aufgaben/anschubfinanzierung-bayintan.html)

7. **Focus week young researchers: Input on ERC funding schemes**

As part of the „**Focus week young researchers**“ which will take place from October 7 – October 11, 2019, we will organise a session about the different ERC funding schemes:

- ERC Starting Grants
- ERC Consolidator Grants
- ERC Advanced Grants
- ERC Synergy Grants

Martin Winger from the KOWi (Kooperationsstelle EU der Wissenschaftsorganisationen, Brussels) will present the different programmes. You will also have the chance to get to know Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Kastenmüller, a successful ERC grantholder from our university, and to learn more about his experiences.

**Where and when:** Wednesday, 9 October, 10:30 – 12:30, Seminarraum 01.001, Campus Hubland-Nord, Building 21 (Graduate School of Life Sciences).