



**Support for the advancement of policy cooperation  
between India and Europe in Research and  
Innovation**

**INDIGO POLICY linking programme on  
biotechnology in the field of health**

**CALL TEXT**

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# **1. Background and objectives of the INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme**

## **1.1 INDIGO POLICY project**

INDIGO POLICY is a BILAT funded by the European Commission under the Seventh Framework Programme (November 2013- October 2016). The overall objective is to support the policy dialogue and enhance Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation between Europe and India.

INDIGO POLICY is, together with INNO INDIGO (ERA-NET) the successor of New INDIGO (2009 – 2013), which implemented 4 multilateral calls for proposals. 35 projects were therefore funded within the framework of NEW INDIGO by European and Indian national funding agencies.

The key aims of INDIGO POLICY are to:

- Support the EU-India policy dialogue within the SFIC (Strategic Forum for International Cooperation) framework
- Foster EU-India STI cooperation
- Structure the network of stakeholders involved in EU-India cooperation
- Associate innovation players (clusters, SMEs, industries, etc) in the EU-India cooperation

The consortium is coordinated by ZSI (Zentrum für Soziale Innovation - Austria) and consists of organisations from 6 countries (Austria, France, Germany, India, Italy & the Netherlands).

For further information on the project activities, you are invited to consult our website: <http://indigoprojects.eu/>.

## **1.2 Objective of the INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme**

The main aim of INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme is to support the establishment of multilateral virtual laboratories, involving minimum 2 European and 1 Indian research teams to establish a sustainable cooperation.

This programme is mainly designed for:

- already existing cooperation between 2 European teams who wish to extend their activities with an Indian team
- already existing bilateral cooperation between a European team and an Indian team who wish to extend their activities with a European team
- informal multilateral cooperation involving minimum 2 European and 1 Indian teams willing to formalise their cooperation

The final purpose of the INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme is to **showcase good practices** of existing multilateral virtual laboratories and to **promote cooperation tools** such as CNRS International Associated Laboratory, international laboratories “without walls” (<http://www.cnrs.fr/en/workingwith/LIA.htm>).

The selected project will be the opening of a bilateral cooperation to a new partner or a formalisation of an informal multilateral network, proposing a complementary cooperation. It should bring a clear added value to the current collaboration. INDIGO POLICY will fund mobility for preparatory meetings to lay the foundation of the multilateral virtual laboratory. The projects partners will afterwards use national funding and national cooperation tools to set up the practical cooperation on the long run.

#### **Particularity of INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme: Funding in 2 phases**

##### Phase 1:

The selected projects will be financially supported by **INDIGO POLICY**. Seed grants of up to 30 000 euros will be provided during 18 months to set up the multilateral virtual laboratories.

Besides, assistance will be given by INDIGO POLICY to the selected projects to help them to secure the funding of the second phase.

Phase 2: **Partners will assure the continuity of the project funding.** Collaboration activities will therefore continue from the financial support for their respective national/regional funding agencies.

### **1.3 Objective of the future Multilateral Virtual Laboratories**

The selected multilateral cooperation will be an association of laboratories wanting to join their forces on specific topics. Mobility activities (preparatory meetings and their related costs, e.g. travel costs, workshop costs, etc.) to set-up a virtual multilateral laboratory, will be funded by INDIGO POLICY whereas each partner will be responsible for their own project funding, their own facilities, and their own workforce. In the virtual multilateral laboratory, project partners will share human and material resources to implement the projects. They will however keep their autonomy, their status and their separated location.

### **1.4 The thematic area: biotechnology in the field of health**

Multilateral laboratories will be financially supported in **biotechnology in the field of health**. The thematic area was defined in accordance with the ongoing EU/MS-India Group of Senior Officials (GSO) process to develop a common Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). The

thematic area of the call is a research field of mutual interest and thematic priority with high research potential in Europe and India.

## **2. Eligibility criteria for funding recipients**

### **2.1 Legal status of the applicants**

Partners can be public research labs (university or non-university). Participation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and industries are strongly encouraged but they are not eligible for funding.

### **2.2 Composition of the consortia**

Each project consortium should consist of at least 3 laboratories, one Indian partner and two European partners. The European partners can be from European Union Member States (EU MS) and Associated Countries (AC). The European partners must not be from the same European countries.

Each project consortium has to choose one **project coordinator**, who will formally submit the proposal. The coordinator will also be responsible for communication with the Call Secretariat. If the project is selected, the coordinator will implement the network, the communication and coordination with the Call Secretariat. It is highly recommended to appoint a European partner as coordinator to facilitate the administrative and financial management (payment and procedures).

## **3. Funding Modalities**

### **3.1 Funding framework**

Prior to the starting date, a **financing agreement** will be signed between CNRS, on behalf of INDIGO POLICY and the **coordinator's organisation**, on behalf of the consortium.

Each consortium will receive **up to 30,000 euros** from CNRS on behalf of INDIGO POLICY according to the following procedure:

1- The project will be divided in **3 financial reporting periods** (Months 6, 12 & 18). For each of this reporting period, the coordinator will present the evidences (supporting documents) for mobility (travel order and invoices) and workshop costs incurred within the framework of the project.

2- **CNRS will proceed to the reimbursement of the eligible costs** on Months 6, 12 & 18 after the

validation of supporting documents sent by the project coordinator (travel order, invoices, and other supporting documents) to CNRS. **The payment will be made by CNRS to the project coordinator.**

**IMPORTANT:** The coordinator of the consortium will be responsible for the whole procedure, i.e.:

- to collect all evidences (supporting documents) for costs incurred
- to send them to CNRS within the deadlines defined in the financial agreement
- to redistribute the funding received among the different partners who have incurred expenses within the framework of the project

Besides, DBT (Department of Biotechnology) India might provide additional travel and contingency budget to Indian participants on a case by case basis. Please contact Dr. Shailja V. Gupta ([shailja.dbt@nic.in](mailto:shailja.dbt@nic.in)) for further information.

### 3.2 Duration of the Funding

INDIGO POLICY Linking Programme will fund networking projects for a duration of **18 months** following a proposed starting date of 1 January 2015. **The final scientific report is due on 31 September 2016 as INDIGO POLICY is ending on 31 October 2016.**

### 3.3 Eligible costs

INDIGO POLICY will fund **mobility activities and the organisation of workshops** under the financial regulation of CNRS of the **members of the consortium and possible external experts, whose names are mentioned in the proposal.** Mobility activities include exchange visits within Europe and between Europe and India. Costs should be reported **in Euros**<sup>1</sup>. Estimation of eligible costs must be shown in details in the provisional budget for the phase 1.

Eligible costs are:

- Subsistence costs: (accommodation and meals) and on the basis of CNRS flat rates<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> If a conversion for another currency has to be made the basis of the exchange rate would have to be applied is the following:

- on the date the actual costs were incurred

OR

- on the basis of the rate applicable on the first day of the month following the end of the reporting period.

For both options, the daily exchange rates are fixed by the European Central Bank (ECB), see:

<http://www.ecb.int/stats/eurofxref/>

<sup>2</sup> Please refer to Annex 1

- Other direct costs: they will need to be justified on a real cost basis

They include travel costs, visa costs and workshop costs (catering, rent for the event location, etc for joint events) for meeting including partners of the consortium and possible experts.

**ATTENTION:** Travel and related subsistence costs must be needed for the work in the project. Any extension of the travel for other professional or private reasons is not an eligible cost.

Non eligible costs include:

- personnel costs
- The purchase costs of durable equipment.
- Administrative costs

**ATTENTION:** All the costs must be incurred within INDIGO POLICY period of funding (18 month duration, following a proposed starting date of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015) and for the purpose of the project to be eligible.

#### 4. Application procedure

Only applications using the **attached application form** will be accepted. The project coordinator will formally submit the proposal on behalf of the consortium. Proposal submitted after the **deadline – 29 September 2014 – and uncompleted applications** will not be considered in the evaluation. It is highly recommended not to submit the proposals at the last minute.

The following documents are additionally requested:

- Information on each involved institution and the researchers (including CV) – 1 page max. per institution
- Description of the existing bilateral cooperation /Publication/patents already in common
- Scientific Program (3-5 pages)
- Provisional project budget for the phase 1 (January 2015 – July 2016) and for the phase 2, including the provisional source of funding (2016-2018)
- Program of planned activities with name of travelers, institutions and schedule dates – 1 page max.

The applications have to be sent in English electronically to [linkingprogramme@indigoprojects.eu](mailto:linkingprogramme@indigoprojects.eu).

## 5. Eligibility check and Evaluation

The eligibility of the submitted project will be formally checked by the call Secretariat against the following criteria:

- composition of the consortium (2+1)
- thematic scope
- level of funding requested

Eligible applications will be then evaluated by high-level scientific experts in biotechnology in the field of health according to the following criteria:

- Scientific quality
  - Relevance of the topic and of the objectives
  - Quality and excellence of the applicant
  - Organization and project coordination
  - Existence of common publications
- Added value of the partnership
  - Collective expertise and complementarity of labs
  - Participation of doctoral student and/or junior researchers
- Sustainability of the project (provisional budget for the Phase 2)

## 6. Project output and Acknowledgements

Every project is requested to draft an intermediate and a final report to ensure the maximum output. The reports have to be sent to the Call secretariat and will be published on the INDIGO POLICY website.<sup>3</sup>

## 7. Legal Clause

As specified in the funding modalities (prior to the starting date), a financing agreement will be signed between CNRS, on behalf of INDIGO POLICY and the coordinator's organisation, on behalf of the consortium.

**CNRS will however not be responsible for redistribution & internal management.** It is therefore highly recommended that **project partners of each consortium sign a Consortium Agreement** to define the consortium rules such as the distribution of financial contributions' rules, the internal management, terms of confidentiality, Intellectual Property Rights, etc.

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<sup>3</sup> No confidential information will be published



## 8. Indicative calendar

<b>Publication of the Call for Proposals</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July 2014</b>
<b>Deadline of submission phase</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> September 2014</b> <b>12:00 Central European Time</b> <b>15:30 Standard Indian Time</b>
<b>Notification to applicants of funding decision</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2014</b>
<b>Start of projects</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> January 2015</b>
<b>Mid-term report</b>	<b>November 2015</b>
<b>Final report</b>	<b>September 2016</b>

## Annex 1: Daily flat rates for subsistence costs per country

**Source :** [Arrêté du 3 juillet 2006 fixant les taux des indemnités de mission prévues à l'article 3 du décret n° 2006-781 du 3 juillet 2006 fixant les conditions et les modalités de règlement des frais occasionnés par les déplacements temporaires des personnels civils de l'Etat](#)

COUNTRY	CURRENCY	AMOUNT
AFGHANISTAN	DOLLAR US	279
AFRIQUE DU SUD	EURO	138
AFRIQUE DU SUD pour la période allant du 15 mai au 31 juillet	EURO	185
ALBANIE	EURO	180
ALGERIE	DINAR ALGERIEN	11 000
ALLEMAGNE	EURO	164
ANDORRE	EURO	118
ANGOLA	EURO	300
ANGUILLA	DOLLAR US	208
ANTIGUA ET BARBUDA	DOLLAR US	230
ARABIE SAOUDITE	EURO	158
ARGENTINE	DOLLAR US	157
ARMENIE	EURO	186
ARUBA	DOLLAR US	150
AUSTRALIE	DOLLAR AUSTRALIEN	348
AUTRICHE	EURO	175
AZERBAIDJAN	EURO	204
BAHAMAS	DOLLAR US	207
BAHREIN	EURO	200
BANGLADESH	EURO	130
BARBADE	DOLLAR US	310
BELGIQUE	EURO	143
BELIZE	DOLLAR US	177
BENIN	EURO	145
BERMUDES	DOLLAR DES BERMUDES	194
BIELORUSSIE	EURO	150
BIRMANIE	DOLLAR US	250
BOLIVIE	DOLLAR US	135
BOSNIE-HERZEGOVINE	EURO	169
BOTSWANA	EURO	119
BRESIL	EURO	216
BRUNEI	DOLLAR DE BRUNEI	255
BULGARIE	EURO	145
BURKINA FASO	EURO	145
BURUNDI	EURO	140
CAIMANS (îles)	DOLLAR US	141
CAMBODGE	DOLLAR US	150
CAMEROUN	EURO	120
CANADA	DOLLAR CANADIEN	260
CAP-VERT	ESCUDO	13 575
CENTRAFRICAINE (République)	FRANC CFA	80 000
CHILI	DOLLAR US	217
CHINE	YUAN CHINOIS (CNY)	1,700

Ville de Shanghai pour la période allant du 1er mai au 31 octobre 2010	YUAN CHINOIS (CNY)	2,200
CHYPRE	EURO	190
COLOMBIE	DOLLAR US	176
COMORES	EURO	150
CONGO	FRANC CFA	69 880
CONGO (République démocratique du)	EURO	195
COOK (îles)	DOLLAR NEO-ZELANDAIS	252
COREE DU NORD	DOLLAR US	272
COREE DU SUD	EURO	210
COSTA RICA	DOLLAR US	169
COTE D'IVOIRE	FRANC CFA	137 000
CROATIE	EURO	142
CUBA	EURO	155
CURAÇAO	DOLLAR US	150
DANEMARK	COURONNE DANOISE	1 660
DJIBOUTI	FRANC DJIBOUTI	36 320
DOMINICAINE (République)	DOLLAR US	142
DOMINIQUE	DOLLAR US	201
EGYPTE	EURO	148
EMIRATS ARABES UNIS	EURO	300
EQUATEUR	DOLLAR US	150
ERYTHREE	EURO	94
ESPAGNE	EURO	132
ESTONIE	EURO	129
ETATS-UNIS D'AMERIQUE	DOLLAR US	320
Ville de NEW YORK :		
- période allant du 1er janvier au 31 août	DOLLAR US	320
- période allant du 1er septembre au 31 décembre	DOLLAR US	450
ETHIOPIE	EURO	123
FIDJI	DOLLAR DE FIDJI	224
FINLANDE	EURO	220
GABON	FRANC CFA	100 000
GAMBIE	DALASI	2 460
GEORGIE	DOLLAR US	195
GHANA	DOLLAR US	192
GRANDE-BRETAGNE	LIVRE STERLING	130
GRECE	EURO	167
GRENADE	DOLLAR US	199
GUATEMALA	EURO	160
GUINEE	EURO	170
GUINEE-BISSAU	EURO	105
GUINEE EQUATORIALE	FRANC CFA	90 500
GUYANA	DOLLAR US	200
HAITI	DOLLAR US	220
HONDURAS	DOLLAR US	152
HONG KONG	DOLLAR DE HONG KONG	2 200
HONGRIE	EURO	175
INDE	EURO	260
INDONESIE	EURO	160
IRAN	DOLLAR US	186
IRAK	EURO	300
IRLANDE	EURO	190

ISLANDE	COURONNE ISLANDAISE	15 000
ISRAEL	EURO	230
ITALIE	EURO	220
JAMAIQUE	DOLLAR US	162
JAPON	YEN	25 500
Ville de TOKYO	YEN	30 000
JORDANIE	DINAR JORDANIEN	151
KAZAKHSTAN	EURO	290
KENYA	DOLLAR US	141
KIRGHIZISTAN	EURO	150
KIRIBATI	DOLLAR DE FIDJI	221
KOWEIT	EURO	245
LAOS	DOLLAR US	150
LESOTHO	EURO	120
LETTONIE	EURO	152
LIBAN	EURO	154
LIBERIA	DOLLAR US	230
LIBYE	DINAR LIBYEN	280
LIECHTENSTEIN	FRANC SUISSE	230
LITUANIE	LITAS	500
LUXEMBOURG	EURO	173
MACAO	DOLLAR DE HONG KONG	2 200
MACEDOINE	EURO	117
MADAGASCAR	EURO	114
MALAISIE	RINGGIT	468
MALAWI	DOLLAR US	214
MALDIVES (îles)	EURO	230
MALI	FRANC CFA	62 000
MALTE	EURO	105
MAROC	EURO	175
MARSHALL (îles)	DOLLAR US	154
MAURICE (île)	ROUPIE MAURICIENNE	5 500
MAURITANIE	EURO	143
MEXIQUE	EURO	150
MICRONESIE	DOLLAR US	157
MOLDAVIE	DOLLAR US	188
MONGOLIE EXTERIEURE	EURO	102
MONTENEGRO	EURO	150
MOZAMBIQUE	DOLLAR US	189
MYANMAR (Union de)	DOLLAR US	140
NAMIBIE	EURO	90
NAURU	DOLLAR DE FIDJI	208
NEPAL	DOLLAR US	140
NICARAGUA	DOLLAR US	154
NIGER	FRANC CFA	78 000
NIGERIA	EURO	273
NIUE	DOLLAR NEO-ZELANDAIS	204
NORVEGE	COURONNE NORVEGIENNE	1 465
NOUVELLE-ZELANDE	DOLLAR NEO-ZELANDAIS	370
OMAN	EURO	265
OUGANDA	EURO	130
OUZBEKISTAN	DOLLAR US	113

PAKISTAN	DOLLAR US	173
PALAOS (îles)	DOLLAR US	311
PANAMA	DOLLAR US	178
PAPOUASIE-NOUVELLE-GUINEE	EURO	172
PARAGUAY	DOLLAR US	180
PAYS-BAS	EURO	161
PEROU	DOLLAR US	170
PHILIPPINES	PESO PHILIPPIN	8 770
POLOGNE	EURO	175
PORTUGAL	EURO	160
QATAR	EURO	278
ROUMANIE	EURO	160
RUSSIE	EURO	230
RWANDA	DOLLAR US	277
SAINT-CHRISTOPHE ET NEVIS	DOLLAR US	144
SAINT-CHRISTOPHE-ET-NIEVES	DOLLAR US	202
SAINTE-LUCIE et les autres pays des Caraïbes de l'Est	DOLLAR US	199
SAINT-VINCENT ET LES GRENADINES	DOLLAR US	188
SALOMON	VATU	23 052
SALVADOR	DOLLAR US	177
SAMOA	DOLLAR US	139
SAO TOME ET PRINCIPE	DOLLAR US	135
SENEGAL	FRANC CFA	91 800
SERBIE	EURO	150
SEYCHELLES	EURO	300
SIERRA LEONE	DOLLAR US	260
SINGAPOUR	EURO	200
SLOVAQUIE	EURO	155
SLOVENIE	EURO	160
SOMALIE	DOLLAR US	158
SOUDAN	DOLLAR US	175
Sud SOUDAN	DOLLAR US	306
SRI LANKA	EURO	155
SUEDE	COURONNE SUEDOISE	1 997
SUISSE	FRANC SUISSE	230
SURINAME	DOLLAR US	180
SWAZILAND	RAND COMMERCIAL	650
SYRIE	EURO	154
TADJIKISTAN	DOLLAR US	135
TAIWAN	DOLLAR DE TAIWAN	5 990
TANZANIE	EURO	135
TCHAD	EURO	225
TCHEQUE (République)	EURO	180
THAILANDE	BAHT	3 885
TIMOR oriental	EURO	150
TOGO	FRANC CFA	82 640
TONGA	DOLLAR DE FIDJI	214
TRINITE ET TOBAGO	DOLLAR US	267
TUNISIE	EURO	125
TURKMENISTAN	EURO	102
TURQUIE	EURO	165
TUVALU	DOLLAR DE FIDJI	192
UKRAINE	EURO	208

URUGUAY	DOLLAR US	135
VANUATU	EURO	210
VENEZUELA	EURO	195
VIETNAM	EURO	158
YEMEN	EURO	188
ZAMBIE	EURO	180
ZIMBABWE	DOLLAR US	180