



Guidelines for submission

CEFIPRA High Impact Scientific Research Network proposals

OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- To foster Interdisciplinary/ Intra disciplinary collaborative research & networking activities between identified groups
- To connect excellent research groups from India & France supported by the respective National agencies and CEFIPRA.
- To generate world class collaborative research projects by establishing linkages between groups for solving specific problem
- To develop mechanism for knowledge linkages & Knowledge forward chain by facilitating exchange of domain expertise, innovative ideas and technological knowhow between selected groups.

TARGETED AREA OF COOPERATION

- **Communication Technologies**
- **Sustainable Agriculture**

ELIGIBILITY OF THE NETWORK GROUP MEMBERS

- Permanent position in an Indian or French University / R & D Institutes
- Successful nationally funded scientific groups from India & France
- There should be minimum three partners from different institutions from each India & France
- One Indian coordinator and one French coordinator must be identified from Indian and French partnering institutions and clearly mentioned in the proposal for further communication
- The proposal must be submitted jointly

PROPOSED TIMELINE

- Launch of the call: 15 December 2025
- Proposal Submission Deadline: 28 February 2026
- Evaluation of Proposal: June/July 2026 (tentative)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Proposals must be submitted in the prescribed format along with supporting documents on the below mentioned online portal:

<https://cefipra.org/HImpact.aspx>

Both Indian and French network coordinators (Principal Investigators – PIs) need to register on the above-mentioned portal.

SCREENING PROPOSALS:

After receiving the proposal in requisite/prescribed format, expert committee of CEFIPRA, members of the domain experts, and representatives of the most important stakeholders of cooperation (organizations, institutions, universities) in the domain area will review the proposal based on the following criteria.

CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION OF PROPOSAL

Eligibility Verification: Eligibility will be verified as per norms by CEFIPRA.

Research Potentially of the Group members:

The research potentially of the group members may be verified by the specially constituted committee as mentioned above on the basis of following indicators:

1. Relevance of research plan to track records
2. Current National Supported Projects
3. Jointly handled projects
4. Research accomplishments and activities of the researcher in both countries.
 - Number of year they have collaborated
 - Number of Joint Publications
 - Number of Joint Patents
5. Joint research accomplishments between applicants

Potentiality of the proposal

The potentiality of the proposals may be verified by the specially constituted committee as mentioned above on the basis of following indicators:

1. Review of research proposals for rationale/ necessity of research
2. Quality and originality of research plan
3. Appropriateness of research method and duration
4. Potential academic/social contribution of research outcomes
5. Advancement in the Indo-French knowledge domain

PEER REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS

Submitted proposals may be reviewed by peer experts. After completion of the peer review process, the proposal may be directly placed before the Experts Committee for final recommendation.

Selection: Outstanding project proposals with Potential groups will be selected for support on the basis of review and recommendation by the Expert Committee.

FUNDING CONDITIONS:

The duration of the network programme should be limited to 36 months. Support will be given under following heads:

- Mobility support to the Researchers/ Scientists under high impact scientific network group for interchanging the ideas between those groups. Two visits with a duration of 15 days will be provided for each member and local travel

- Visit for Ph.D. and Post doc students with minimum short stay upto two weeks and long stay maximum up to three months
- Scientific interactive meeting/Webinars
- Associated cost for dissemination of research and reports and creation of database, if necessary
- Since, scientist would have the necessary facilities for conducting research work, no additional facilities will be provided under this programme. The support will be confined to mobility & interaction
- Any other cost which may be beneficial in strengthening the network may be supported on a case to case basis

REVIEW & MONITORING

Expert committee members will review the activities of network groups and their projects annually. Subsequent support will be released on the basis of recommendation of the Scientific Council. On completion, the network group will submit a completion report to CEFIPRA. Experts Committee members will review the final completion report.

FUNDING SUPPORT

Total approved budget of the project (Max. Euro 200.000 for the 3-year period) with following budget heads:

- One Scientific interactive meeting/networking event/seminar per year (Euro 25.000 or equivalent in INR)
- Mobility Support (international visits, maximum one visit per member in each year for both sides)
 - PI visit (15 days Maximum)
 - Student Visits (30 & 60 days maximum)
- Local Travel : INR 1,00,000/- per year for each member
- Publications & creation of database (to be defined collectively for the network, since collective publications are expected)
- Overhead (as per CEFIPRA norms)

Budget for International visits under CEFIPRA Projects:

Category	No. of Days	Total Amount in Euro (France to India)	Total Amount in INR (India To France)
Scientists	7	2129	232890
Scientists	15	2992	379050
PhD	30	2142	240000
PhD	60	2908	375000
PD (Postdoc)	30	2208	284982

FUNDING MECHANISM

Subsequent to the final recommendation, a sanction letter will be issued to the group members indicating the budget provision for the group. CEFIPRA will facilitate International Travel, advance funds will be directly given to the individual members. After completion of travel, group members will submit all bills related to travel for settling down the accounts at CEFIPRA. The name of main coordinators from India & France should be clearly mentioned in the proposal for the workshop. For holding workshops, 80% of the budget will be released to the coordinators. Balance 20% will be released after completion of workshop and submission of Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate.

As per the prevailing procedures, the proposal including the budget is assessed and recommended by the Experts Committee of CEFIPRA based on current CEFIPRA guidelines and rates.

OUTPUT MANAGEMENT

Each partner has the right to publish the results emanating from the programme. The publications resulting from the programme shall bear the names of all the authors unless any author explicitly declines to be named. Due acknowledgement shall be given to CEFIPRA for extending support in carrying out projects resulting in such publications.

FORECLOSURE AND TERMINATION

In case, if it is found that the programme/project is not likely to lead to successful completion, the Committee members of CEFIPRA may decide to foreclose/terminate the project. The decision of Co-Chairs of the Committee members shall be final in all respects.
