

Leibniz Research Network Guidelines

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Aims of the Leibniz Research Networks

- To set up topic-based networks between the participating institutes in order to pool, share and advance subject-specific and methodological/technical expertise and make it visible externally.

Characteristics of Leibniz Research Networks

- They can develop around a specific topic or key technology (but must not duplicate topics covered by existing Leibniz Research Alliances).
- Structurally, they are open and flexible, i.e. they open up a range of structural and thematic possibilities.
- They have a high degree of freedom in terms of organization.

Setting up Leibniz Research Networks and financial support

- A Leibniz Research Network involves several (at least five) Leibniz Institutes, usually from several Sections.
- They have a spokesperson. According to the General Rules of Procedure of the Leibniz Association, the term of office is generally two years. Re-election is possible.
- Leibniz Research Networks have a German name and an English name.
- They are set up by the Executive Board of the Leibniz Association in response to a proposal from within the Leibniz Association. The Executive Board decides whether to establish a Research Network based on a mandatory outline of all participating institutions and a brief description of the network's aims and mode of operation. Planned networks should have presented themselves in the Sections before a decision is taken by the Executive Board.
- After three years, the Leibniz Research Network submits a report on its work to the Executive Board. The Executive Board decides on the continuation/termination of the Leibniz Research Network on the basis of this report.
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- A member of the Executive Board may apply for financial support from the strategic fund for certain Research Network activities. These encompass, to a limited extent, coordination activities and support for events, workshops, publications, advisory services and similar activities. Funding of up to 75,000 euros can be applied for over a three-year reporting period.