



**KORANET**  
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**with the European Research Area**

**Pilot Joint Call on**  
**“Research for Life-Long Health”**

**CALL TEXT**

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**Websites:**

<http://www.koranet.eu> (for Call Text and Guidelines for Applicants)

<http://www.ptoutline.de/koranet> (for online proposal submission)

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# 1. Background and objectives of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call

## 1.1. The KORANET project

The **KORANET project** is an ERA-NET funded by the European Commission under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP7) from 2009 to 2012 (4 years).

The overall aim of KORANET is to strengthen the research partnership between Europe and Korea. This will be achieved through the preparation of several analytical reports and foresight studies on S&T cooperation with Korea, the implementation of joint funding (joint calls) as well as jointly organised S&T events such as workshops and conferences addressing different topics.

The KORANET project is targeted at national and international stakeholders at policy and programme level, the research community and industry. 11 partner institutions from 9 European countries and Korea participate in the KORANET project.

For more information on KORANET and the various project activities please check out the project website at <http://www.koranet.eu>.

## 1.2. The KORANET Pilot Joint Call on 'Research for Life-Long Health'

The aim of the **KORANET Pilot Joint Call** for research projects is to pave the way for long-lasting cooperation between researchers from the European Research Area and Korea through the following activities:

- Enhancing bi-regional communication and bi-regional cooperation
- Increasing and developing high quality research networking between researchers
- Developing new partnerships and strengthening existing ones
- Exchanging existing knowledge and creating new knowledge
- Providing a mechanism for future extended projects of Euro-Korean cooperation

Transnational research projects will be funded, providing for mobility (travel costs and living expenses), smaller scientific events and other costs. The KORANET Pilot Joint Call targets existing research contacts between Europe and Korea in order to prepare (further) joint projects as well as new cooperations between European and Korean researchers.

During the past decades, both Europe and Korea have faced drastic changes in their demographic profile due to an ever-increasing ageing population. The ageing of population represents one of the most significant political, social and scientific challenges of the modern society. Therefore, the study of this phenomenon is vital, not only because it relates to the quality of life of older people, but also because of its implications for the society and its services.

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call aims at bringing together European and Korean scientists to do joint research on the topic of '**Life-Long Health**'. This topic should be approached from a multi- and interdisciplinary point of view in order to ensure optimum synergies and networking options. Project proposals from all kinds of disciplines are welcome as long as they **target the current constraints on the quality of life of the elderly in our society and help them enjoy a better quality of life as they are getting older. Interdisciplinary projects** are strongly encouraged.

Proposals should be submitted in the field of 'Research for Life-Long Health', focussing on:

1. Health (Gerontology, Medicine, Genetics, Biology)

2. Technology (Biotechnology, ICT, Engineering, Material Science, Robotics, Nanotechnologies)
3. Social Sciences (Sociology, Political Sciences, Demography, Statistics, Psychology, Economics)

## 2. Participating countries

The following five countries have agreed to open the KORANET Pilot Joint Call for funding research projects in the field of '**Research for Life-Long Health**':

- **Austria** - Federal Ministry of Science and Research (BWF)
- **France** - Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs (MAEE), National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)
- **Germany** - Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBWF)
- **Korea** - Ministry of Education, Science and Technology (MEST)
- **Turkey** - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)

Only researchers based in those five countries are eligible for funding through the KORANET Pilot Joint Call.

## 3. Funding scheme

Within the framework of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call, funding can be applied for:

- **Travel costs:** Within a project each funding party covers the travel costs of its own researchers. The final calculation and reimbursement will be done according to national regulations of the respective funding parties.
- **Living expenses:** The living expenses for the exchange of researchers remain in the responsibility of the respective national funding party. The maximum stay of researchers in another country is governed by national regulations.
- **Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events:** Expenses for the organisation of small workshops or conferences with a scientific objective (including the invitation of external experts) will also be covered.
- **Other smaller costs:** Consumables and small equipment and subcontracting (for example for the fabrication of samples at a specialised facility) if its need is demonstrated, overheads and VAT shall be handled according to national rules. According to existing national regulations other costs may make up a maximum of 7-10 % of the full project budget.

The level of the funding may be up to **20.000 € per country**. The maximum number of project partners per project proposal is restricted to 5. No more than 2 project partners may come from the same country.

In case two project partners of a proposal are from the same country, they may together request up to a maximum of 20.000 €. In case more than one researcher participating in a project proposal is from the same research institution, they are together considered as one project partner.

All budget items of the individual proposals must conform to the national rules relevant for each project partner (see Annex 3). All project partners are advised to contact their KORANET National Contact Point (see Annex 1) for further information on the applicable national rules.

The **overall budget** of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call is **925.000 €** in a **virtual common pot**. For an overview of the individual national contributions assigned to the KORANET Pilot Joint Call by each funding party see Annex 2.

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call follows the **juste retour principle**, which means that national contributions to the virtual common pot will be assigned to project partners of that respective country only (in accordance with the national regulations). This should be taken into account when project consortia are formed.

Funding will be provided for the **duration of a maximum of one year**. Projects should start in **September 2010**.

## 4. Funding recipients

Proposals may be submitted by public legal RTD (Research and Technology Development) entities, higher education institutions and/or non-university research establishments. SMEs and industries may not apply.

Projects have to involve at least **two European partners from two different European countries participating in the KORANET Pilot Joint Call (Germany, Austria, France and Turkey) and one Korean partner**.

The number of project partners should be appropriate for the aims of the research project and reasonably balanced in terms of national participation. Each project should clearly demonstrate the added value from working together.

A researcher may participate in only one project proposal. Projects including women and young researchers as applicants are encouraged.

National specifications regarding eligibility and covered costs are listed in Annex 3 of this document. For detailed information you should contact your National Contact Point (contact details in Annex 1).

A researcher/researchers from non-funding KORANET partner countries may participate as partners in a research project if they secure their own funding from other sources. Their participation and their secured funding need to be confirmed through signing a Letter of Commitment to be submitted in online with the proposal.

**Applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their intentions and confirm eligibility with their respective National Contact Point before submitting a proposal.**

## 5. Proposal submission

Project proposals are to be submitted electronically using the **PT-Outline webtool** which is accessible directly at <http://www.ptoutline.de/koranet> or through a link given at the KORANET website (<http://www.koranet.eu>).

Each project consortium has to choose a **Project Coordinator** from among all partners of the respective project. The Project Coordinator may come from either a European country participating in the KORANET Pilot Joint Call or Korea. **Only one proposal per project** should be submitted using PT-Outline. The Project Coordinator is responsible for submitting the proposal on behalf of its project consortium. The other project partners should not submit additional proposals for the same project. The responsibilities of the Project Coordinator are to keep the other project partners updated on the submission process, to ensure the internal management and coordination of the project consortium and to constitute the main contact for the KORANET Pilot Joint Call Secretariat.

All proposals must be in **English**.

The PT-Outline electronic template consists of four pages (General information, Project coordinator, Project partners and Project description) that need to be filled-in online. In

addition, a word document has to be downloaded from the Project description page of PT-Outline, filled-in with the requested information, converted to PDF format and then uploaded again.

The Project description document should contain the following information:

<p><b>0. Basic project data</b>          Project title          Project Acronym          Name and institution of the Principal Investigator          Names and institutions of other project partners</p> <p><b>1. Project description</b>          1.1 Short abstract of the project          1.2 Objectives of the project          1.3 Scientific excellence          1.4 Transnational added value          1.5 Scientific excellence of applicants          1.6 Multi-/interdisciplinarity of the project</p> <p><b>2. Work plan</b>          2.1 Methodology          2.2 Envisaged types of activities          2.3 Involvement of each partner          2.4 Time plan          2.5 Project coordination and management</p> <p><b>3. CVs of participating researchers and scientific track-record</b></p> <p><b>4. Letter of Commitment</b> ensuring the funding of those project partners from KORANET Pilot Joint Call <b>non-funding countries</b> (only if necessary)</p>
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Proposals must clearly demonstrate the **added value of transnational collaboration**.

All information inserted into the PT-Outline webtool is saved after having clicked on the "SAVE" button at the bottom of each page.

During the proposal submission phase, it is allowed to replace already registered and eligible project partners, or to add project partners to the consortium. Please note that after the binding submission of a proposal (through clicking on the 'SUBMIT NOW' button in PT-Outline) no further changes can be made to your proposal.

More information on how to submit a proposal with PT-Outline can be found in the Section 1 of the **Guidelines for Applicants**.

**Indicative timetable**

<b>Publication of the Call for Proposals</b>	<b>8 February – 2 April 2010</b>
<b>Deadline for proposal submission</b>	<b>2 April 2010, 05.00 p.m. GMT (12.00 p.m. Korean time)</b>
<b>Eligibility check and peer review</b>	<b>April - June 2010</b>
<b>Funding decision</b>	<b>July/August 2010</b>
<b>Start of projects</b>	<b>September 2010</b>

## 6. Evaluation

The evaluation process includes the following steps.

### 6.1. Eligibility check

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call Secretariat and the KORANET National Contact Points will check the eligibility of all submitted proposals taking into consideration the general KORANET criteria and the individual national criteria respectively.

The following **general eligibility criteria** will be checked:

- Appropriate length of the proposal
- Inclusion of all necessary information in English
- Eligibility of the Project Coordinator
- Eligibility of the other project partners (in case the Project Coordinator or a project partner is rejected in the eligibility check, the whole proposal will be rejected)
- Participation of researchers from a minimum of two different eligible European countries and Korea
- Eligible thematic focus
- Eligibility of required funding

The national criteria are given in the **Guidelines for Applicants**.

### 6.2. Peer review

Independent scientific experts in the thematic research field of 'Life-Long Health' will carry out the anonymous peer review of the eligible project proposals according to evaluation criteria set up by the KORANET funding parties. Each proposal will be evaluated by one Korean and one European peer reviewer. The peer reviewers will be nominated by the Korean and European KORANET National Contact Points in cooperation with the funding parties.

The evaluation is done using an electronic evaluation form based on the following evaluation criteria:

#### **1. Scientific excellence and originality of the proposal**

- quality (sound concept and quality of objectives)
- innovative potential
- quality and effectiveness of the methodology
- feasibility (governance, adequate budget, resources, time schedule)

#### **2. Transnational added value**

- cohesion of the proposed research
- level of the collaborative interaction between project partners
- added value of the project consortium
- sustainability of the expected collaboration

#### **3. Scientific excellence of project partners**

- scientific track–record
- publications in scientific journals
- standing of the organisation the applicants belong to
- inclusion of young researchers

#### **4. Multi-/interdisciplinarity of the project**

- research question targets the links between more than one scientific discipline
- project partners come from different disciplines / belong to different scientific fields

## 5. Potential impact and contribution to the scientific community, expected exploitation of the results

The evaluation form consists of **open text fields** to be filled in with written remarks and a **scoring system from 0 to 5** to evaluate the proposals with respect to the different evaluation criteria:

**0: fails or missing/incomplete information**

**1: poor**

**2: fair**

**3: good**

**4: very good**

**5: excellent**

### 6.3. Scientific Council and Programme Steering Committee

A **Scientific Council** (SC), consisting of one experienced researcher in the field of 'Life-long health' per KORANET funding party, will then discuss the results of the peer review and review problematic cases (e.g. projects where the two peer reviewers give considerably different scores).

The Scientific Council then suggests a ranking list of the projects to the **Programme Steering Committee** (PSC) consisting of one representative per KORANET funding party. Taking into account the ranking proposed by the Scientific Council the Programme Steering Committee takes the final decision on the projects to be funded.

The KORANET Joint Call Secretariat will inform the Project Coordinators of the outcome of the eligibility check. Project Coordinators should then inform their project partners on the results.

## 7. Reporting and project output

At the end of the runtime of the project funded by the KORANET Pilot Joint Call each Project Coordinator will be asked submit a **final report** on the project results to the KORANET coordinator (*International Bureau of the BMBF at the German Aerospace Agency, Email: [marion.steinberger@dlr.de](mailto:marion.steinberger@dlr.de) and [koranet@dlr.eu](mailto:koranet@dlr.eu)*) and the KORANET Pilot Joint Call Secretariat (*[marinela.popa@cnrs-dir.fr](mailto:marinela.popa@cnrs-dir.fr)*).

Additional individual reporting to national funding institutions might be necessary depending on national regulations.

In addition, the following regulations will apply for all research projects that are funded through the KORANET Pilot Joint Call:

- A copy of any academic publication or other form of output resulting from the research for which funding was awarded should be sent to the KORANET coordinator and the KORANET Pilot Joint Call Secretariat.
- In any publication of results of the research for which KORANET Pilot Joint Call funding was awarded, mention must be made of the support received in the frame of the KORANET Pilot Joint Call ("*This work was supported by funding received from the KORANET Pilot Joint Call on Research for Life-long Health*"). The KORANET logo and the internet address [www.koranet.eu](http://www.koranet.eu) should also be shown on the publication.

## 8. Legal clauses

Each research consortium funded through the KORANET Pilot Joint Call is advised to conclude a **Consortium Agreement** listing the rights and responsibilities of each project

partner. Depending on the nature of the research project, special regulations should be included (e.g. as regards IPR or the exchange of biomaterials).

## Annex 1: Contact data of KORANET National Contact Points

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## Annex 2: National contributions per KORANET funding party

Austria (BMWf)	100.000 Euro
France (CNRS, MAEE)	100.000 Euro
Germany (BMBF)	400.000 Euro
Korea (MEST)	225.000 Euro
Turkey (TÜBİTAK)	100.000 Euro
<b>Overall call budget</b>	<b>925.000 Euro</b>

The KORANET Pilot Joint Call follows the *juste retour* principle (virtual common pot).

## Annex 3: National regulations

### Austria

#### Who can apply?

In Austria Universities and Non-university research institutions are eligible for funding. Other institutions receiving the so-called "Basisfinanzierung" from the Austrian Ministry of Science and Research are also eligible. SMEs and Enterprises/Industry are not allowed to participate.

#### What types of funding are eligible for Austrian researchers?

##### Direct costs:

###### *Events*

In general all costs directly related to the preparation and the implementation of events like workshops, conferences etc. are eligible. Costs for the events should be requested by the partner in the hosting country.

###### *Travel*

The most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense. For transportation between the airport and hotel, the most economical means available should be used. In certain cases, travel by private automobile may be authorised, in which case a reimbursement of the value of a second class train ticket will be provided. Expenses incurred from side trips or other items not directly related to the project implementation will not be covered.

###### *Daily subsistence allowance per country*

Germany	138,15 Euro
France	139,5 Euro
Turkey	120,6 Euro
Korea	177,75 Euro

##### Eligible costs as indirect costs:

There are no eligible indirect costs.

## France

### **→ Who can apply?**

In France, are eligible for funding: research and development entities, higher education institutions, public research establishments and non-university research institutions such as:

- Etablissements et organismes publics de recherche
- Universités
- Institut Curie
- Institut Pasteur

### **→ What types of funding are eligible for French researchers?**

#### **a) Eligible direct costs:**

- **Travel and living expenses** (including accommodation costs): the national rules will be applied
- **Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events** (including the invitation of external experts): room / hall rent, all the consumables necessary for the implementation of the conference/ workshop, publications

#### **Daily subsistence allowance per country:**

**Germany - 164€**

**Austria - 175€**

**Turkey - 165 €**

**Korea - 210€**

#### **b) Eligible indirect costs**

There are no eligible indirect costs

## Germany

### → Who can apply?

In Germany, German research establishments and higher education institutions are eligible.

Research establishments that are financed jointly by Bund and Länder, can (in addition to their basic funding) only obtain funding for their additional expenses under certain circumstances. Personnel costs for full-time employees of the applicant are not eligible for funding.

### → What types of funding are eligible for German researchers?

#### **a) Eligible direct costs:**

The national rules will be applied.

- **Travel and living expenses** (including accommodation costs): economy class flight / train ride 2nd class.
- **Expenses for the organisation of small scientific events** (including the invitation of external experts): room rent, all the consumables necessary for the implementation of the conference/workshop, publications, travel costs and accommodation for experts.
- **Consumables and small equipment** (no basics): if its need is demonstrated.

#### **Daily subsistence allowance per country:**

**Austria - according to Bundesreisekostengesetz**

**France - according to Bundesreisekostengesetz**

**Turkey - 82 € per day for up to 22 working days.** For stays longer than 23 days will be paid for each 30 days a monthly fee of 1.840,00 €. For individual days in a subsequent month will be paid a per diem of 61,00 €.

**Korea - 107 € per day for up to 22 working days; 2.392 € per month (max. of 3 months)**  
For stays longer than 23 days will be paid for each 30 days a monthly fee of 2.392,00 €. For individual days in a subsequent month will be paid a per diem of 80,00 €.

#### **b) Eligible indirect costs**

There are no eligible indirect costs.

## Korea

### **→ Who can apply?**

NRF welcomes proposals on behalf of all qualified scientists and engineers within the framework of Article 7 of the Technology Development Promotion Act. Scientists and engineers usually initiate proposals officially submitted by their employing organisation. Graduate students are not encouraged to submit research proposals, but should arrange to serve as research assistants to faculty members.

Categories of proposers:

- **Universities and Colleges** – Universities and two- and four-year colleges accredited in, and having a campus located in Korea, acting on behalf of their faculty members. Such organisations also are referred to as academic institutions.
  - **Government supported research institutes**
  - **Non-profit organisations** – Research laboratories, professional societies and similar organisations in Korea directly associated with educational or research activities
- ※ Industries (incl. SMEs) are exempt from eligible applicants for Pilot Joint Call.

### **→ What types of funding are eligible for Korean researchers?**

#### **a) Eligible direct costs:**

- **Travel and living expenses for research visits** (including accommodation costs): the national rules will be applied
- **Expenses for the organisation of forum, workshops and symposiums** (including the invitation of external experts): room / hall rent, all the consumables necessary for the implementation of the conference/ workshop, publications

#### **b) Eligible indirect costs**

There are no eligible indirect costs.

## **Turkey**

Information on the Turkish national regulations is under preparation. Please get in contact with the National Contact Point for Turkey (see Annex 2).