

PSP Information session

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ARES

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Introduction

For the Minister and the cabinet

- The Policy Supporting Programme delivers research output on specific themes of interest to the Belgian development cooperation on demand of the Belgian government.
- The goal of PSP is to **deepen the knowledge** on these themes.

For the HEIs

- Enabling the academic world to create, deepen, and expand scientific knowledge through exchange with policymakers and field experts with real **impact on society**.
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Some highlights



- Based on lessons learned from previous programmes
- 4,5 years duration of the project

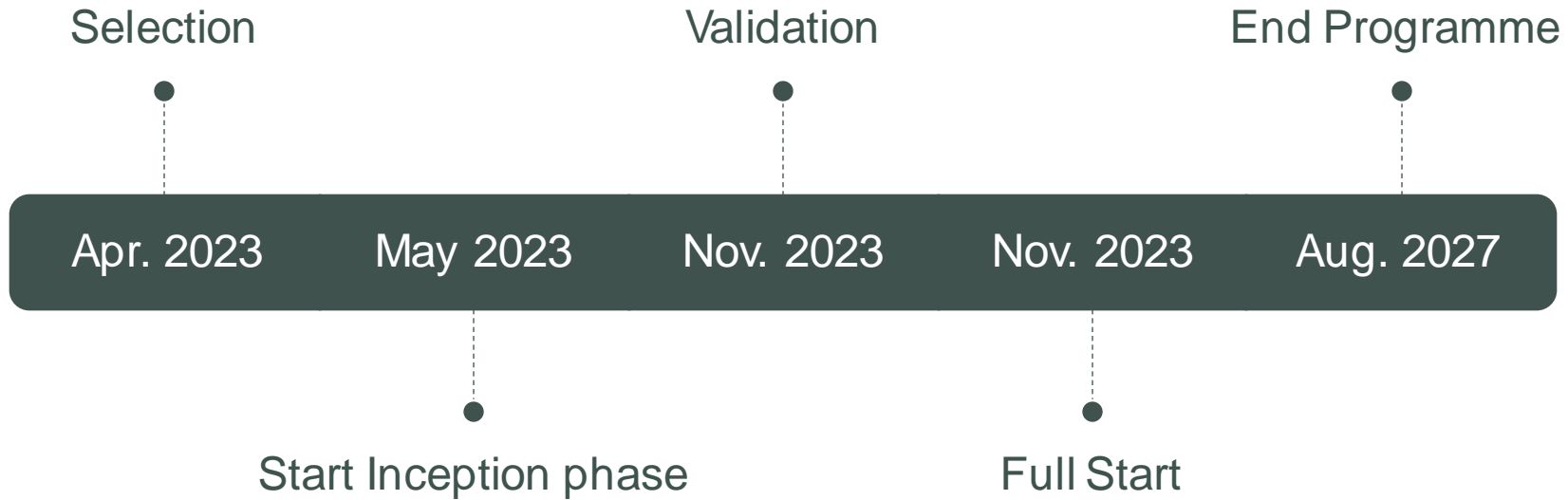


- Priority themes defined by DGD
- Diversity in terms of types of cooperation and deliverables expected



- Co-creation – equal partnerships
- Gender-balanced and diverse research teams

The different phases



Different teams

Core Group:

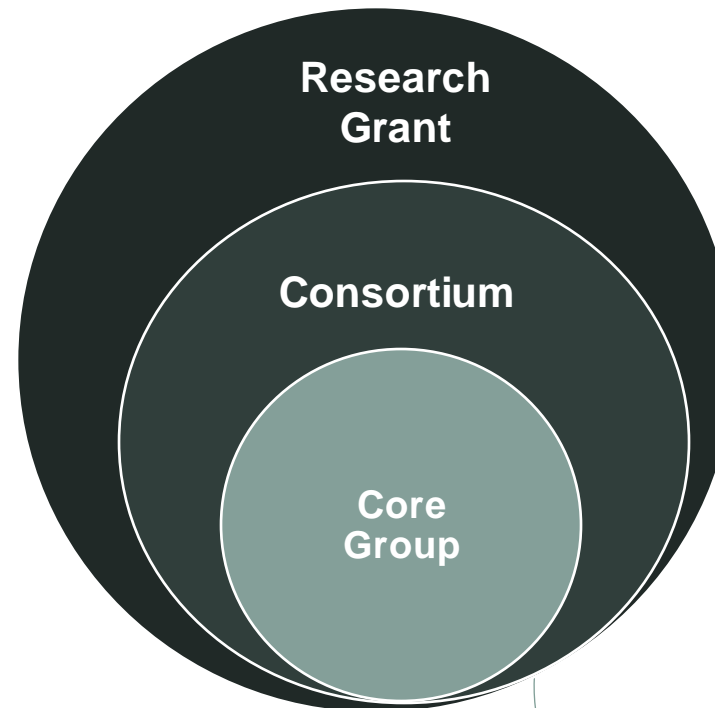
- Contracted for inception phase and full implementation

Consortium:

- A broader consortium per theme
- Presented as part of fully fledged proposal

Research Grant

- New needs/questions of DGD
- Allowing flexibility



Inception Phase

Inception phase leading to the final contract

The aim of this **intense exchange** is to:

- 1) clearly define the expectations, priorities, and realistic possibilities from the beginning, starting from and elaborating on the ToR, as defined by DGD;
- 2) build constructive relationships between DGD and the research teams, and among the experts within the diverse research teams;
- 3) establish a broader consortium to implement the PSP project;
- 4) develop implementation mechanisms & design a solid uptake approach.

Consultation session on a **monthly basis** is crucial.

In parallel : ARES, VLIR-UOS and DGD decide on further implementation of the programme (e.g. budget allocation, partition within joint programme,...)

Budget

- Total budget : 4.000.000 EUR
- Indicative budget : 1.330.000 EUR per group
- Budget for the 4,5-year project : based on a daily fee
- A maximum of 50% of the budget to be spent by a HEI in a **partner country**
- In **Belgium**, equilibrated teams and repartition of the indicative budget at the end of the inception phase: A balanced partition (50%-50% ideally) will be aimed between FWB and Flemish institutions.

Inception phase	€ 50,000
Year 1 (09/2023 – 08/2024)	€ 320,000
Year 2 (09/2024 – 08/2025)	€ 320,000
Year 3 (09/2025 – 08/2026)	€ 320,000
Year 4 (09/2026 – 08/2027)	€ 320,000
TOTAL	€ 1,330,000

Eligibility: Core group

Research output on themes of interest of DGD

- 1 promoter from Flemish HEI
- 1 promoter from FWB HEI
- 1 promoter from partner institution



Relevant expertise



Capacity to mobilise network



Capability to generate change and impact

Eligibility: Partner country

- Location of institution
- Domicile of expert

	ARES	VLIR-UOS	DGD
Benin			
Bolivia			
Burkina Faso			
Burundi			
Cambodia			
Cameroon			
Cuba			
DR Congo			
Ecuador			
Ethiopia			
Guinea			
Haiti			
Indonesia			
Kenya			
Madagascar			
Mali			
Morocco			
Mozambique			
Niger			
Palestine			
Peru			
Philippines			
Rwanda			
Senegal			
South Africa			
Tanzania			
Uganda			
Vietnam			

Application & Submission modalities

Concept note

- Respect provided formats
- Presentation of core group
- Strategy for *inception phase*
- Strategy for uptake of research results
- Activity planning & indicative budget for *inception phase*



Selection

Selection criteria	Definition
Relevance and coherence	The extent to which the concept note responds to the needs and priorities (relevance) of DGD and fits within the programme objectives and the broader context (coherence).
Quality of project design	The extent to which the concept note presents a convincing project strategy .
Implementation set-up	The extent to which the concept note presents a strong plan and partnership for the execution of the project.
Potential impact	The extent to which the project is likely to produce positive long-term effects (impact).

- Eligibility check (March 2023)
- Selection commission (beginning of April 2023, tbc)



Selection: Full-fledged proposal

- A revised 4-year workplan and budget, including clear priorities and key deliverables
 - A detailed work plan for year 1
 - A presentation of the consortium
 - A presentation of the steering committee
 - An operationalised approach to mobilise and involve new researchers
 - A comprehensive uptake strategy
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Application & Submission modalities

a) Support

- ARES/VLIR-UOS: Selection process, budget, contracting, follow-up
- DGD: Themes and ToR

b) Submission

- Concept note (in right format) sent by e-mail by **March 14th**, 17h00 (CET)
- Only by one of the Belgian promoters

Three thematic areas



Climate & Environment



Fragility and Resilience



**Social protection, Inequality
and Inclusive Growth**

Timing

PSP 2023-2027 Timeline



Q&A

