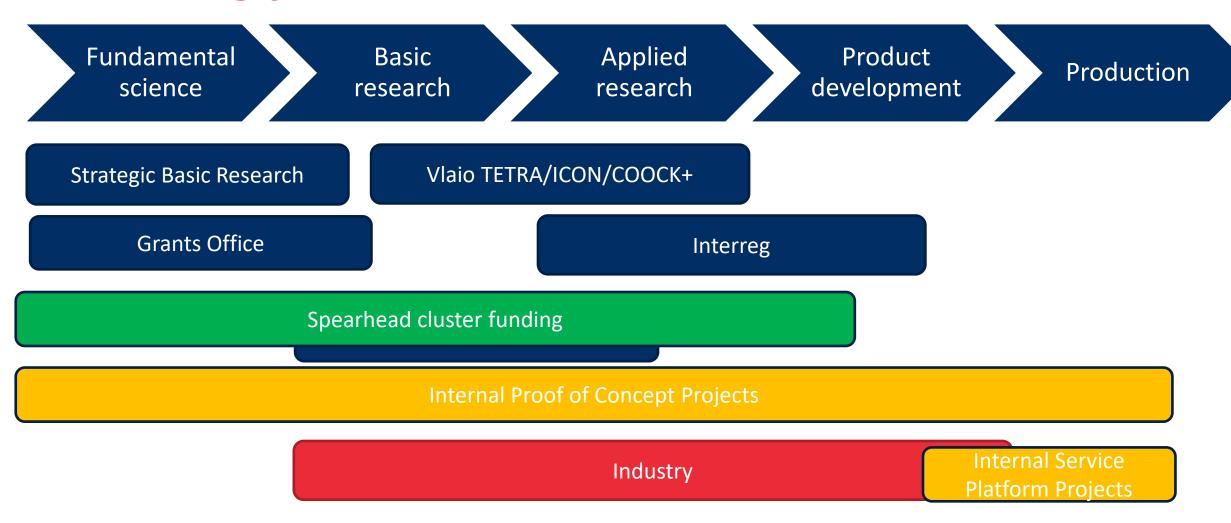
Navigeren door het landschap van onderzoeksfinanciering



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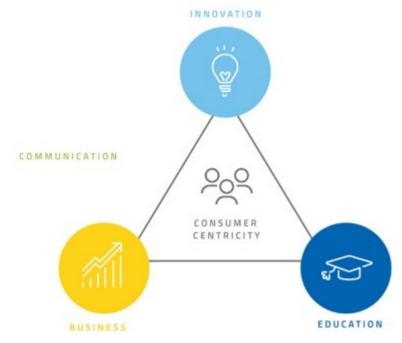
Financing your research



1) Getting to know each other

 Knowledge triangle: education, research and valorisation are closely interrelated and feed each other

- Examples
 - Guest colleges
 - Master thesis proposals
- Both for industry & knowledge institutes



2) Knowledge institute driven projects

- Ideas generated within the research groups
- High risk research
- Far from market introduction

Examples

- Strategic Basic Research (SBO)
- Technology transfer: COOCK+ and TETRA projects
- Early stage IOF (Industrial Research Fund) projects
- **-** ...

FWO SBO projects

- Funded by Fonds Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (FWO)
- Focuses on innovative research
- If scientifically successful: follow-up research, opening up prospects for economic or societal applications
- Typically with more research institutes, duration 4 years

 University colleges are obliged to submit the proposal together with at least one other Flemish research institution

VLAIO - TETRA

What ?

- Applied projects that study an innovative concept of which the results can be used by enterprises in Flanders.
- Programme for practice orientated research by university colleges and integrated master's programs in the universities for enterprises and social profit.
- Mandatory user group (collective research)

Financial?

- Minimum 100.000 euros, maximum 480.000 euro
- 92,5% subsidy, 7,5% co-financing by enterprises of the target group
- The project has a duration of 2 years (possibly 3 for CORNET)

VLAIO - COOCK+

- Collectief Onderzoek & Ontwikkeling en Collectieve Kennisverspreiding/transfer = Collective R&D and collective knowledge diffusion/transfer
- Increase valorisation of (basic) research results through accelerated introduction of technology/knowledge at companies by:
 - Dissemination of knowledge/transfer of knowledge via cases
 - Additional knowledge creation
 - Translation research aligned to common needs or new market opportunities
- Target group: large group of companies (open character, broad dissemination, non-exclusive)
- Funding percentage depending on KPIs

Interreg funding

- = umbrella term for multiple programmes that go beyond borders
 - Organised around predefined geographical regions
 - Multi-annual operational programmes 2021-2027
 - → implemented through calls

Thematic calls

- Projects in line with the objectives and carried out within the program area of relevant Interreg program
- Local, regional, national authorities; public institutions (like universities) and private non-profit organisations
 - Located within program area
 - Joined in a consortium
- Amount of funding awarded varies per call
 - Funding rate = usually 50-60% of costs

COST Actions: An efficient networking tool

Provides funding for research coordination and capacity building activities:

- Meetings: Local organizer support, travel reimbursement for participants
- Mobility of researchers: Mobility grants
- Dissemination of research activities

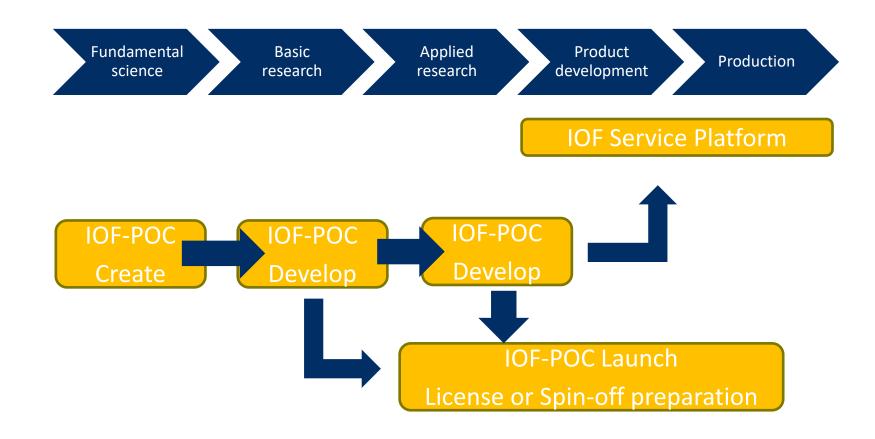
How to engage in COST:

- As proposer of a new COST Action
- As participant in a running COST Action
- As expert to evaluate submitted proposals

Benefits:

- Networking, getting to know new potential partner
- Co-publications
- Preparation of Horizon Europe consortia

Internal IOF Funding at AUHA



IOF Proof of Concept projects

	CREATE	DEVELOP	LAUNCH
Market launch	2-6 years	2-4 years	1-2 years
TRL/CRL	1-2	3-4	5-7
Main activity	Applied research	Applied research	Business development
Status	Need in the market identified	USP validated, further adaptation	Focus on valorization strategy

- Time to market is main driver to choose PoC type + you can start with any type
- Budget: 1 year, €125.000
- 3 calls/year

IOF Service Platform Projects

- Short-term projects to support and prepare for the launch of a <u>self-supporting</u> service platform in the short term
- Must have a clear long-term vision, aimed at acquiring external resources (from industry) for the benefit of the AUHA through the marketing of a certain knowledge, technology or service
- The platform can operate internally from UAntwerp or aim to become a spin-off in the long term
- Budget: 1 year, €125.000
- 1 call/year

3) Industry driven projects

- VLAIO spearhead clusters
 - cSBO
 - R&D (COOP)
 - COOCK
 - (Feasibility studies)
 - ICON
- R&D projects (VLAIO or bilateral)











Spearhead clusters - ICON

Interdisciplinary Cooperative Research

Only for strategic research centers and spearhead clusters, at least 3
 Flemish companies

Combination of 'research part' (100% funded) and 'company part' + 60% company / 40% research institute

Plan of approach for broad valorisation

Thank you!

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