

New in this call

Call SI-JOINT 2020

Intervention types and runtime/budget

Taking into account the available budgets per country and the fact that only two activity years remain in this Five Year Programme 2017-2021, this call for proposals 2020 is only open for South Initiatives and JOINT projects with a max. runtime of 2 activity years (2020-2021).

This means: the call is not open for TEAM projects; JOINT projects are exceptionally limited in runtime (max. 2 years) and budget (€ 90.000).

Eligibility criteria

As to limit the number of proposals received and to give opportunities to as many applicants as possible, the following eligibility criteria are new in this call:

- Each promotor (Flemish or South) can submit only **one proposal** for this call
- A project that was not selected when introduced for the first time, can be **resubmitted** but explicit motivation is requested. This is no longer an eligibility criterion but the motivation is taken into account during the selection commission meetings.
- Only **13 countries** are eligible: Bolivia, Cambodia, DR Congo, Ecuador, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Peru, Philippines, South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania and Vietnam
- Eligibility criteria for the **local promoters** have been made explicit, next to the criteria at institutional level.
- The link with the country strategy is no longer an eligibility criterion, but is taken into account during the selection commission meetings

Selection

As for the available budget, this call for proposals is the last one foreseen for departmental projects within this FYP, therefore the objective is to fully allocate the **country budgets** indicated in the call. This differs from the situation last year, where the available regional budgets per commission were a limiting factor as they were not equal to the total per country in a region, since budget needed to be saved for the following (2020) call for proposals.

Peer review

As this call is not open for TEAM projects, there are no peer reviews foreseen.

Background documents (not new, but explanatory note)

- **Updated flash cards** for the **transversal and priority themes** have been added to the **formulation guidelines**, background document 1. They provide basic information on the themes, a motivation to integrate them into projects, examples and questions for reflection, tools and the contact person at VLIR-UOS.
- **For each country eligible for this call**, the different background documents (country strategy, JSF, link between them) have been integrated into **one single document** (see background documents 7-19). These country specific background documents include:
 - Basic information from the **country strategy** (thematic, regional, institutional focus). Partner list information for all the countries has been made available in the ICOS-checklist.
 - A table which **links** the thematic areas from the country strategy with the **Joint Strategic Framework**
 - A table with per **Belgian ANGC** a short description of the activities in the country, the name(s) of the local partners(s) and the region(s) where the ANGC is active. Every ANGC was also asked to list a number of research themes/questions that can be addressed by a higher education/ research institute in the framework of a new South Initiative or JOINT project. The contact person of the organization is also listed (with email address as hyperlink).
- **Scholarship guidelines**: please take note that the scholarships guidelines were revised. The budget formats were already adapted accordingly. For local per diem amounts please check the updates guidelines document on the website. The links are included in the call document.