Information session

Call TEAM-SI-JOINT 2019

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1. Intro VLIR-UOS
Flemish Interuniversity Council (VLIR) – University Cooperation for Development (UOS)

VLIR-UOS created in 1998 under the umbrella of the Flemish Interuniversity Council

Funded by the Belgian minister for Development Cooperation

Average annual budget of € 32 million (as from 2017 within context of a five-year programme)
VLIR-UOS supports partnerships between universities and university colleges in Flanders and the South looking for innovative responses to global and local challenges.
research projects

scholarships

institutional strengthening

=>

social impact
VLIR-UOS cooperation model

- From conceptual framework to projects / scholarships
  - Annual calls for proposals
  - Competitive selection by regional commissions
  - Selection criteria
    - 6 OECD/DAC criteria, with specific focus on:
      - Fit within country strategy
      - Complementarity, synergy
      - Transversal themes: gender, environment, D4D, ...
2. New formal framework
Reform indirect development cooperation

- Royal Decree 2014 and reform De Croo (Law and Royal Decree 2016)
  - Result based management (indicators)
    - focus on results (rather than activities and outputs) and impact
  - Risk management
  - Transversal themes
  - Country programmes, 5-YP
  - Synergy and complementarity with Belgische actors (of indirect development cooperation)
21 country programmes (2017-2021)
Based on country strategies

- Framework for cooperation
- Strategic Niche where South and North expertise/cooperation interest meet
- New: link with other Belgian actors (complementarity & synergy)
Levels of cooperation

country / region

institution

department

individual
3. Call TEAM-SI-JOINT: General framework
## VLIR-UOS portfolio – South (New)

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<td>JOINT</td>
<td><strong>Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking:</strong></td>
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<td>• Synergy starting from VLIR-UOS partner universities and possibly also other parties (Projects of max. 3 years)</td>
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<td>• Multiplication, joint learning, exchange, synergies and networking</td>
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<td>• Multiple partner universities at national/international scale</td>
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<td>NETWORK</td>
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Characteristics TEAM-SI

- **Departmental level** projects – collaboration between researchers/lecturers from HEIs in VLIR-UOS partner countries and Flemish universities/university colleges

- Focus on **specific developmental problems**

- Strengthening the research and education capacity of (a) partner institution(s) in the South; knowledge generation and exchange

- **TEAM**: more deepened, often more scientific cooperation as compared to South Initiatives, also 4 as compared to 2 years;

- **TEAM**: submission (North) only via Flemish universities
Different types of South Initiatives

- **Seed** money
- **Harvest** money
- **Stand-alone** projects
- **Specific for university colleges** (NEW):
  - Practice-based research
  - Educational development
Objectives (Outcome & impact)

• Improved research practices
• Improved education practices
• Knowledge generated and exchanged (guaranteeing uptake by stakeholders)

(Outcome level)

→ Contribute to developmental change
(Impact level)
Definition JOINT

- Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking
- Initiated at department level
- Starting from synergies and networking opportunities between VLIR-UOS projects at the national and/or international level
- Cross-fertilisation of ideas
- Focus is rather on exchange, multiplication, mutual learning than scientific excellence
- Crosscutting support in ICT/education/English
JOINT – Eligibility South

✔ Builds on past VLIR-UOS cooperation => Lead partner institution in the South = current or former partner institution of a VLIR-UOS south project (IUC, TEAM, South Initiatives or RIP)

✔ At least 2 HEIs in the South participate (the 2nd partner can also be a non VLIR-UOS HE partner institute)

• Other HE institutes can be added: often 3-4
• Third parties can also be involved but are not ‘contracted’
| **Budget:** | South Initiatives: Max. € 70,000 per project  
TEAM: Max. € 280,000 per project  
JOINT: Max. € 135,000 per project |
| **Duration:** | South Initiatives: max. 2 years  
TEAM: max. 4 years  
JOINT: max. 3 years |
| **Countries call 2019:** | Africa: DR Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Morocco, South Africa, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda; Asia: Cambodia, Indonesia (only SI and JOINT), Philippines (only SI and JOINT) and Vietnam; Latin America: Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Nicaragua (only SI and JOINT), Peru, |
Eligibility of applicants

Flemish applicants

- **TEAM**: professors at a Flemish university
- **South Initiatives**: professors from a Flemish university and lecturers with tenure from a university college
- **JOINT**: in case of technical projects (ICT, library, ...) these can also be submitted by technical staff from Flemish universities
Eligibility of local institutions

Local partner institutions
- Recognised higher education institution
- Public (non-profit) research institute

- Limited list of partner institutions for some countries
- Is no longer an eligibility criterion
- Motivation needed when other partner institution
Eligibility of former IUC partner universities

- All interventions are open again, also TEAM and SI
- Before TEAM/SI only with other subjects/departments and now open again, however:
  - Clear explanation on added value of this new cooperation project, in particular if continuation with same departments
- Fits well into JOINT: building on previous cooperation
Eligibility of ongoing IUC partner universities

- JOINT open

- Ongoing institutional-wide IUC (above €450,000/year): only eligible as supporting partner in TEAM/SI

- Ongoing IUCs with targeted cooperation of max. €450,000/year: non involved departments are eligible for SI
  
  ✓ Specific attention for synergies and complementarities with other Belgian ANGC
Eligibility of NETWORKS

• NETWORK coordinating universities
  ✓ Only TEAM/SI which are outside the NETWORK overarching themes and not submitted by the lead research departments in a Network

• NETWORK support universities
  ✓ Support partners in the NETWORK can present TEAM/SI but should also prove complementarity rather than overlap
Thematic areas / Strategies

• **Fit with VLIR-UOS country strategies**
  ✓ Thematic focus areas per country
  ✓ Partner institutions, country-specific guidelines

• **Align with Joint Strategic Framework**
  ✓ Guiding document to identify possibilities for synergies and complementarities with other Belgian non-state actors
  ✓ See next presentation
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## Budget for this call

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<td>TOTAL</td>
<td>6.900.000 (subject to eventual budget cuts)</td>
<td>Depends on quality SI, TEAM, JOINT, but about 40 projects can be expected</td>
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Limits per country

- **Indicative budget per commission**

- Ranking taking into account the maximum per country (= programming budget for the remaining part of the FYP)

- For some countries this will lead to full use of the remaining budget, others will not be filled out
4. New in this call
Reform - how implemented into our system of project calls

- Royal Decree => Renewed M&E approach
- Theory of Change concept
- Adapted formats with better formulation and follow-up of results, indicators
- Risk management & follow-up
- Specific attention for synergy & complementarity and transversal themes
- Country budgets: filled based on selections
- Revised intervention types
  - No more NSS, ICT, .. => JOINT
  - SI with university colleges: 2 specific categories
New in this Call 2019

- **Update** of the Call document, formats and guidelines

- **1 background document per country:**
  - Information on the country strategy, link with Belgian non-governmental actors (NGAs) and their local counterparts

- **Important changes in the eligibility criteria:**
  - a promotor (South/North) can submit up to maximum two project proposals in this call;
  - a project proposal which was submitted in a previous call (and did not make the selection) can be resubmitted not more than two times.

- The peer review system for TEAM projects has been revised
Adapted Selection Commissions

• 4 Regional selection commissions
  1. Africa commission Great Lakes
  2. Africa commission 2
  3. Latin America commission
  4. Asia commission

• 6 Selection criteria
  1. Scientific quality
  2. Relevance
  3. Effectiveness
  4. Efficiency
  5. Impact
  6. Sustainability
5. Application modalities
Application modalities

• Deadline
  • Submission to ICOS: 17 May 2018, by Flemish promoter (modalities internal deadline per association to be checked with ICOS)
  • Submission to VLIR-UOS: 7 June 2018, by ICOS

• Mandatory formats
  • Project proposal
  • Logical framework/ Operational plan/ Risk Management Matrix
  • Budget proposal
  • CVs
  • Written confirmation of local co-promoters (if relevant, in particular important for JOINT and also for a number of twinning projects (TEAM/SI))

• Online submission - data.vliruos.be
Peer review – only for TEAM

• Only for TEAM

System has changed
• Applicant indicates 6 potential peer reviewers in a list (format made available)
• VLIR-UOS contacts the peer reviewer directly. No follow-up by applicant.
# TEAM-SI-JOINT 2019 – indicative

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