

Science4Policy Programme

Information Session

Call for Proposals 2024

[28/06/2024]

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S4Policy Programme

Policy-DRIVEN

*Bottom-up needs for scientific support by the
Federal Departments*

Academic Support

*⇒ of analytical capacities of federal
administrations*

⇒ for evidence to support decision making

S4Policy Programme *Policy-DRIVEN*

- Co-financed - Maximum budget available via a co-funding scheme
 - Responsible Federal Public Service (FPS) + BELSPO
- Types of research requested
 - Explorative research
 - Create new / advance Research Methodologies
 - Create tools for FPS *e.g. data visualisation tool*
 - Gathering new data & data analysis
 - Ex-post & Ex-ante policy analysis, policy evaluation
 - Draft (policy, methodological, ...) recommendations

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Research Projects

Transdisciplinary (close collab. With FPS)

- Access to data, infrastructure
- Implementation of results

=> Need for frequent interactions

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Research Projects

No bilateral contact between FPS and applicants
*contact until public announcement of project
selection in December*

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Upcoming calls

4 calls:

2024-2025 //

2026-2027 // 2028-2029 // 2030-2031 // (20X-20Y)

Call 1	Launch Call <i>June 2024</i>	Project start <i>February 2025</i>
	Submission process start <i>August 2024</i>	
Call 2 - 4	Launch Call <i>September 20X -1</i>	Project start <i>September 20X - February 20Y</i>

Timeline & Submission process

Timeline & deadlines Call 2024

Activity	Deadline
Launch of the call	26 June 2024
Information session	28 June 2024 @ 10:00
Opening of the platform for submission Eol	27 August 2024
Deadline submission Eol	5 September 2024 @ 14:00
Eligibility check by BELSPO	11 September 2024
Opening of the platform for submission Full Proposal	12 September 2024
Deadline submission Full Proposal	10 October 2024 @ 14 :00
Evaluation	October – November 2024
Communication of results	December 2024
Start of the projects	15 February 2025

Submission process - all information available in [“informationfile S4P” on our website](#)

- Expression Of Interest
 - Compulsory but will not be evaluated
- Full Proposal
 - Documentation serves as a guide to fill-out the submission form on the platform will
- Submission of Documents via our online platform

More information on the online platform will follow

Available documentation

on our website [Call | S4Policy | P4Science & S4Policy \(belspo.be\)](#)

Information File S4P

Evaluation Criteria	Available soon
Budget Rules	Available soon
Gender Checklist	
European Code of Conduct	
Eligibility evaluators	
FAQ + PPT information session	Available soon
Terms of Reference of the Program Committee (including Annex in NL FR)	
Personal data protection statement	
Template Expression of Interest	
Templates Full Proposal	Budget table & Gantt chart Available soon

Questions about the documents & forms please contact S4Policy@belspo.be

Submission Process

Evaluation & communication results

- Evaluation process by experts
 - Individual -> panel -> final approval by Programme Committee
- Informal notification *to selected projects*
December 4
- Formal notification *to all applicants*:
communication of selection results **mid**
December

Contracts

all information available in “*informationfile S4P*”

- Co-financed call = at least 2 contracts
 - With **BELSPO** (Feb 2025)
 - Bilateral with *each responsible FPS* (Feb 2025 or later)
- Timing signing contracts with BELSPO
 - 15 Feb 2025 – *Base Contract*
 - 15 Feb 2025 + 3 months – time to organise practical arrangements (staff, ...)

UPCOMING DEADLINES

- EoI -> 5 September 2024
 - EOI is compulsory
 - Platform opens on 27 Aug for submission EoI *More information will follow*
- Full Proposal -> 10 October 2024
 - Use template available online as a guide to prepare submission on platform
 - Timing of project in call is indicative, significant deviation has to be justified in Full Proposal
 - Budget in call is the **maximum** available budget

Research Topics - 2024-2025

Numbering follows the “informationfile S4P”

POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Digital Transformation

- (3.1) Impact of new technologies on the federal level: threats, opportunities and the way forward for implementing the use of AI in the federal administrations (FPS BOSA, FPS Social Security, FPS Employment and Federal Audit, budget 855k€).
- (3.2) How to make Artificial Intelligence an asset for the Belgian labour Market? (FPS Employment, budget 600k€).

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POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Strategic autonomy and resilience of Belgium

- (4.1) Evaluating R&D support measures and investments in the Belgian Defence technological and industrial base (Ministry of Defence, budget 400k€).
- (4.2) Strategic deployment of the personnel of Defence towards inclusion of different generations, civil personnel and reservist personnel (Ministry of Defence, 800k€).
- (4.3) Strategic autonomy of the Belgian economy - scientific support for a better match between economic concepts and data (FPS Economy, budget 150k€).

POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Inclusion, health and wellbeing

- (5.1) Optimizing ex ante redistribution impact measurements through improved indicators for non-take-up (FPS Social Security and FPP Social Integration, budget 800k€).
- (5.2) Labour market integration of precarious groups: development of an instrument and framework for ex-post evaluation studies, including a case study on people with disabilities (FPS Social Security, budget 900k€).
- (5.3) Innovative and evidence-based strategies to improve the mental wellbeing of independent workers (FPS Social Security, budget 700k€).

POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Inclusion, health and wellbeing

- (5.4) Implementation of the definition of nanomaterials in (novel) foods by developing and applying optimized electron microscopy-based analysis methods (FPS Health, Environment and Protection of the Food Chain, budget 400k€).
- (5.5) Endocrine disrupting chemicals: Development of new test and chemical risk assessment methodologies for thyroid hormone system disruption in humans and the environment (FPS Health, Environment and Protection of the Food Chain, budget 250k€).
- (5.6) History of persecution and social exclusion of people on basis of their sexual orientation at different periods in our history (State Secretary for Gender Equality, Equal Opportunities and Diversity, attached to the Minister for Mobility and Institute for the Equality between men and women, budget 150k€).

POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Green and societal Transformation

- (6.1) Monitoring Circular Economy in Belgium: methods of data collection, development of Indicators and analyses of circular business (FPS Economy, budget 150k€).
- (6.2) The transition towards climate neutrality in Belgium: how to activate psychosociological levers to foster "sobriety" options? Scoping analysis and sectoral deepdives (FPS Health, Environment and Protection of the Food Chain, budget 600k€).

POLICY DRIVEN call 2024-2025

Green and societal Transformation

- (6.3) Research into the interactions between planetary boundaries and their evolution in preparation for risk analyses for Belgium (FPS Health: Center for Risk Assessment of Climate Change – CeRAC 800k€).
- (6.4) Development and validation of an operational model to assess the dispersion of sand extraction plumes in the Belgian part of the North Sea (FPS Economy, budget 240k€).
- (6.5) Renewable energy in the transport sector in light of the new EU regulation: potential of Belgium to reach the targets (in 2035) and potential of renewable energy sources within Belgium (FPS Economy, budget 200k€)

Questions on Research Topics?

-> Please check out the FAQ on our website

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Clarification Research Topics

If you have any questions on the “Research Priorities of the call (research topics)” (see Information file S4P, Part II (p. 10 – 42), you can contact S4Policy@belspo.be **until 23/07**. We will answer your question/clarification as soon as possible. We will not answer those question that would lead to an unfair distribution of information among the interested researchers. All clarifications will be shared by e-mail and publicly on the website. You can find those here (FAQ Research Topics –available soon).

Until 31/07 you will find new information on the website. It will always be indicated when the FAQ has been updated.

Contact

- For questions: S4Policy@belspo.be
- FAQ & PPT information session will be available on our website soon
- You can always find most recent information on our website

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