

Call II (2026)

**Link to the submission platform** 

# ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION SYSTEM GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

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## 1. Introduction

# 1.1 About your proposal

All documentation relative to the call is provided on the following LEAP-SE website page: <u>LEAP-SE COFUND - LEAP-RE</u>

Prior to submission, the project coordinator must prepare a **project proposal document**, to be submitted in PDF format document following the template available on the call page<sup>1</sup>.

Some agencies require additional documents (check National rules and regulations) to be included in the submission documents for the international submission. Please make sure that you and your partners check the appendices of your corresponding agencies regarding additional documents, in order to ensure the acceptability of your proposal. The templates of these documents are available on the call page.

Keep in mind that each funding organization has its own funding criteria and regulations, which are mentioned in the call announcement.

# 1.2 About the submission system

The LEAP-SE Call 2026 electronic submission system is based on the French National Research Agency (ANR) <u>electronic submission platform</u>. The present document is designed to guide you through the submission process and ensure a smooth submission.

→ Note that some features of the submission platform are not used for this call and that some fields in the interface can be safely ignored.

Each modified page in the submission platform must be saved (using the "Save" button) before going to another page.

# 1.3 Roles in the submission process

A consortium is made up of project partners, each represented by a Lead Researcher (referred to as the Principal Investigator on the submission website). The project coordinator is responsible for creating the proposal in the submission system and adding the other project partners. Once added, the partner PIs receive an automatic email notification. This email invites them to log into the system to review, complete, or modify the information provided by the coordinator regarding the consortium.

The coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all partner information is accurate and complete. Once the proposal is finalized, the coordinator can "lock" it, which prevents other partners from making any further updates. Only the coordinator is permitted to modify the overall project information.

<sup>1</sup>LEAP-SE COFUND - LEAP-RE



# 2. How to log-in

The coordinator and the other PIs can connect to the website in the following way.

#### 2.1 Submission website

The electronic submission system is available at this URL:

https://aap.agencerecherche.fr/ layouts/15/SIM/Pages/SIMNouveauProjet.aspx? idAAP=2349

**NOTE**: The user interface is bilingual (French and English). Click on the flag on the upper-right side of the screen to reach the pages in English. You can change the interface language at any time.

### 2.2 Create an account

The welcome page of the submission system is shown below. Fill in the form with your personal information (Last name, First name, Email address).

If you already have an account on the ANR submission website, you can go directly to the authentication page.

If you have forgotten your password, you can ask for a new one on the authentication page.

Welcome to the ANR's online project submission բ You selected the Call: LEAP-SE étape 1 - 2026 2026	olatform.			
To create a proposal:				
Email address:  *  Validate	If you already have an account on the ANR submission website, you can access directly to the "Authentication Page".			
<ul> <li>Following the validation:</li> <li>If you don't have already an account on the submission site, a confirmation email and an activation email will be sent to you.</li> <li>If you already have an account on the submission site, only a confirmation email will be sent to you.</li> <li>Please access then the <u>authentication page</u>.</li> </ul>				
Some tips to help you during the submission stage				
<ul> <li>Each modified page must be <u>saved</u> before going to the next one. If you do not click on save, all the information you entered after the last save will not be preserved.</li> <li>Be careful about the Call closing date and time. No changes will be possible after the submission deadline.</li> </ul> We thank you for your interest and wish you a successful submission.				

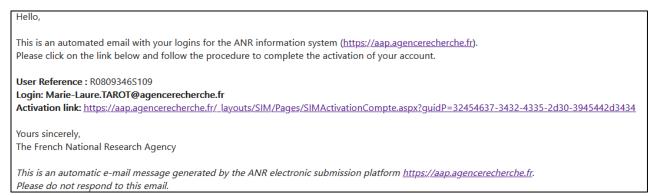


# 2.3 Activation of your account (if you do not have an account already)

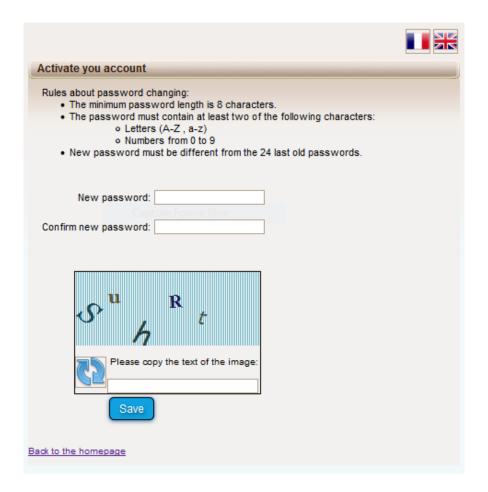
An email will be sent from the website in the following format (if you do not receive the email, please check your spam box):

FROM: SIM ANR simnoreply@agencerecherche.fr

**SUBJECT:** Activation de votre compte / Account Activation

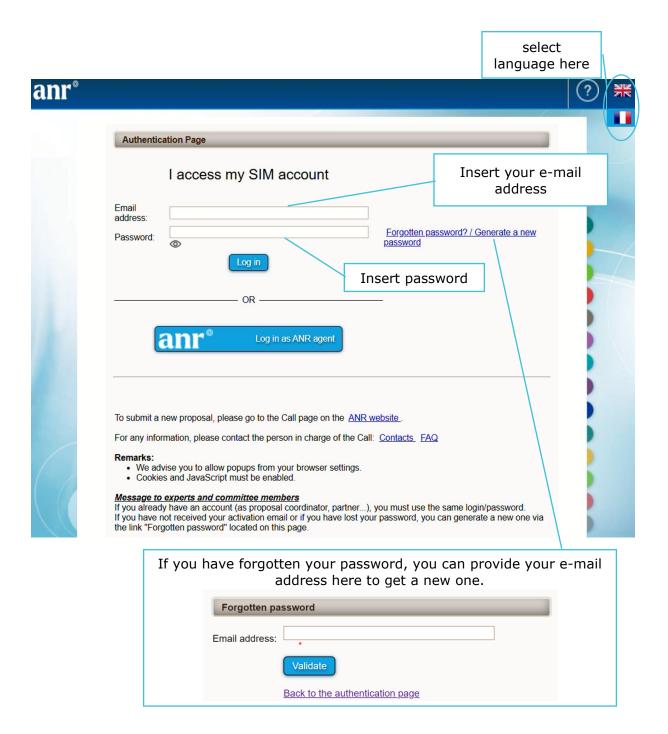


Open the activation link from the email and activate your account.





# 2.4 Authentication page





# 2.5 Notification from the system (if you already have an account)

An email will be sent from the website in the following format (if you do not receive the email, please check your spam box):

FROM: SIM ANR simnoreply@agencerecherche.fr

SUBJECT: Création d'un nouveau projet / Creation of a new proposal

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

You indicated you wish to submit a proposal for the call of proposals "Long term Europe Africa Partnership on Sustainable Energy".

Please log in to the submission platform of ANR, using the username and password you already used for your previous connections. If you forgot the password, you can reset it from the authentication page.

The address is: <a href="https://aap.agencerecherche.fr">https://aap.agencerecherche.fr</a>.

As proposal coordinator, you must register the partners of this proposal in the tab "Partnership and Tasks".

Do not forget to specify the funding agency of the partner. If the partner does not request funds from an agency, select the value "On own funds" and you won't have to fill the fields regarding funding. If you do not maintain your wish to submit, simply ignore this message.

Yours sincerely,
The French National Research Agency

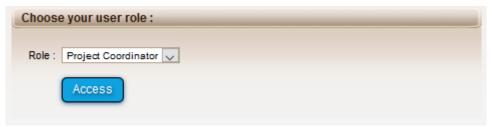
Open the activation link from the email and activate your account.

#### 2.6 User Role

After validation, you are asked to choose your user profile:

- **Project Coordinator** (can modify all the information)
- **Project Partner** (can modify its own information)

To create a new submission, select "Project Coordinator" and click on the "Access" button.

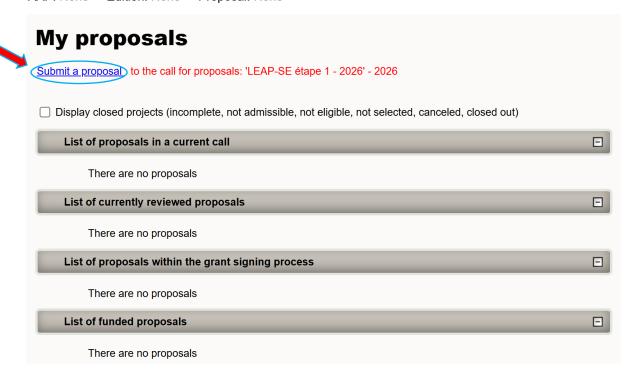




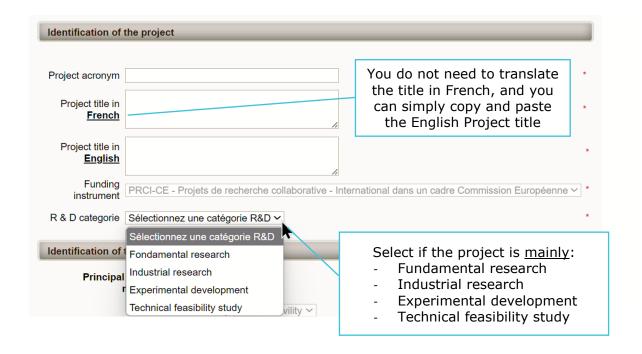
# 3. How to create your proposal

# 3.1 Submit a proposal

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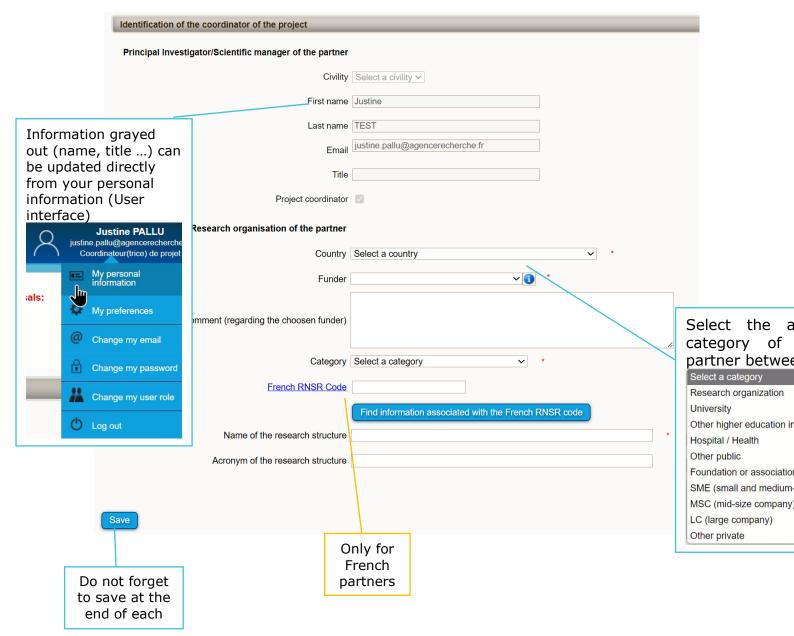


# 3.2 Identification of the project



Still on the same page, as the coordinator of the proposal you have to fill out the the following form:



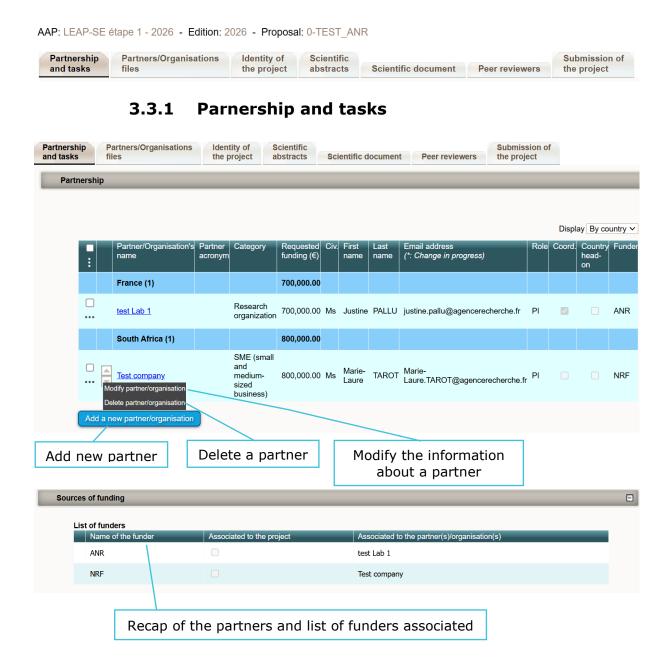


# 3.3 Information about your submission

After providing the project identification details, you will be directed to the main online submission page. This page contains several tabs, each containing the necessary information for evaluating the project. The tabs are displayed from left to right on the screen as follows:

- 1. Partnership and Tasks
- 2. Partners/Organisations Files
- 3. Identity of the Project
- 4. Scientific Abstract
- 5. Scientific Document
- 6. Peer Reviewers
- 7. Submission of the project

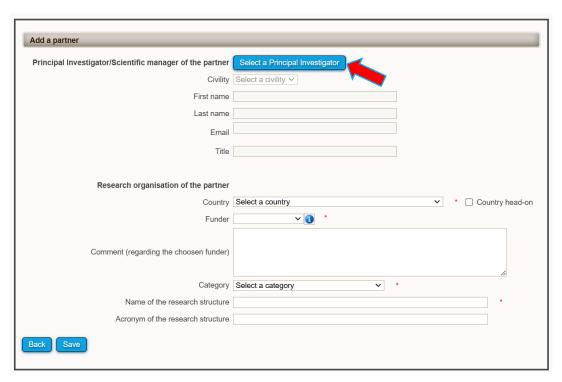




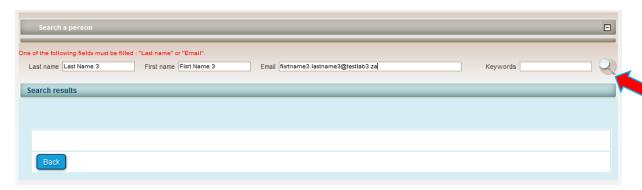
### 3.3.1.1 Addition of a partner

When clicking on the icon Add a new partner/organisation to add a new partner, the following pop-up appears:

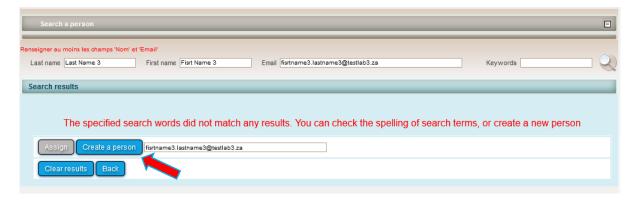




Click on "Select a Principal Investigator" and fill out the contact details of the person associated for the partner:

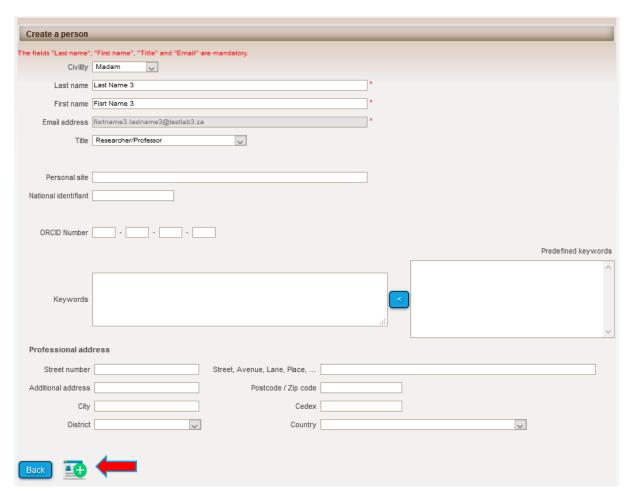


Click on the lens to search the person. If the person has no existing account, then it appears the following result:

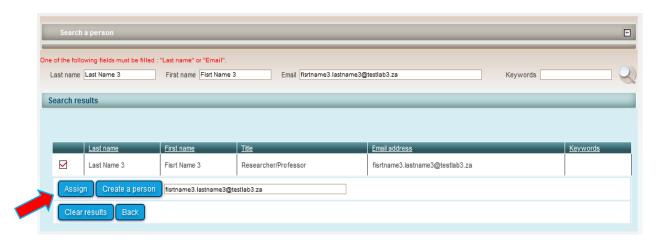


The following form opens up. You can fill in the information about the person that represents the new partner. Then you need to click on the icon bottom of the form to create the person.





You are now back to the previous page with the result updated by your creation. You need to tick the box at the left side of the name of the person and click on "Assign" to associate the person with the new partner.



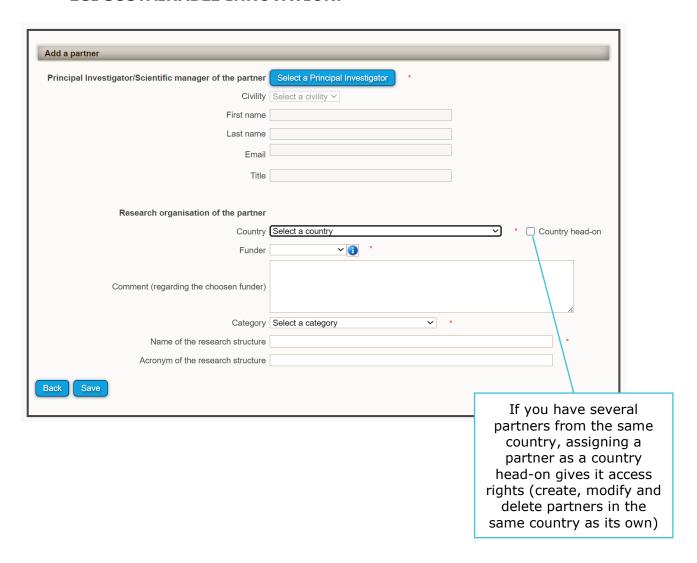
Once the new partner is created with the correct associated details, make sure to fill in all the required fields and save the information to complete the creation process and return to the submission process.

Depending on the country you select for each partner, you must also choose the corresponding funding agency for the partner's funding request.



For each project partner, you can specify the following options:

- Requesting funds from a funding agency: You will be able to select the appropriate funding agency based on the partner's country)
- Not requesting any funds from a funding agency: In this case, the partner will be marked as "With own funds.""
- If your partner is from an African country without a funding agency and you are requesting funding, select the funding agency "LGI-LGI SUSTAINABLE INNOVATION."



The Principal Investigator of the newly registered partner receives the following email inviting to log in into the platform.

**FROM:** SIM ANR simnoreply@agencerecherche.fr

**SUBJECT:** Invitation à participer au projet Long term Europe Africa Partnership on Sustainable Energy " TEST " / Invitation to participate in the Long term Europe Africa Partnership on Sustainable Energy proposal " TEST "



Dear Madam, Dear Sir,

You have been invited by Madame Justine PALLU to be partner of the proposal "TEST" which will be submitted to the call of proposals "Long term Europe Africa Partnership on Sustainable Energy".

Please log in to the SIM platform of ANR, using the username and password you already received for your previous connections. If you forgot the password, you can reset it from the authentication page.

The address is: <a href="https://aap.agencerecherche.fr">https://aap.agencerecherche.fr</a>

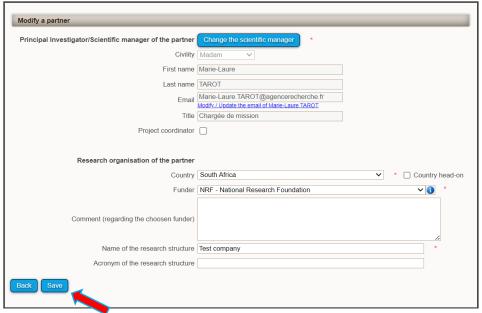
If you ignore where this invitation comes from, please contact Madame Justine PALLU (justine.pallu@agencerecherche.fr).

Yours sincerely,
The French National Research Agency

**NOTE**: It is important for the partner to log in at least for signing the online commitment to be part of the applying consortium at the pre-proposal step.

#### 3.3.1.2 Modification of the information's on a partner's profile

Click on "Modify" to provide information about a partner (Name, acronym, category, country, funding organization if applicable, amount of requested funding, and PI information; See the pop-up window shown below).



#### 3.3.1.3 Change the person assigned as the PI for a partner

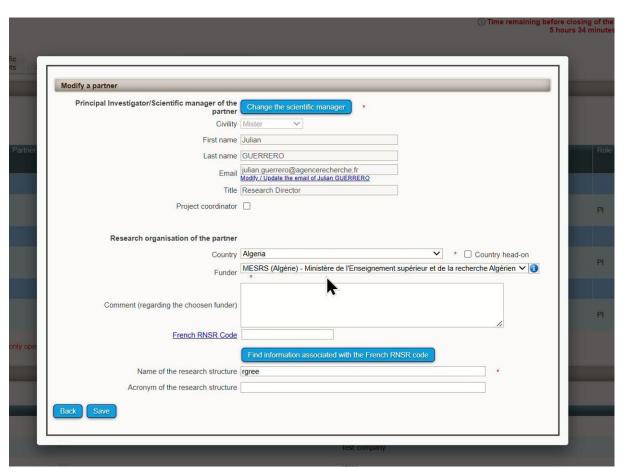
Make sure that the person you want to add as a new scientific manager/PI for a partner is not already listed as a member of the team

On the" Partnership and tasks "tab, click on the three dots next to the partner whose scientific manager you want to change and "Modify partner/organisation"



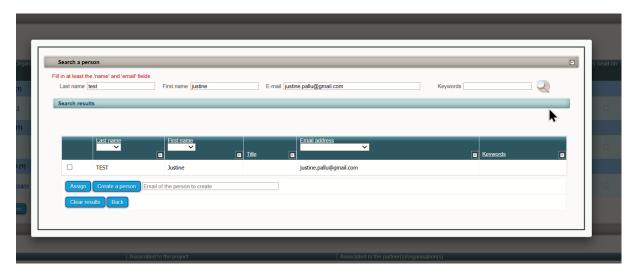


A pop up will open with the information for the scientific manager of said partner, click on "change scientific manager.



Look for the person on the system or create the new person if they do not have an account





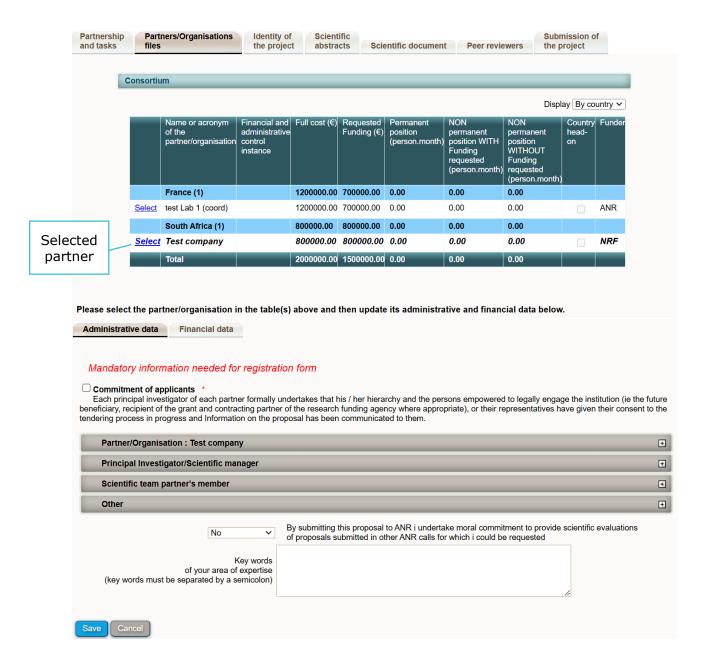
And assign the person as the new scientific manager





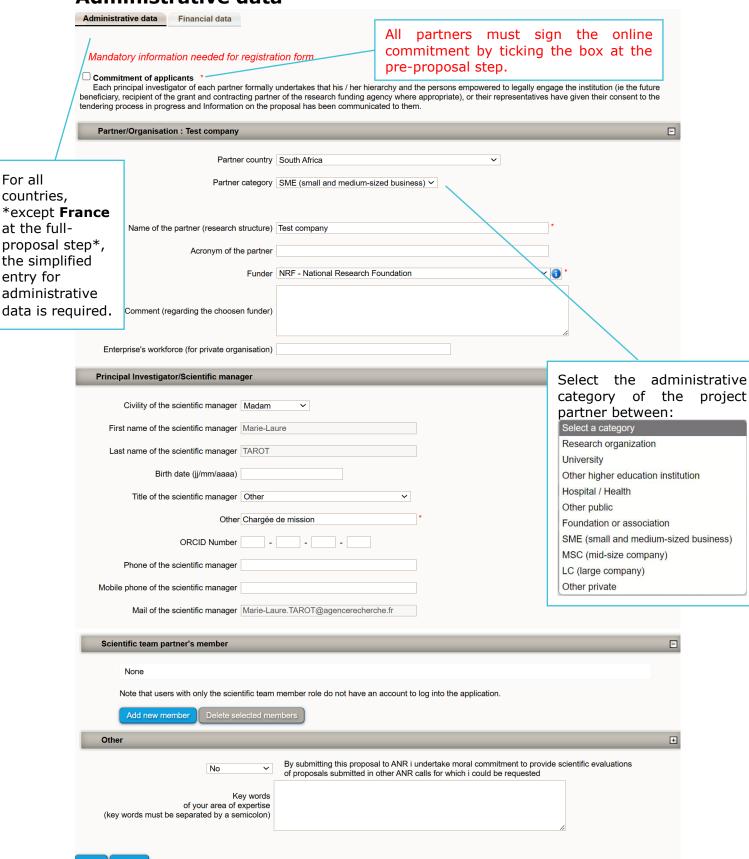
#### 3.3.2 Partners/Organisation Files

This tab enables you to provide further information about each partner. It contains two sub-tabs: "Administrative data" and "Financial data". The only new mandatory field in addition to the ones from the previous tab is the "Partner category" one, under the "Administrative data" sub-tab. Under the "Financial data" sub-tab, only the "Requested funding" field is required.





#### Administrative data

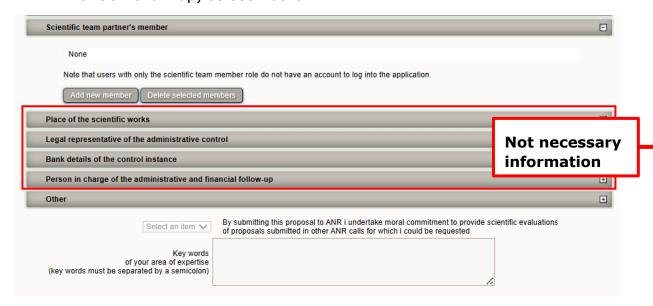








It is possible that for the project coordinator, more categories are asked in the administrative data (Place of the scientific works, Legal representatives, Bank details, person in charge of administrative and financial follow-up) as seen bellow



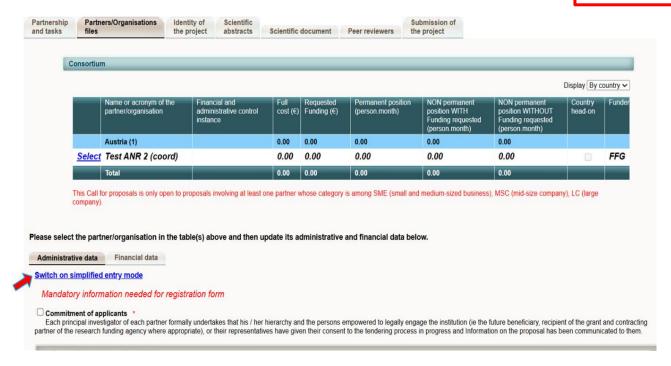
Those data are **not necessary**. You do not need to feel the information's asked in this category. You can leave them empty.

To remove those unnecessary categories from the page, please do the following step:

From the tab "Partners/organisations files", under the sub-tab "Administative data"; the following sentence should be written:

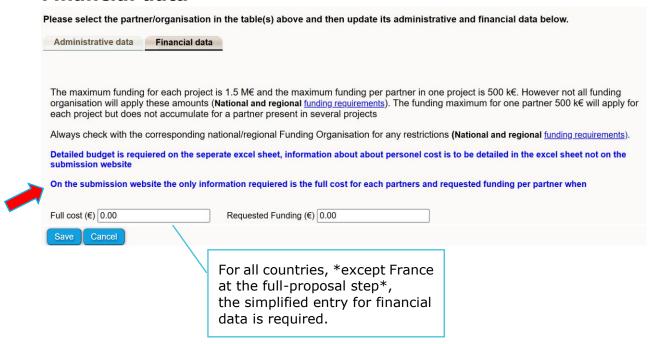
"Switch on simplified entry mode" Please click on the sentence

To remove





#### Financial data



A pop up (see below) will appear if the total requested funding for all partners exceeds the maximum ask per project (see call text)

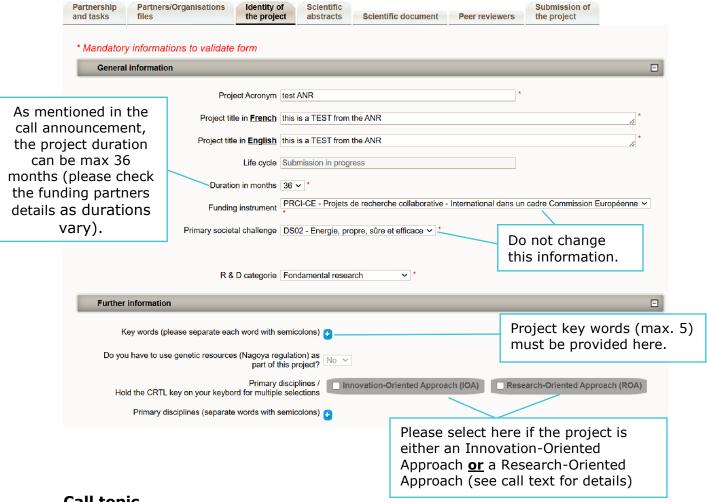


**NOTE**: Make sure to fill out all the information required when this symbol "\*" is displayed



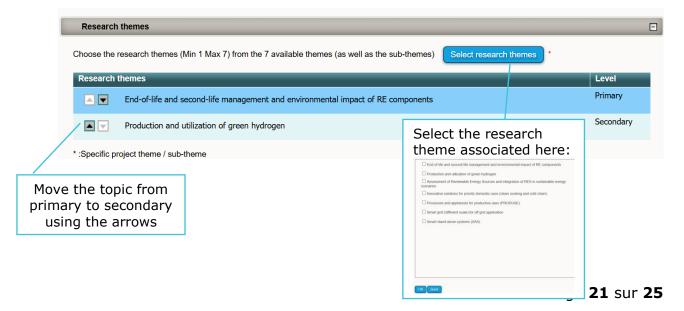
#### **Identity of the project** 3.3.3

Under this tab must be provided general information about the project such as the call topic, the project duration, and key words



#### **Call topic**

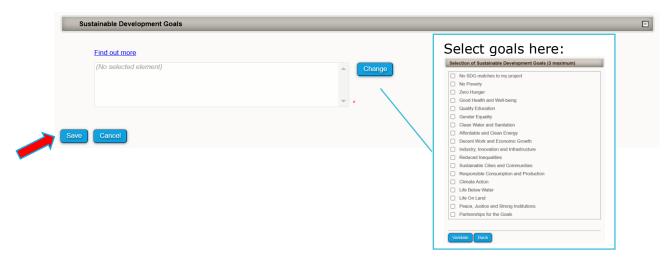
Under the sub-tab **Research themes**, select "Primary" for the topic you apply to and possible "Secondary" topics. The selection should look as the screenshot below (depending on the topic).





#### **Sustainable Development Goals**

Under this sub-tab, please select a maximum of 3 sustainable development goals relating to the project.



#### 3.3.4 Scientific Abstracts

Under this tab please provide the project summary and relevance to the call, as provided in the proposal document. The versions provided under this tab are used for reviewer assignment.

You do not need to provide a translation of the summary in French.

#### 3.3.5 Scientific Document

Under this tab, you must upload the proposal document in PDF format.

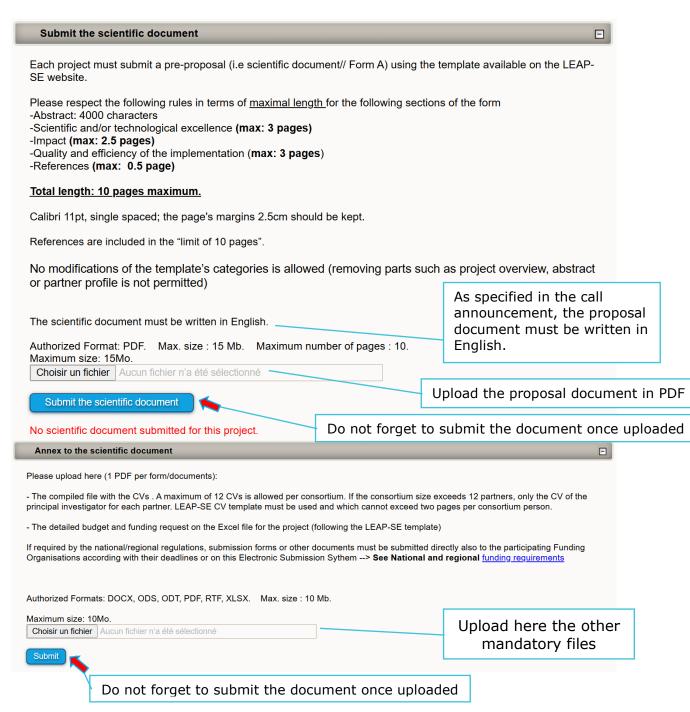
Each project must submit a proposal (i.e. scientific document) using the template available on the page of the LEAP-SE website: <u>LEAP-SE 2026</u>

For the others document needed, you can add them in the "annex of the scientific document":

- The compiled file with the CVs . A maximum of 12 CVs is allowed per consortium. If the consortium size exceeds 12 partners, only the CV of the principal investigator for each partner. LEAP-SE CV template must be used and which cannot exceed two pages per consortium person.;
- The detailed budget and funding resuqest on the Excel file (Using provided LEAP-SE Excel sheet template)
- Form B for in kind partners (step 2);
- Declaration on double funding (step 2);

Some national agencies request additional national information. Please find the requested files for on the LEAP-SE website: <u>LEAP-SE 2026</u>





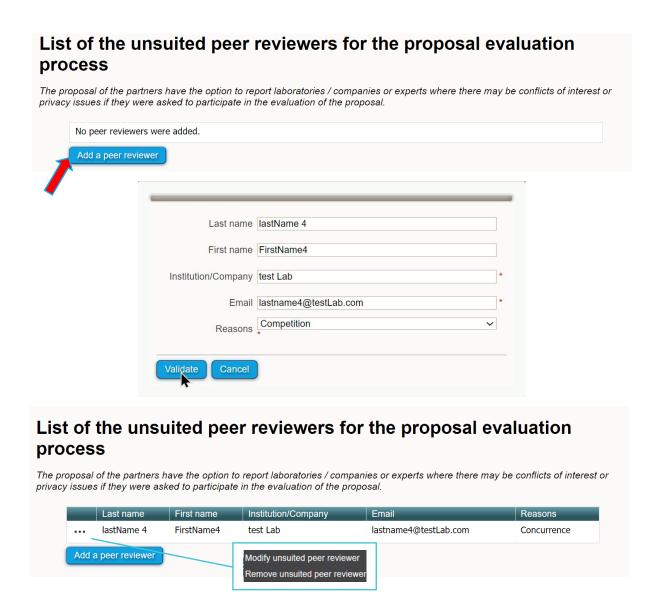


The scientific document can be uploaded as many times as you wish. The new file will overwrite the former one.



#### 3.3.6 Peer Reviewers

This tab gives the coordinator the opportunity to warn the call secretariat of names of peer-reviewers that you would like not to be a peer reviewer of your pre-proposal, due to conflict of interests in terms of intellectual property or competition.



You may repeat the operation to add several unsuited peer reviewers.



#### 3.3.7 Submission of the project

This tab enables the coordinator to lock and unlock the project proposal. When the proposal is locked, PIs from other partners cannot modify their information.

The tab also provides information on the proposal validity. Alerts shown in red are blocking issues for the submission.

There is no \*submit\* button once you finalize your submission. The submission is automatic.



In the tab "submission of your project", please check that a green sentence indicating that "The conditions for submission of your proposal are met." is displayed. If a red sentence is displayed, please check again all the tabs and scientific document or your project will be automatic considered by the system as \*not submitted\*. If an orange sentence is displayed, something is missing, lease check again all the tabs.



A confirmation email is sent to the coordinator at call closure.

The closing date for call for proposals is 05/02/2026 until 16:00 (DD/MM/YYYY; Current local time in Paris, France)

#### Project status : Submitting

Your application will automatically be considered submitted if all the following conditions are met:

- · the scientific document has been submitted
- the grant amount requested for the project is non-zero at the closing of the call for proposals

Only information entered on the submission website by the call for proposals closing date will be considered.

An electronic confirmation will be sent to the coordinator on the call for proposals closing date.

Coordinators are asked to lock their projects by the closing date.

The project may be unlocked by the coordinator prior to the closing date if additional changes are necessary.





#### Checking fields

Please note that the submission platform is unable to check that the information you have entered matches the eligibility criteria laid out in the text of the call for proposals.

Please be aware of the following alerts:

- In red : This condition must be fulfilled for your proposition to be complete
- In orange : Information about the project or partner that should be filled or corrected

#### Proposal

No scientific document has been uploaded

Partner/Organisation 1 : test Lab 1 (Coordinator)

- The laboratory partner have not entered his Control and Management instances
- The partner has not entered all of the required fields under administrative data

#### Administrative and financial document of the project

Generate

LEAP-SE STEP 1 2025\_2025\_test ANR.pdf (created on 13/12/2024 at 15:26:39)

There no final submission button for your proposal. As long as all the filled needed are filled out, scientific document and annexes submitted the proposal will be considered ae submitted.

You can however lock the proposal. This will ensure no modification can be done by your partners

Do not you can generate here an overview of your proposal



There is a known bug on the budget request in this file. Please disregard.