

# National Biobank Initiative

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# Outline

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# Objectives of Funding Scheme

Advancement of biobank activities and infrastructure at certain research locations.

- ➔ Comprehensive centralization of existing biomaterial banks
- ➔ Advancement of national biobanking infrastructures to facilitate integration into European activities (BBMRI)

Funding can be provided for:

- centralizing existing biobanks and implementing comprehensive biobanking structures

Funding cannot be granted for:

- establishing new biobanks or collecting specific biomaterials
- biobanks focussing on certain diseases
- concepts federating biobanks supra-regionally

# Local Prerequisites

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- at least one high quality biobank with a comprehensive data base
- at least one biobank having given samples to peer-reviewed research projects that have resulted in peer reviewed publications
- implemented quality management/ assurance and data safety

# Local Prerequisites

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- willingness/cooperativeness to comprehensively exchange data/ material
- spatial conditions allowing the operation of a biobank according to international standards
- solid and sustainable financial concept to maintain the research infrastructure

# Funding Details

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- Duration of funding: up to 5 years
- Volume of funding: appr. 17 Mio Euro

# Evaluation Process

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In response to the public call **29** proposals were submitted applying for a total of **111 mio €**.

Evaluation by an independent interdisciplinary international review board.

→ **5** proposals recommended for funding



# Kick-off Workshop

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The evaluation process has identified common problems with regard to the implementation of centralised biobanking infrastructures.

It was strongly advised to cooperatively address these issues in an attempt to match policies (no isolated solutions).

Further Information:

<http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/>