

# recommendation

Austrian Council for Research and Technology Development



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## Recommendation regarding the use of the funding provided by the National Foundation for RTD for 2016

### Preamble

Based on the invitation of the Foundation Council of 19 October 2015, in accordance with § 11 para. 1 item 1 of the RTD National Foundation Act, on 30 November 2015 the Austrian Council

Beneficiary	Name	Applied for total in millions	Recommendation
FFG	"Competence Headquarters" program	10.00	5.00
FFG	Bridge building programme / BRIDGE	20.00	
FFG	Research partnerships – industry-related dissertations	5.00	
FFG	R&D infrastructure funding	15.00	
FFG	Spin-off & Start-up initiative within the scope of GIN	8.00	
FWF	Special research areas and PhD	17.10	5.00
FWF	Matching Funds for supporting young researchers and women	3.001	
ÖAW	PostDoc Fellowships	3.00	0.00
ÖAW	goldigital: Projects for scientific digitalisation	2.00	2.00
ÖAW	HumanIS – Humanities and Information Science	4.00	0.00
LBG	Start-up / Expansion International Research Center for Open Innovation in Science	6.00	2.00
CDG	10 CD labs	10.109	2.00
aws	Venture Capital Initiative (VCI)	5.633	2.00
aws	Social Business Initiative	6.75267	
aws	aws First – from idea to entrepreneurship	4.50	
aws	Service-Start-up-Initiative	5.8159	
<b>Total</b>		<b>125.91157</b>	<b>18.00</b>

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submitted a recommendation on the use of the Foundation's funds for 2016 for the following possible scenarios:

- 1) EUR 40 million
- 2) EUR 50 million
- 3) EUR 60 million
- 4) EUR 15 million – worst case scenario

The total application volume for 2016 is **EUR 125,911,570 m.**

As part of its recommendation the Austrian Council has asked to be consulted once again in the event of a figure above EUR 15 million but below EUR 40 million with the allocation of National Foundation funds. In view of the actually available funds for 2016 of EUR 18 million, the Foundation Council asked the Austrian Council in its letter of 16 Dec. 2015 for a renewed referral with the Foundation's applications. On this basis the Austrian Council recommends the available **EUR 18 million** be awarded to Foundation funds for 2016.

## **Recommendation**

A prioritization is only possible within limits on the basis of the low allocation of the National Foundation in 2016. For this reason, the AWS, FFG and FWF agencies will be exempted from the use of allocated funds for the respective applications. The respective use must be in accordance with optimum efficiency and quality.