



Luxembourg-Korea joint research pilot programme



Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

Main funder of research activities in Luxembourg

Manage public funds for research projects with increased emphasis on selected core strategic areas

Promote scientific culture and to raise public awareness for research and science

Advise the Luxembourg government on research policy and strategy



FNR's international collaborations

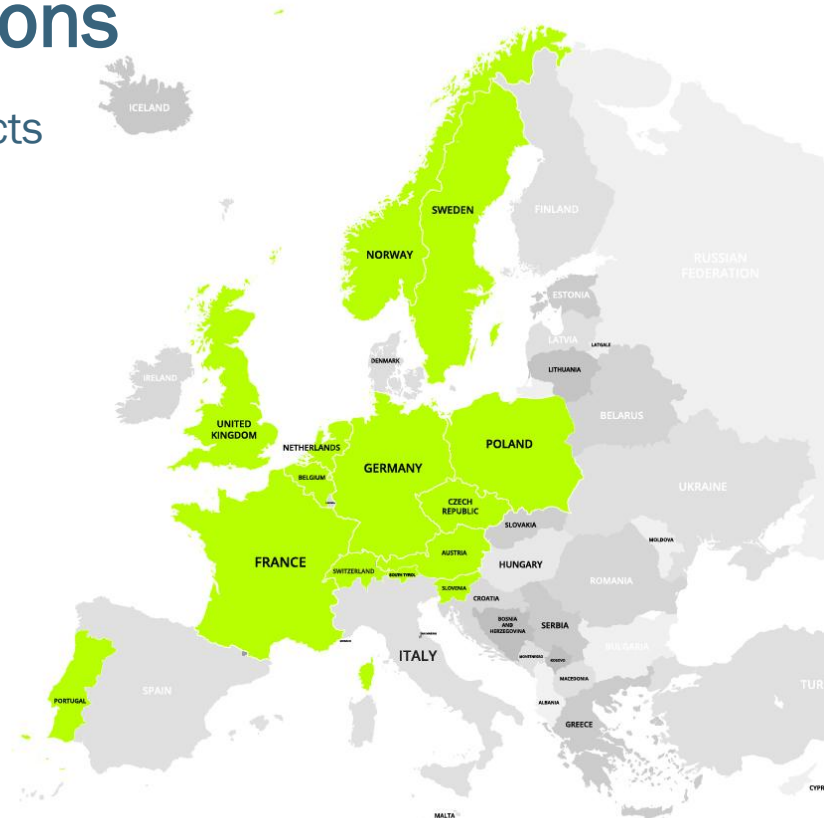
Funding possibilities for excellent joint research projects

Bilateral & trilateral

20
bilateral/trilateral
collaboration
agreements with 17
countries worldwide.
Within the Weave
consortium (12
RFO), projects
funded by up to 3
RFO are possible
(trilateral)

Multilateral

partner in 11
international
research networks
offering research
opportunities in over
35 countries for
researchers based
in Luxembourg



Luxembourg–Korea Joint Research Programme LUKOR-2

A bilateral initiative by the National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF) and the Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR) to advance quantum communication research through joint projects, researcher exchanges, and shared scientific infrastructure.

Call closing date:
Korea — 12 May 2026
(18:00 KST)
Luxembourg — 13 May
2026 (16:00 CET)

What is expected of LUKOR-2 projects?

Strengthen Bilateral Networks

Foster new and deepen existing cooperation between Korean and Luxembourg research institutions

Enable Researcher Mobility

Support visiting research, exchanges, joint seminars, and conferences over a one-year period

Build Long-Term Capacity

Identify future bi- and multilateral research opportunities of strategic interest to both nations

RESEARCH FOCUS

Research topics of interest in this program include the following broad areas as below:

1.

- Quantum communication

2.

- Interfaces and communication between quantum computers

Call characteristics

objective is to create new and strengthen existing bilateral cooperation networks and expand opportunities for future research cooperation efforts by promoting joint research between Korea and Luxembourg

The grants must be used for joint research activities, research collaboration, joint seminars, conferences, workshops and exchange of researchers between the applicant groups, over a one-year period.

The maximum budget available for a 1-year project:

- for the Korean side KRW 100,000,000
- for the LU side 70.000 EUR

Project Duration: 1 year (1 October 2026 – 31 September 2027; latest project end date for the Luxembourg part: 01 January 2027)

A formal IPR agreement (or consortium agreement) for approved grants is required

Eligibility

- Each proposal must have at least one applicant (PI) based in Luxembourg and one applicant (PI) based in Korea.
- Open to researchers from all eligible research institutions in Luxembourg and Korea.
- Each PI can only submit one proposal.
Furthermore, they are not allowed to be member of another research consortium submitting a proposal to this call.

⇒ Eligibility criteria of both agencies must be met

Submission/ how to apply

- Proposals are to be **jointly prepared** by Luxembourg and Korean applicants, using the application form provided.
 - Proposals must be submitted via the Korea's national electronic submission system (iris.go.kr).
 - The Luxembourg PI must submit an **INTER application** no later than 1 day after the NRF call deadline, including:
 - A pdf of the full application submitted in Korea (i.e., the same research plan (only English version), the CVs of the 2 main PI => see Application form provided), and
 - the 3 INTER documents
- ⇒ Proposals must be submitted to both funding agencies to be eligible
- ⇒ No Hardcopies are accepted

Evaluation process



NRF and FNR will both run an evaluation of the proposals, according to the same selection criteria.



NRF and FNR will align on the evaluation results and up to three highest ranked proposals at NRF and FNR will be retained for funding.



The evaluation results will be communicated to the applicants in August 2026, the latest.

Assessment of proposals

Evaluation criteria

The **scientific merit of the proposal** is assessed based on the following criteria:

1. Originality of the research topic/methodology
 - Synergy between the joint research teams of both countries.
2. Necessity of International Cooperation
 - Sharing of advanced research capabilities and utilization of resources/infrastructure
3. Capacity Building and Feasibility
 - Enhancement of researchers' global capabilities.
 - Feasibility of achieving goals and proposed deliverables.



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