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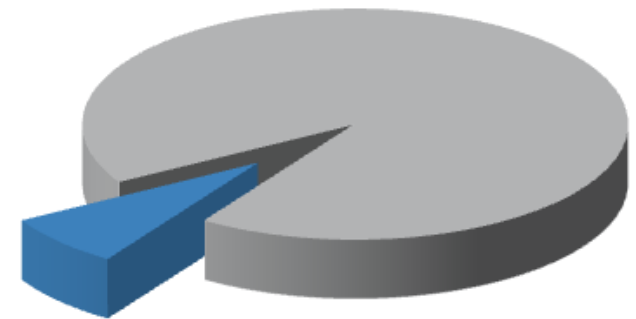


# 1. Aims of Priority Programmes

## Funding Projects in Emerging Fields

### Characteristics

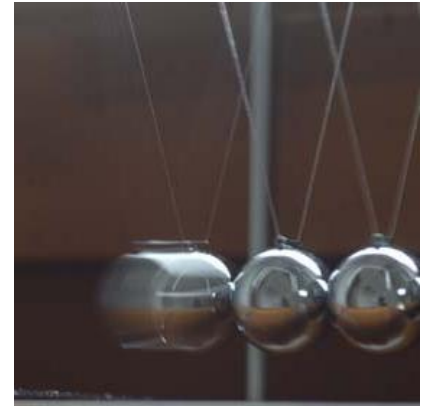
- Coordinated, interdisciplinary, nationwide
- Promoting a scientific network
  - including projects from non-university instituts ( $< 1/3$ )
  - 1-2 DFG funded international projects, if crucial for SPP
  - more international cooperations possible, but with own support
- Up to 25 single projects
- Duration: 6 years (= 2 x 3 years)
- New Priority Programmes are established every March by DFG Senate:  
ca. 15 programmes are selected out of ca. 70 initiatives



percentage of total  
DFG budget: ca. 7 %

## 2. The Evaluation Process

- Deadline for Establishment Proposals: **15 October 2016**
- Evaluation (Ranking) in ad hoc Review Boards:  
**January/February 2017** → recommendations to DFG Senate
- Selection Meeting of DFG Senate: **March 2017**
- Announcement of the Priority Programme: **Summer 2017**
- Deadline for full proposals: **October/November 2017**
- Review Panel for full proposals:  
**February/March 2018**
- Beginning of funding period: **Summer 2018**  
(after decision of DFG Grants Committee)



### 3. Evaluation Criteria of the *ad hoc* Review Boards (I)

#### **Originality of the research programme**

in terms of thematic and/or methodological aspects  
in an international context

For Example:

- Deals with topics that are currently of paramount importance (emerging fields)
- Explores new, even bold methods and approaches
- Establishes new avenues of research which may influence other research areas
- Is likely to have a lasting impact on the scientific landscape, also at the international level



**Priority Programmes will not be announced for research areas that are already well established and currently receive adequate funding from other sources.**

### 3. Evaluation Criteria of the *ad hoc* Review Boards (II)

#### **Added value through interdisciplinary cooperation**

- Nevertheless, the planned research activities must be coherent
- Must have a convincing concept for organizing the interdisciplinary collaboration/networking



#### **Added value through cooperation between different locations (networking)**

- Must have a concept for organizing the multi-location collaboration/networking

### 3. Evaluation Criteria of the *ad hoc* Review Boards (III)

#### **Promoting early career researchers**

- Integration of early career researchers into the Priority Programme
- Workshops, summer courses and training in research methods

#### **Gender equality measures**

- Integration of and funding opportunities for participating female researchers
- Family-friendly opportunities



**Logical integration into the context of other, topically related funding activities (i.e. the relationship to other previous, current or planned funding activities):  
A clear distinction is necessary**

## 4. The Programme Committee

- Typically interdisciplinary
- Should reflect the relevant subject areas
- **Maximum five individuals**
- Determines which member will be responsible for the establishment proposal and the Priority Programme during the funding periods (**one coordinator**)
- Coordinator takes on a guiding role for the programme as a whole to ensure that the programme's objectives will be met



**Coordinator is qualified with regard to managing a research consortium**



## 4. How to Write the Establishment Proposal

- Electronic Submission via elan:  
**1. September – 15. October**
- All formal requirements are given in DFG form **50.05**
- Does the proposal address **ALL** evaluation criteria of the ad hoc review boards?
- The ‘Fine Art of Writing’: Could the proposal convince the DFG Senate?  
**(1-2 „close“ scientists plus x „from other fields“)**
- Clear **focussing of the topic** always helps





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**Thank you for your attention**

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