Information session
Call SI-JOINT 2020

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1. Intro VLIR-UOS
FLANDERS
BELGIUM

5 universities
13 university colleges

Ghent University
University of Antwerp
Hasselt University
KU Leuven
Vrije Universiteit Brussel
VLIR-UOS supports partnerships between universities and university colleges in Flanders and the South looking for innovative responses to global and local challenges.
Projects -> social impact

- Scholarships
- Strengthening higher education
VLIR-UOS cooperation model

- peer-to-peer cooperation between academics
- academic capacity building for development
- competitive calls for project proposals
  - Competitive selection by regional commissions
  - Set of standard selection criteria
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
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
  - Transversal themes
  - Country programmes, 5-YP
  - **Synergy and complementarity** with Belgian actors of indirect development cooperation (ANGC)
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
2. Call SI-JOINT:

General framework
Partner countries

Africa
Burundi
DR Congo
Ethiopia
Kenya
Morocco
Mozambique
Rwanda
Tanzania
Uganda
South Africa

Asia
Cambodia
Philippines
Indonesia
Vietnam

Lat.-Am.
Bolivia
Cuba
Ecuador
Nicaragua
Peru
Suriname

Eligible call 2020

Africa
DR Congo
Kenya
Morocco
Rwanda
Tanzania
South Africa

Asia
Cambodia
Philippines
Indonesia
Vietnam

Lat.-Am.
Bolivia
Ecuador
Peru
Characteristics departmental projects

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

- Focus on **specific developmental problems**

- **Types within VLIR-UOS portfolio:**
  - South Initiatives: max 2 years, €70,000
  - JOINT: for this call also max. 2 years, €90,000
  - TEAM: not eligible in this call!
Objectives (Outcome & impact)

• Improved research practices
• Improved education practices
• Knowledge generated and exchanged (creating the conditions for uptake by stakeholders)

(Outcome level)

→ Contribute to developmental change
(impact level)
South Initiatives: different ‘types’

- **Seed** money: explorative nature
- **Harvest** money: harvesting on past collaborations
- **Stand-alone** projects

- Specific focus **university colleges**:
  - Practice-based research
  - Educational development
JOINT projects

• Joint (Inter)national Academic Networking
• Academic exchange and networking in a broad national or international context

• Multiplication, mutual learning, exchange rather than scientific excellence

• Also ‘crosscutting themes: ICT/research based educational practices/ academic English
JOINT projects (2)

✓ Builds on past VLIR-UOS cooperation
✓ Starting from synergies and networking opportunities between VLIR-UOS projects

✓ 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 VLIR-UOS partner countries
✓ 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’
Who can submit projects?

Eligibility of Flemish applicants

- a ‘ZAP’ member with tenure at a Flemish university or with an equivalent position;
- a professor/lecturer with tenure at a Flemish university college
- have permission from his/her university or university college to enter into financial undertakings on behalf of the institution;
- have the appropriate competence to supervise the project;
- be affiliated with the institution at least as long as the duration of the project.
- **JOINT**: in case of technical projects (ICT, library, ...) these can also be submitted by technical staff (ATP) from Flemish universities, considering the requested backing from their institutions as indicated above.
Eligibility at local level

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

Local applicants
• have permission from his/her university or university college to enter into financial undertakings on behalf of the institution;
• have the appropriate competence to supervise the project;
• be affiliated with the institution at least as long as the duration of the project.
New: 1 proposal per applicant

Flemish/local applicants

• 1 project proposal per promoter

• There are no limits to re-submission of proposals
Eligibility of ongoing IUC partner universities

- JOINT open

- Ongoing IUCs with budgets above €350,000/year: only eligible as supporting partner

- Ongoing smaller scale IUCs with max. €350,000/year: only non involved departments are eligible for SI
  - Specific attention for synergies and complementarities with other Belgian ANGC
Eligibility of former IUC partner universities

- JOINT: yes, builds on current/previous cooperation
- SI: yes, open again as of IUC Phase Out

- Clear explanation on added value of the newly proposed project is requested, in particular if continuation with same departments
Eligibility of NETWORKS

- NETWORK coordinating universities
  - Only SI which are outside the NETWORK Specific Objectives and not submitted by the lead research departments in a Network

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

• **Fit with VLIR-UOS country strategies**
  ✓ Thematic focus areas per country
  ✓ Partner institutions (not an eligibility criterion), country-specific guidelines

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

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<th>Intervention type</th>
<th>Budget in EUR</th>
<th>Indicative Number of projects</th>
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<td>Depends on quality SI, JOINT, but about 60 projects can be expected</td>
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<td>Countries (per region)</td>
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Selection per regional commission / Limits per country

- Remaining budget per country
  - Quality prevails but the ranking of proposals will be matched with the remaining budget per country

- If for some countries the budget is not filled because of quality gaps or small saldi remain, this will lead to the possibility of taking on board reserve projects (outside the country budget range)

- A commission will make sure that a ranking for reserve projects (outside the country budget range) within the regional commission budgets is provided

- The Bureau UOS will take the final policy decision with regard to:
  - eventual surpassing of country budgets
  - applying the policy decision with regard to proposals from Flemish university colleges
3. Application modalities
Application modalities

- **Deadline**
  - Online submission - [data.vliruos.be](http://data.vliruos.be)
  - Submission to ICOS: **14 May 2019**, by Flemish promoter
    (modalities internal deadline per association to be checked with ICOS)
  - Submission to VLIR-UOS (via database): **4 June 2019**, by ICOS

- **Formats:** next presentation
# SI-JOINT 2020 – timeline

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