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3rd Joint Call 2023
Webinar for applicants

20th of April 2023

10:00 – 12:00 p.m. (CEST)

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Info before we really start…

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Joint Call Web Page

https://submission-icrad.eu/

Technical Infos for this meeting

⇨Q & A after the presentation – put questions via chat

⇨Slides will be available on Joint Call web page

⇨Q & A will be collected and made available on Joint Call web page

Info before we really start…

The Call Announcement:
A must read!

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

International Coordination of Research on Infectious Animal Diseases (ICRAD)

"Helminth infections and changing climate: tackling the challenges for animal health"

Deadline for submission of pre-proposals:

1 June 2023, 15:00 CEST (Berlin)

This document announces the third transnational call on infectious animal diseases within the framework of the International Coordination of Research on Infectious Animal Diseases (ICRAD) ERA-NET[1].

The overall objective of this research call is to increase understanding and preparedness for impending effects on animal health and livestock industry caused by spread of anthelmintic resistance and climate change.

Consortia must include a minimum of 3 partners from a minimum of 3 different countries, and a maximum of 8 partners. The consortium cannot include more than two partners from one country. Industry involvement is encouraged.

Applicants must respect eligibility rules of the call and the national/regional rules and regulations of their respective national/regional funding organisation as outlined in section 5 and Annex I of this document. In some cases, an additional application to the national/regional organisation is necessary. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their funding contact point.

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I. Call Timeline and Funding Opportunities

II. Introduction to the Joint Call

III. Important conditions and requirements (eligibility, participating countries and proposal outline)

IV. Partner Search Tool

V. How to submit a proposal via the submission tool

VI. Evaluation of proposals

VII. Q & A

I. Joint Call Timeline

STEP 1

Call Launch
3rd April 2023

Pre-proposal Submission
1st June 2023

Peer-review Evaluation

Pre-proposal selection Meeting

Feedback on Selection decision
End of September 2023

STEP 2

Full-proposal Submission
2nd October 2023 - 4th December 2023

Peer-review Evaluation

Full proposal selection Meeting

Feedback on Selection decision
April 2024

Contract negotiations

Project start
May 2024 – July 2024

I. Joint Call Timeline and Funding Opportunities

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution Total (k€)	National/regional call contribution max. per project (k€)	Research Area 1	Research Area 2	Research Area 3
Belgium	Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment (FPS Health)	300	150	x	x	
Estonia	Ministry of Rural Affairs (MEM)	100	100	x	x	x
France	French National Research Agency (ANR)	1000	350	x	x	x
Ireland	Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)	600	300	x	x	x
Latvia	Latvian Council of Science (LZP)	600	100 (per year and partner)	x	x	x
Poland	The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	600	200 (per partner in project)	x	x	x
Türkiye	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM)	200	50 (100, if coordinator)	x	x	x
Türkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)	600	75 / 125 (See Annex I)	x	x	x
United Kingdom	The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)	1650	875	x	x	x
Total of national/ regional call contributions:		**5650**				

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Introduction to ICRAD 3rd Call

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Objectives of the 3rd ICRAD Call

The 3rd ICRAD call aims to increase understanding and preparedness for impending effects of climate change and the spread of anthelmintic resistance on animal health and the livestock industry.

This call aims to fund research in three separate fields to achieve the following objectives:

- Improve understanding of anthelmintic resistance and develop intervention tools to prevent it.
- Better understand impacts of climate change on animal health.
- Develop new detection and prevention platforms.

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3rd Call Thematic Background

- Resistant helminth populations are found in all grazing livestock species, and resistance has developed to all major classes of anthelmintic drug[1].
- Helminth infections cost the European livestock industry more than €1.8 billion per year in production losses and treatment costs[2].
- Changes in climatic patterns can affect disease incidence and vector behaviour whilst higher than average temperatures can cause significant stress to livestock systems.
- Projected global economic losses due to climatic impacts on livestock by the mid-21st century range from $9.7 to $12.6 billion[3].

1. Kaplan, Ray M. "Drug resistance in nematodes of veterinary importance: a status report." *Trends in parasitology* 20.10 (2004): 477-481.

2. Charlier, Johannes, et al. "Initial assessment of the economic burden of major parasitic helminth infections to the ruminant livestock industry in Europe." *Preventive Veterinary Medicine* 182 (2020): 105103.

3. Boone, Randall B., et al. "Climate change impacts on selected global rangeland ecosystem services." *Global change biology* 24.3 (2018): 1382-1393.

Development of the Scope - Evidence

We collated research priorities from the following documents:

- DISONTOOLS – Research gaps for improving disease control in animals
- BBSRC Veterinary Vaccinology Research and Innovation Survey Report: Gaps and Priorities (based on global consultation)
- ICRAD SRIA Survey Results
- STAR-IDAZ Animal Influenza Research Priorities

The main priorities listed in these documents were grouped and placed in an online survey which was sent to ICRAD partners, industrial partners, STAR-IDAZ members and other interested parties.

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3rd Call Topics – Anthelmintic Resistance

Research Area 1: Research to improve understanding of anthelmintic resistance mechanisms, the impacts of anthelmintic resistance on livestock health, and development of tools to help diagnose, prevent, and manage it.

Potential areas of interest could be:

- Improving methods used for diagnosis and monitoring of helminth infections, including drug efficacy;
- Tests for detecting anthelmintic resistance against all anthelmintic classes in helminth species of importance;
- Pen-side tests and associated decision support tools that rapidly inform on levels of infestation and morbidity;
- Develop methods to quantify or map levels of anthelmintic resistance present in livestock herds;
- Understanding the biological response of helminths to changing climatic conditions and potential impacts on anthelmintic usage/ requirements;
- Improved knowledge of the immune mechanisms associated with natural, and vaccine induced protection from helminths; and
- Development of novel, and improvement of currently available helminth control strategies including anthelmintic vaccines.

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3rd Call Topics – Impacts of Climate Change on Animal Health

Research Area 2: Research to increase understanding of the impacts of climate change and vector borne diseases on animal health, including development of tools to prevent, prepare and respond to animal health emergencies triggered by climate change.

Potential areas of interest could be:

- Epidemiological monitoring of changes to spatial and temporal distribution of animal disease resulting from climate change– including development of novel digital tools to visualise, collate and report this information;
- Modelling and forecasting of the impacts of climate change on the spread of infectious livestock disease - including how animal movement and implementation of control zones could influence this;
- Understanding changes to transmission and pathogenicity of animal disease resulting from climate change; and
- Understanding direct and indirect impacts of climate change, for example thermal stress, on susceptibility of livestock to disease.

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3rd Call Topics – Vaccine and Diagnostic Technology Platforms

Research Area 3: Research to support the development of novel and improved vaccine and diagnostic tools and platforms and research to assess the utility and efficacy of existing technology platforms.

a. Vaccine Technology Platforms Robust and flexible vaccine platform technologies, fit for multiple, and rapidly changeable vaccine targets, can reduce the technical and regulatory time for vaccines against emerging pathogens.

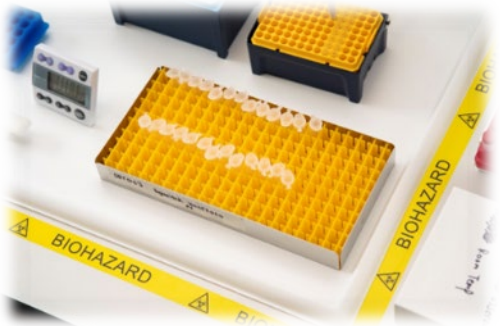
b. Diagnostic Technology Platforms Novel and point of care diagnostic platforms are needed to accurately detect disease presence in animals. Although reagents are available to develop diagnostics in many animal species, these are not always practical in the field or effective at detecting the presence or exposure to pathogens.

Exclusions & Industry Involvement

The research funded through this call is to improve health of livestock and the focus of each research proposal should be on animal health/disease. Research that mainly focuses on the below **are not in the scope of the call**:

- Improving human health
- Companion animals
- Food-borne pathogens
- Animal welfare
- Environmental/climatic modelling
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Ectoparasites

A collaborative approach between academic and industry sectors is encouraged for this call. Especially for projects which aim to develop vaccine and technology platforms as part of Research Area 3.



Any Questions?

- Thank you for your time.
- thomas.erritt@defra.gov.uk

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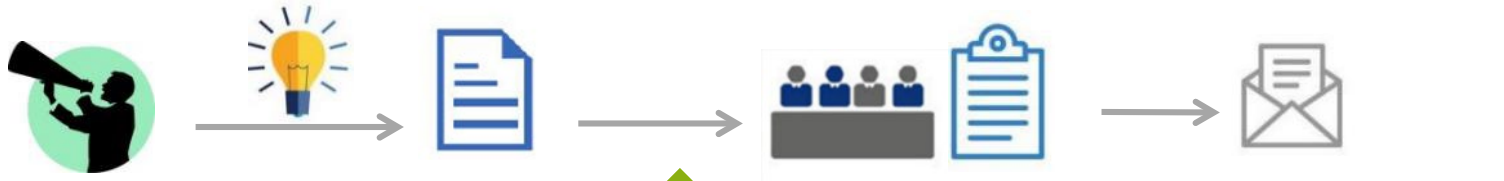
III. Conditions and requirements

Eligibility

STEP 1



Call Opening
3rd April 2023

Pre- proposal
Submission
1st June 2023

Peer-review
Evaluation

Feedback on
Selection decision

Eligibility check

- ✓ **general**
- ✓ **national**

III. Conditions and requirements
General Eligibility

- The application must be written in **English**
- Pre-proposals must be submitted by **1st of June 2023** (15:00 CEST Berlin) using the ERA-NET ICRAD submission website (www.submission-icrad.eu/call3).
- Max. duration of a project: **36 months**
- Researchers can contribute to more than one research proposal submitted to this call, provided there is no double funding of the same work or cost item. In case researchers participate in two or more research proposals, they are obliged to respect the national/ regional rules related to double funding. In the section “Partners” (via Partner Login) under “Tasks within the project” they must name the proposals, in which they are involved and explain clearly how their work within the respective proposals differs. Participation as project coordinator is only possible in one research proposal.
- Projects must follow the rules outlined under “consortium structure”.

III. Conditions and requirements

General Eligibility - Consortium Structure

Partner: Asking for funding

Associated Partner: Not asking for funding, Letter of Commitment necessary!

- Min. of **three <u>partners</u> (asking for funding)** from a **min. of three different countries.**
- **Maximum 8 per Proposal!**
- **Not more than two partners from 1 Country!**
- Applicants from non-participating countries or non-eligible applicants can participate at their own costs (**associated partners**)
- Associated partners will **not** count **towards the maximum or minimum** numbers.
- Associated Partners can only be partners, not coordinator of a proposal.
- The budget of non-funded partners shall not exceed 30% of the requested total transnational project budget.
- Total funding per country must not exceed 60 % of the total funding budget of the proposal in order to achieve balanced partnerships and ensure that responsibility and risks are shared.

Be really careful with your project consortium composition and better <u>ask the call secretariat</u> to be sure! If rules are not fulfilled your project will be ineligible → No Funding!

III. Conditions and requirements

General Eligibility - Consortium Structure Examples

Consortium	Eligible	Reason
2 Partners, + 2 Associated Partners	No	Less than three partners!
3 Partners from Germany, 1 from Estonia, + 2 Associated Partners	No	Less than three countries with full **partners** involved!
9 Partners from 9 countries, + 2 Associated Partners	No	More than 8 Partners!
3 Partners from 3 Countries	Yes	Minimum number of full partners fullfilled
4 Partners from 3 Countries, + 3 Associated Partners	Yes	All eligibility rules fulfilled
8 partners from 5 Countries, 0 Associated Partners, not more than two from one country	Yes	All eligibility rules fulfilled

III. Conditions and requirements
National Eligibility

National eligibility criteria as described in the National Regulations:

- **READ** the national ANNEX!
- Which Research Area can be funded (Not all Funders fund all Research Areas!)?
- Budget per project (Some Funders have budget limitations per project or per partner!)
- Who can apply for funding (research institutions, SMEs, differs from funder to funder)
- Whether a submission of a national application is requested

Consult your National Contact Point!

Make sure every Partner in your proposal contacts the National contact point!

In case one partner of a project consortium is not eligible, the Call Board may reject the entire proposal.

III. Conditions and requirements
Call Budget (in M€)

- Overall Call Budget: ~ 5.65 Mill €
- Different Budget per Country/Funder
- Please be aware of different maximum budget per project partner → It is also possible to stay well below the max. amount!
- Please discuss your proposed budget with your national contact point and make sure your project partners do so too.
- Total eligible budget per country must not exceed 60 % of the total eligible project budget in order to achieve balanced partnerships and ensure that responsibility and risks are shared. → **make sure the budget in your project is well distributed, according to the tasks the partners have to fulfil**

III. Conditions and requirements
Proposal Outline

- Project & Partner information, incl. Tasks
- Keywords
- Project summary
- Background and state-of-the-art
- Description of work
- Project Budget (Finances)
- CV
- LOC (only for Associated Partners)

All information must be entered to the submission tool.

III. Conditions and requirements

Project monitoring, meetings and reporting

- Partners from each funded project are expected to organise regular project meetings
- Possible ICRAD Meetings, Coordinator obliged to participate
- Coordinators will most likely be required to submit a mid-term and a final report to the funders about the results of their transnational project (in addition to reporting required by the national funding bodies)

The costs for the meetings should be included in the project budgets.

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IV. Partner Search

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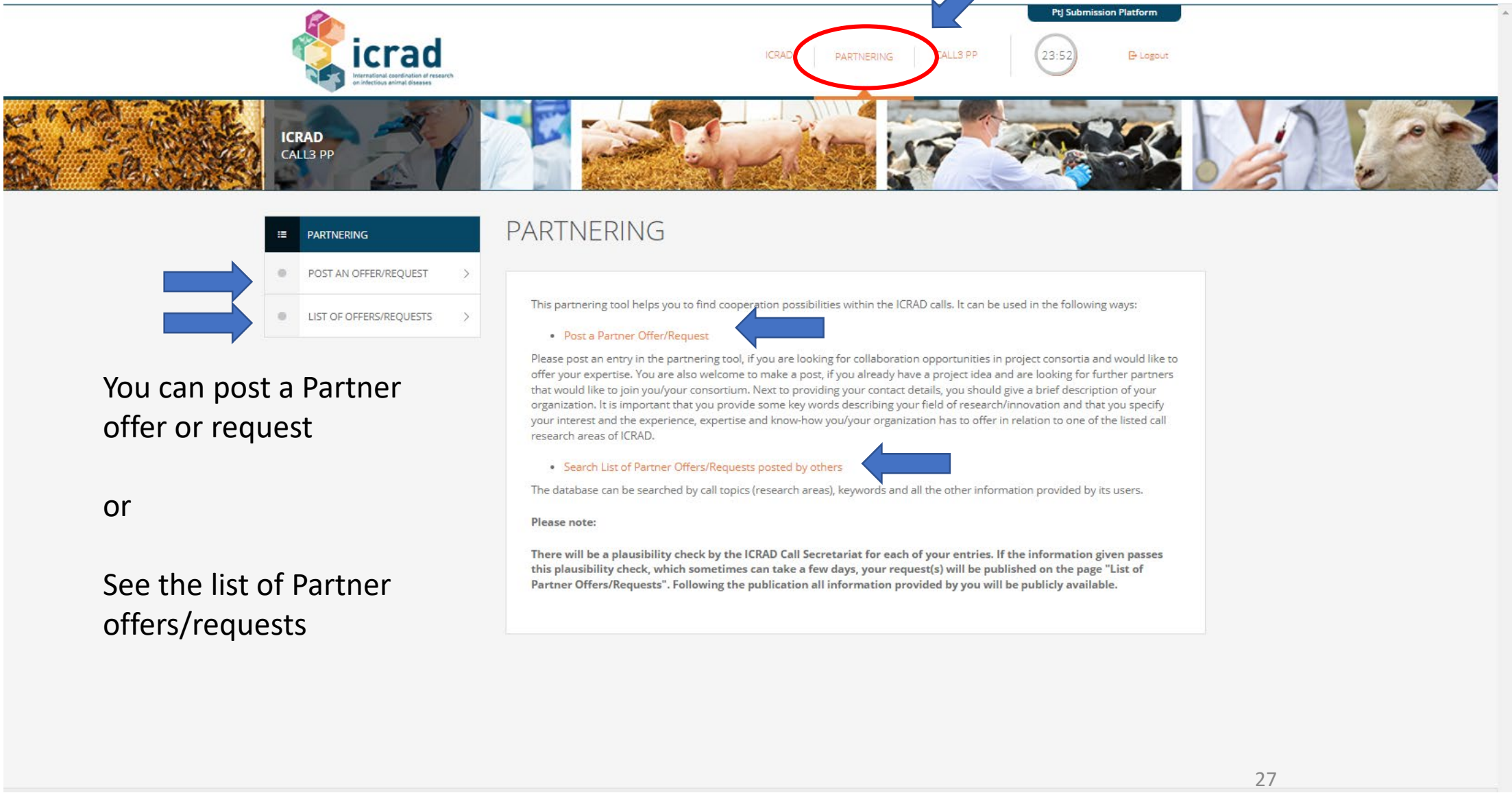


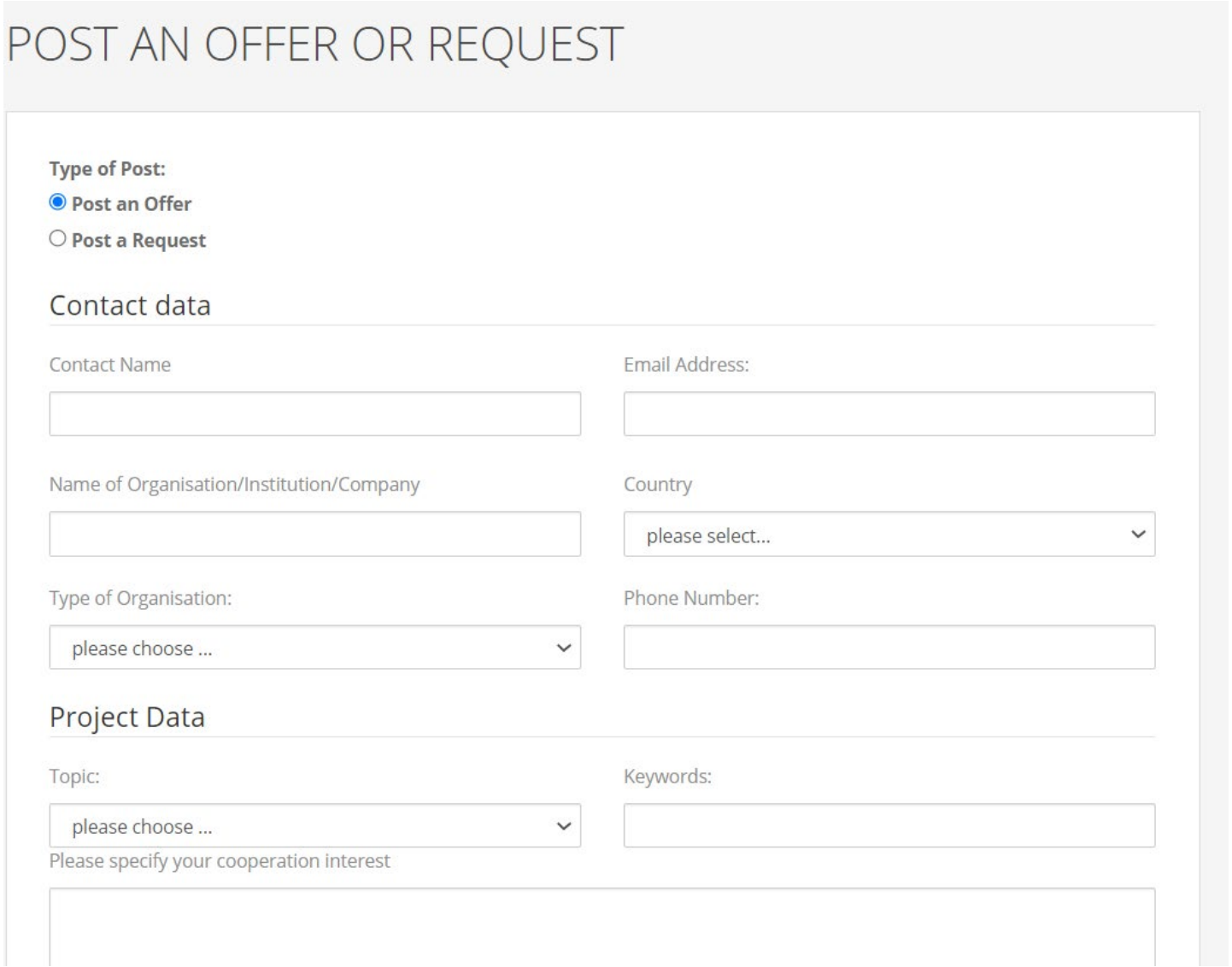
You can post a Partner offer or request

or

See the list of Partner offers/requests

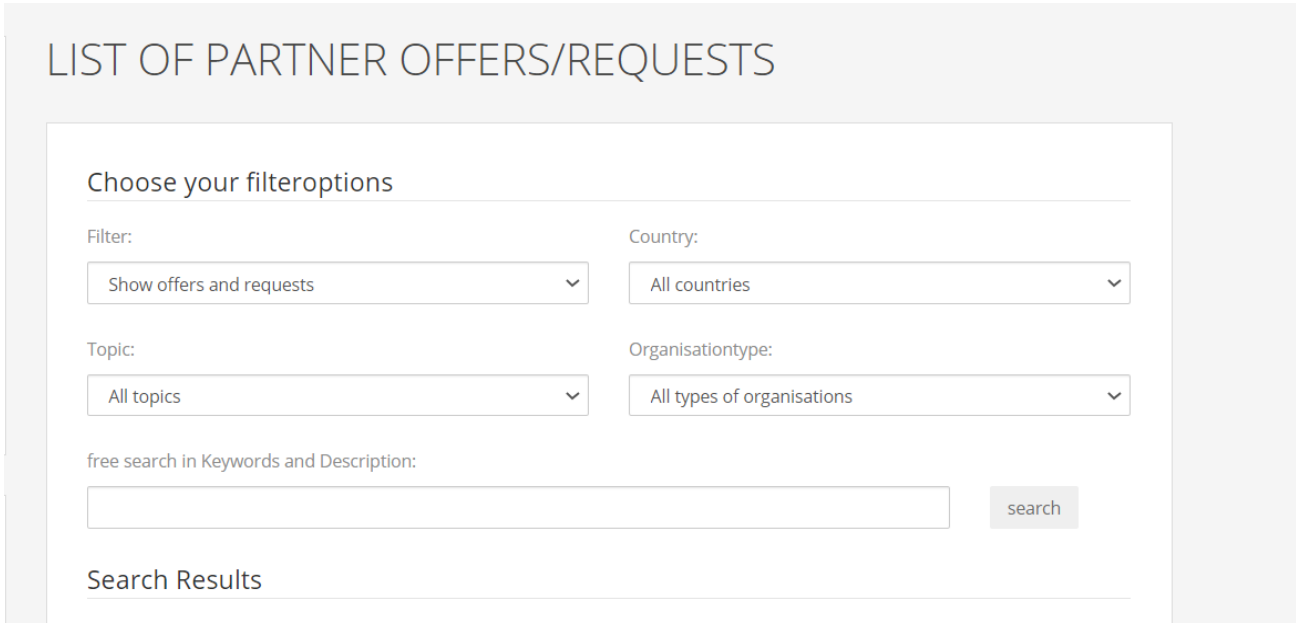
Partner search

- Post an offer or request
- Choose your topic (Research Area 1 or 2), give keywords!
- Also important: Select your country, type of organisation



Partner search

- List of offers can be filtered to find what you need faster!
- For example filter for Country, Organisationtype, Topic, Keywords…



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Please find our contact details here, in case you do have any questions

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WELCOME !

Welcome

to the 3rd joint call for proposals of the ERA-NET on International Coordination of Research on Infectious Animal Diseases (ICRAD)

"Helminth infections and changing climate: tackling the challenges for animal health"

The 3rd call for research projects is open since 3rd April, 2023.

Applications for funding within this call can only be submitted through this platform.

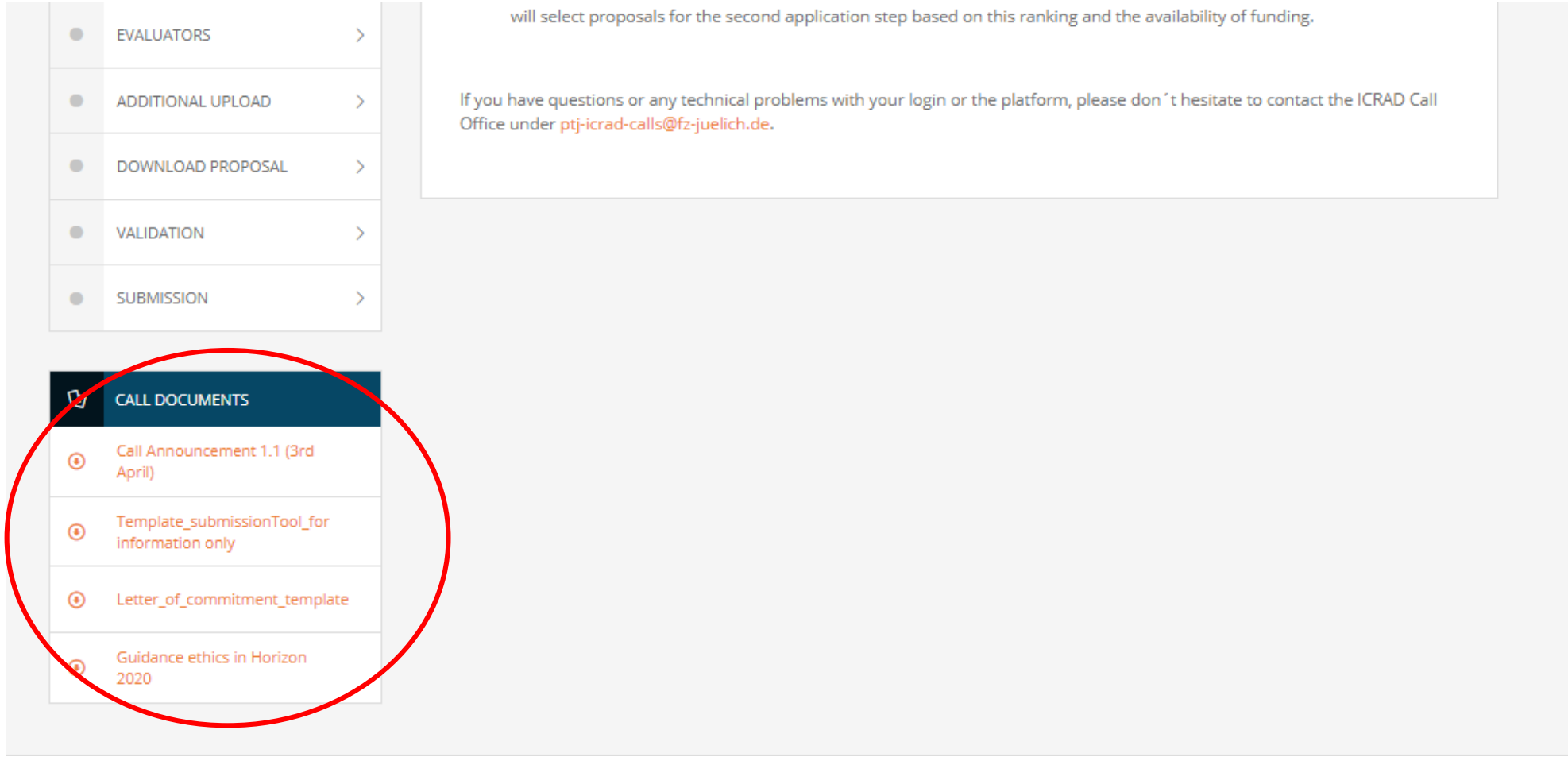
If you want to register as a coordinator for a transnational research project, please read the CALL ANNOUNCEMENT thoroughly. It will ascertain that your planned project fits to the aim of this call. Please take a special look on the national/regional regulations stated in Annex I of the same document. The contact details of your National Contact Person(s) can be found in Annex I, too. You can download the CALL ANNOUNCEMENT from this page in the left corner below! Please check regularly if a new version is available.

Non-coordinating partners of a project will be invited by the respective coordinator to enter their profile data and get access to the automatically generated project fact sheet. For the invitation by the coordinator, the platform creates a password which is sent automatically by email to the partner and which allows access.

If you are interested in an application you can search for partners by using the Partnering Tool. Please click on the corresponding link in the right corner on the top of the page.

Pre-Proposals must be submitted electronically via this ERA-Net ICRAD submission tool

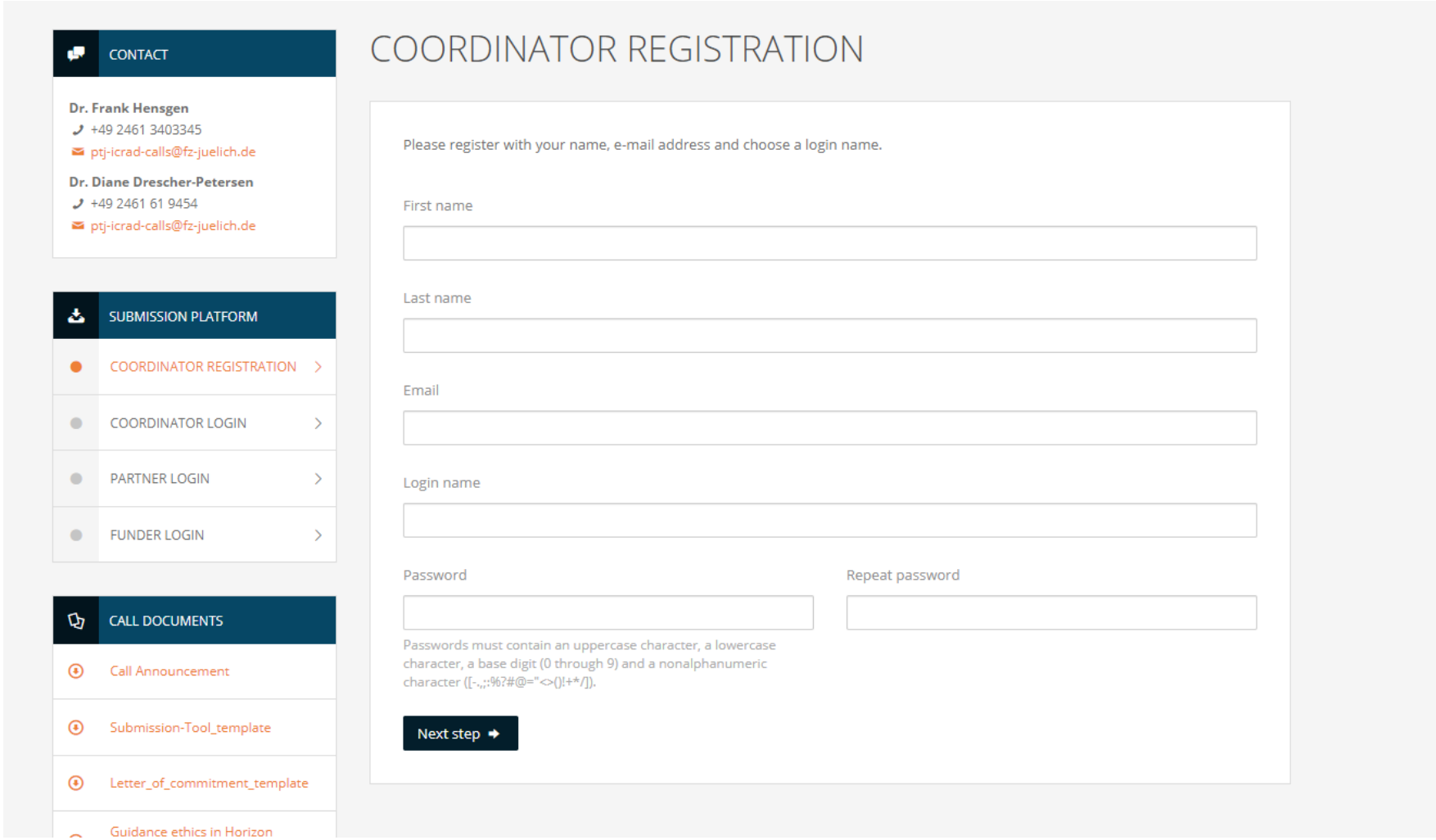
Online submission tool



All important documents can be found here for you to download

Coordinator registration

- Please register as a coordinator, if you want to coordinate a research proposal!



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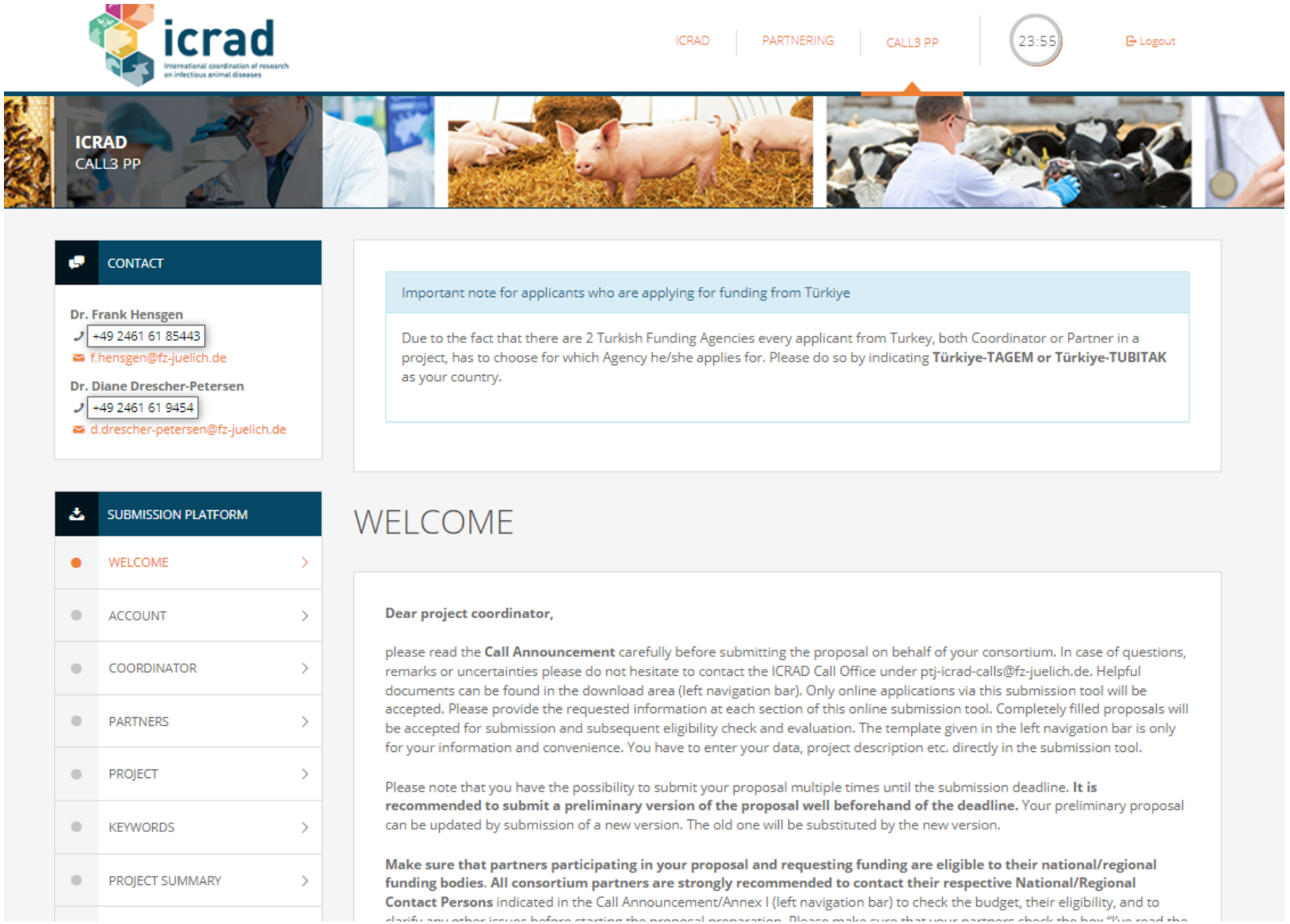

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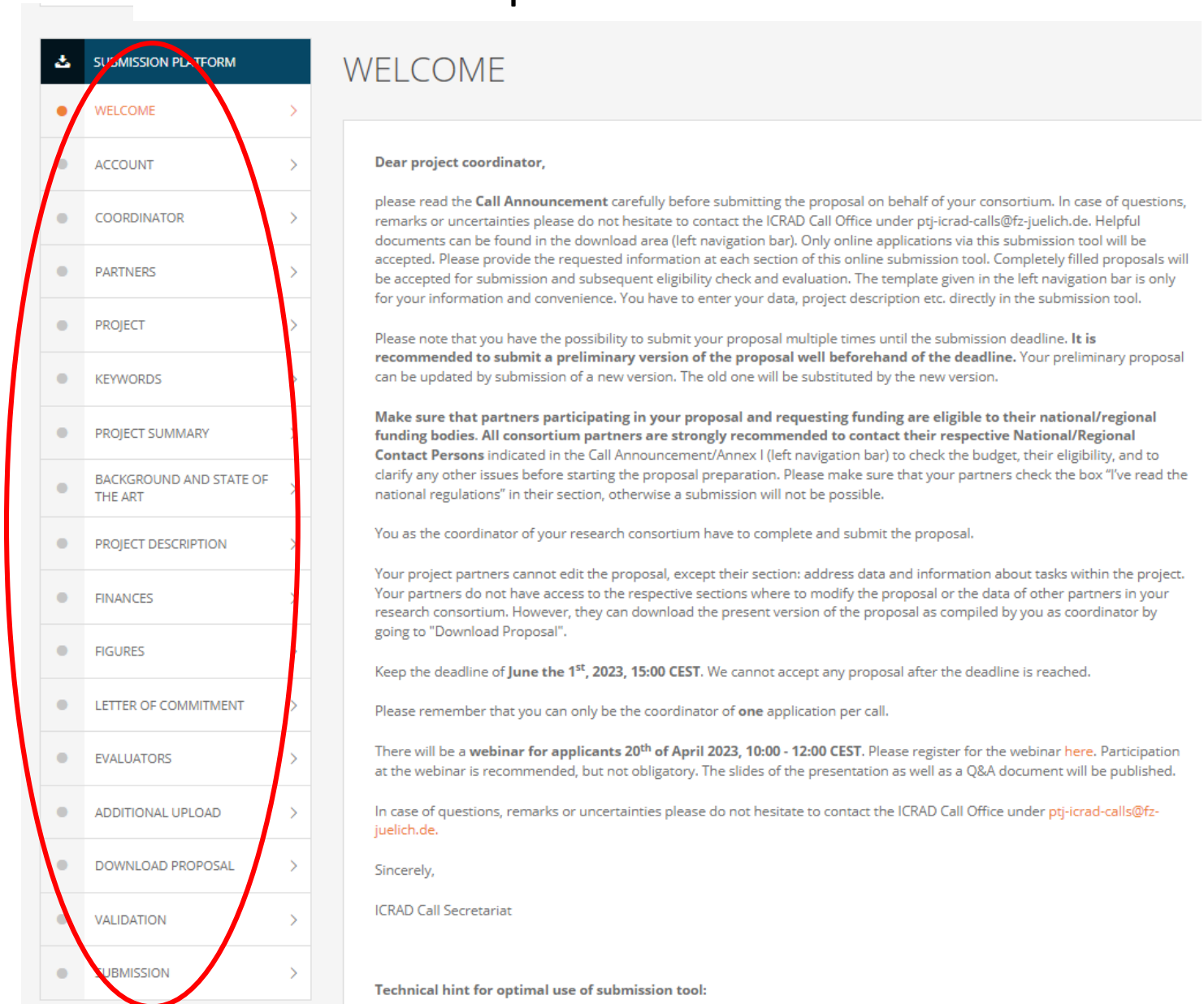

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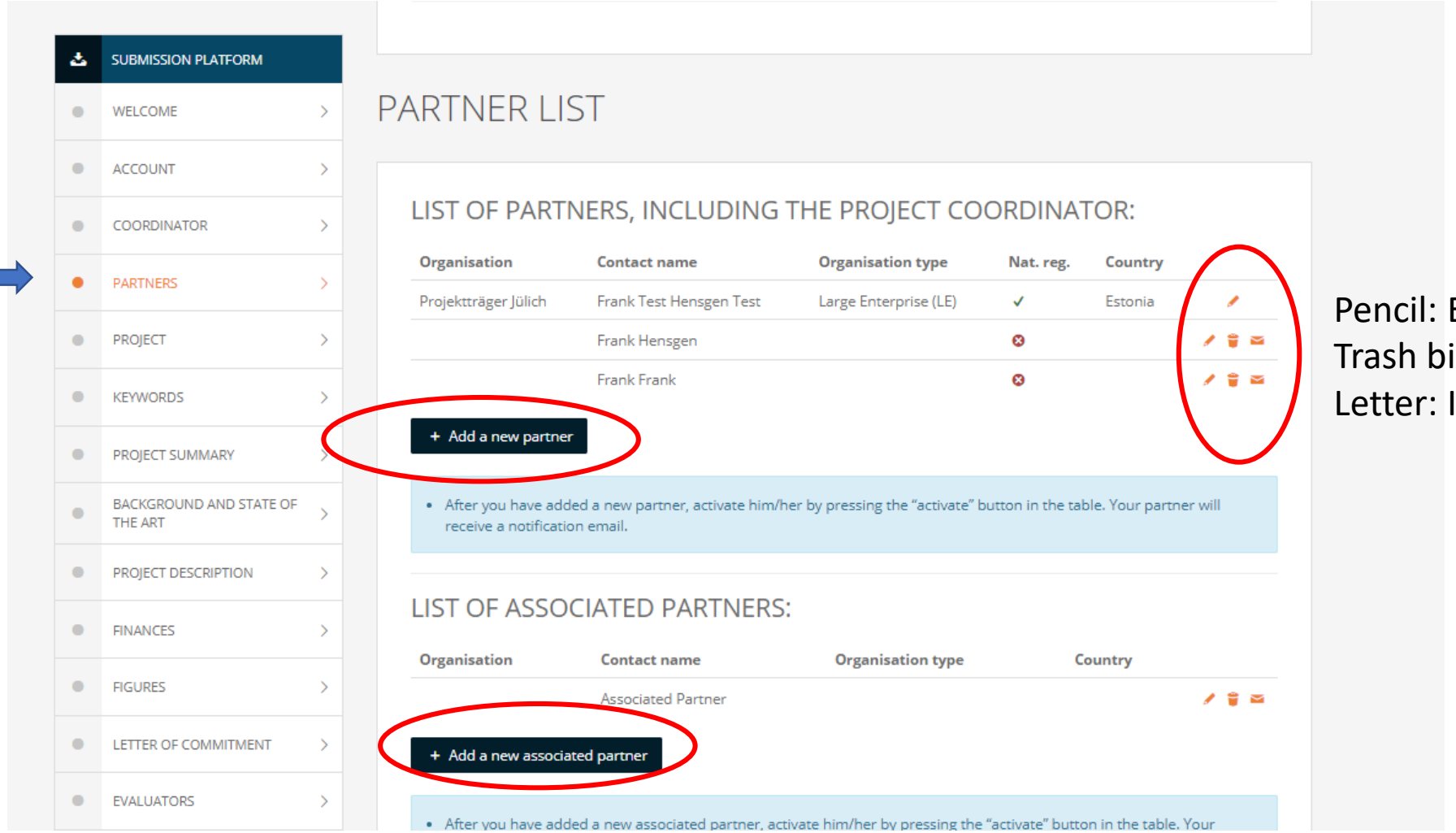
Adding Partner or Associated Partner



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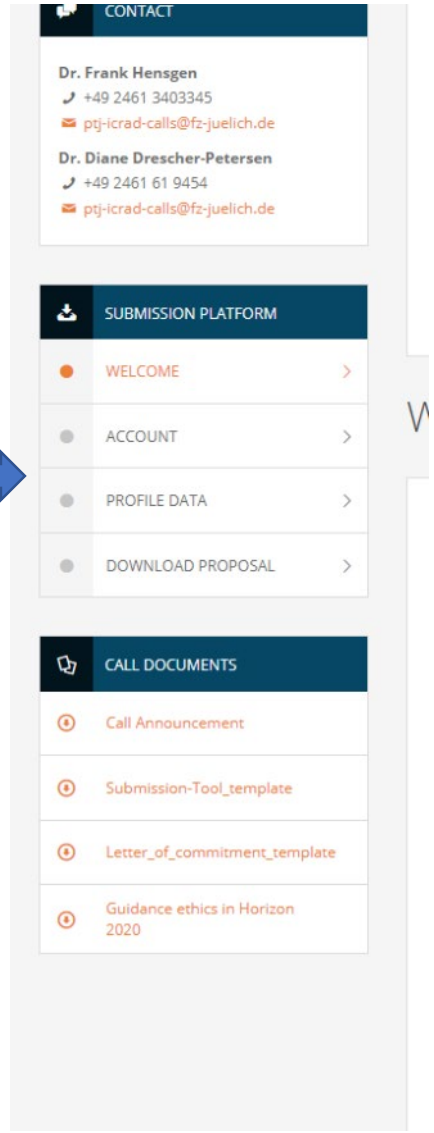
Letter: Invite

Submission platform: partner view

Much less to work on compared to the coordinator



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Contact data

Title *: Mr.

Email address: f.hensgen@fz-juelich.de

First name * (Max. 150 characters): Partner

Family name * (Max. 150 characters): 2

Status of organisation *: Large Enterprise (LE)

Website (Max. 150 characters):

Organisation/Institution/Company * (Max. 150 characters): PTJ

Department (Max. 150 characters):

Country *: Ireland

Please choose the country you live in.

Street, no. * (Max. 150 characters):

P.O. box (if applicable) (Max. 150 characters):

Zip/postal code * (Max. 150 characters):

Town/city * (Max. 150 characters):

Phone number [Country prefix][Number] *: 00353

Mobile phone number [Country prefix][Number]: 00353

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Tasks

Task(s) *

Please describe your task(s) in this project. This field is required. The maximal length is 2000 characters.

Upload curriculum vitae

Please upload your curriculum vitae (max. 2 MB, max. 2 pages, PDF file format). *

Choose

You have not uploaded a CV yet.

Literature references

Optionally, you may enter up to 5 additional references.

Ref 1 | Ref 2 | Ref 3 | Ref 4 | Ref 5

Author(s)

Title

Journal

Volume / Year / Page

Declaration

National regulations *

☐ I am aware of the national funding regulations (see Call announcement).

Privacy Policy *

☐ I have read the notes on privacy and accept them.

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Very Important: If not checked, no submission!!!!

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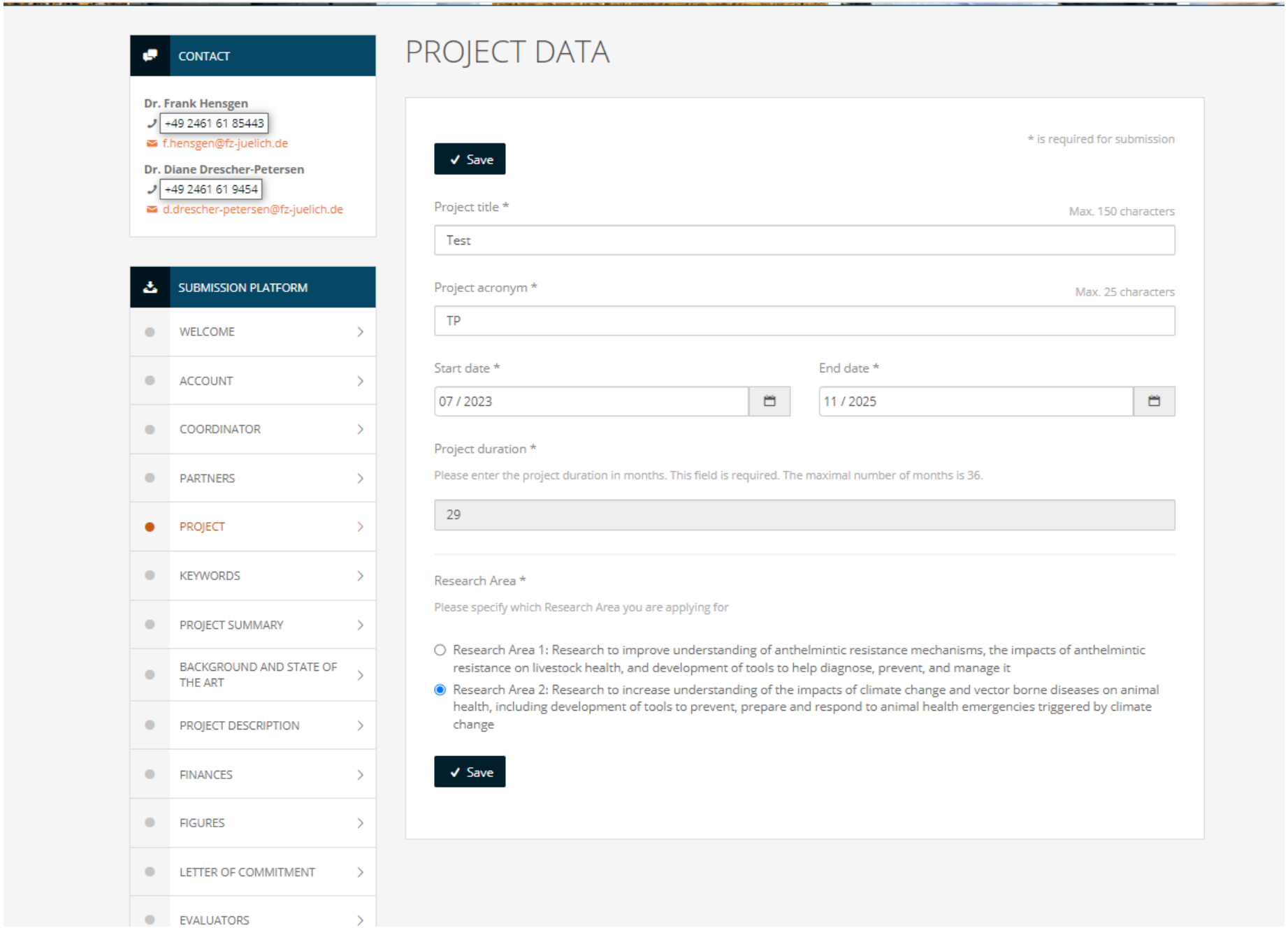
Project Data:

- Title
- Acronym
- Start and End Date (max.36 Month)
- **Choose Research Area**



Submission platform
Keywords and Project summary

Keywords: Please enter 3 - 5 keywords describing the content of your proposal

Summary: SHORT (2000 Characters) and understandable!!!! and **PUBLISHABLE!**

Submission platform

BACKGROUND AND STATE OF THE ART

Please describe the background and state of the art in your research field including **a brief statement how the project will contribute to scientific development and address gaps in existing knowledge** (please avoid duplication with the Project Descrition) (4000 Characters)

Submission platform
Project Description

Please enter your project description (10 000 characters). The project description should:

a) specify the relevance to the call scope and research area, detailing also the impact of the research subject

b) describe the scientific idea and formulate clear research objectives

c) explain the composition of the consortium

d) provide information on the project management and responsibilities of the project partners

e) provide a short description of the research activities into work packages

f) describe ethical issues raised and how they will be addressed (see Guidance on ethics within H2020)

g) provide information on involvement of private / non-academic partners

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Finances / Budget

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FINANCES

- The finances are required for submission.

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REQUESTED FUNDING

Please enter all values as numbers with max one decimal place. Numbers are in **k€** (1k€ = 1000 €).

Organisation name	Personnel	Travel	Consumables / Equipment	Subcontracts	Other	Requested Funding	Total Own Contribution	Total Costs
University	120.5	2	7.2	0.8	0	144.50	14.00	158.50
Overhead	12	1	1	0	0			
Company	100	12	7.8	0	0	119.80	53.00	172.80
Overhead	0	0	0	0	0			
Research Institute	99	15	84.7		0	199.70	0.00	199.70
Overhead	1	0	0		0			
Company	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	79.00	79.00
Overhead	0	0	0	0	0			
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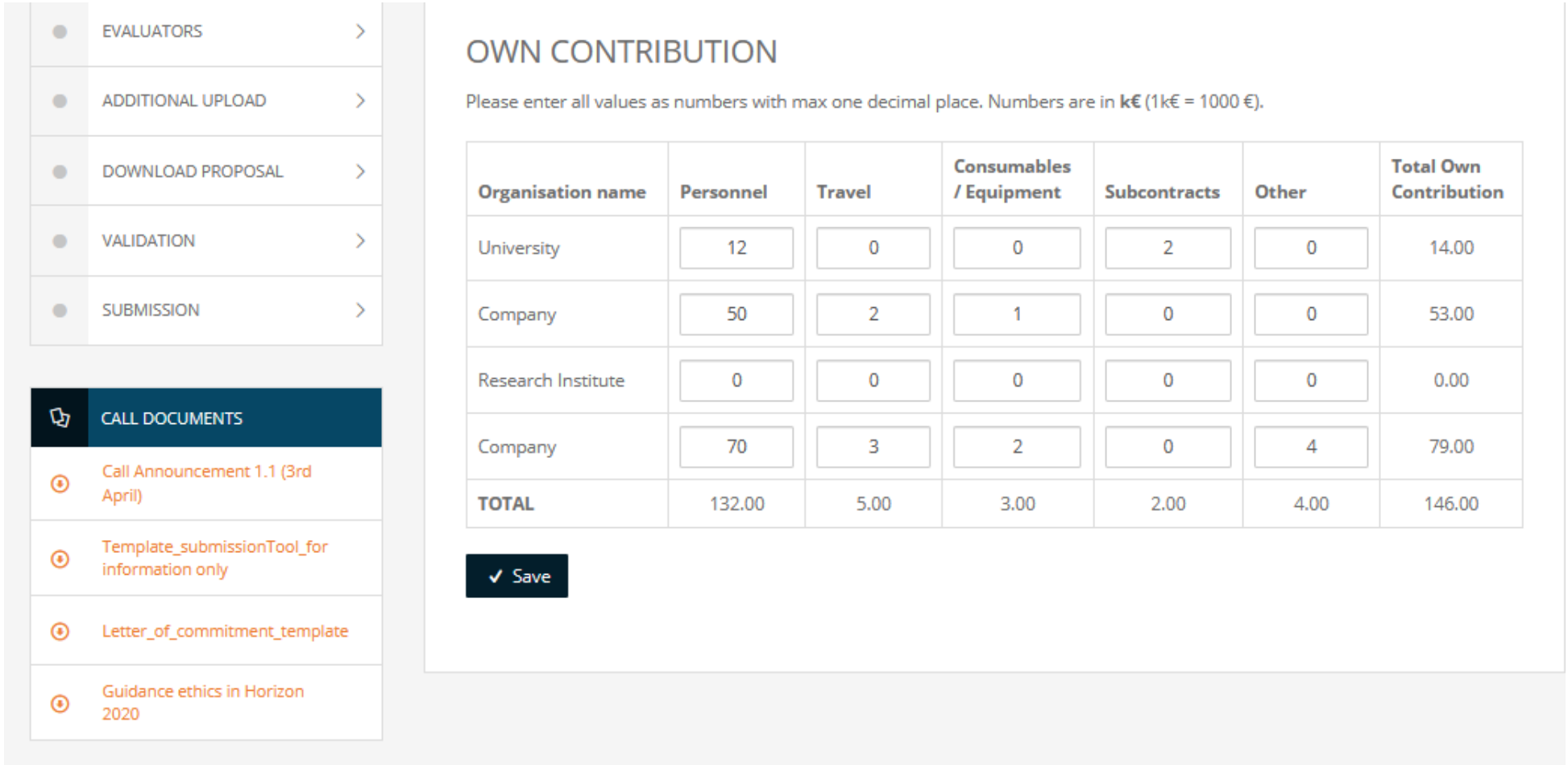
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Organisation name | Personnel | Travel | Consumables / Equipment | Subcontracts | Other | Total Own Contribution
University | 12 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 14.00
Company | 50 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 53.00
Research Institute | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00
Company | 70 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 79.00
TOTAL | 132.00 | 5.00 | 3.00 | 2.00 | 4.00 | 146.00
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Figures

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Letter of Commitment

- **Associated Partners**: Partners may participate in a project at their own expense (in-kind), if their contribution is important to achieve the project goals. Thereby associated partners can also come from countries not participating in the call or who would be ineligible for national/regional funding from the agencies participating in this call. **Please upload for each of these associated partners and only for those a letter of commitment. Compile all the required documents into one pdf** (allowed file size: 5 MB, PDF file format).
  For your convenience **a LoC-template** is provided.

Evaluators

- Here you can name up to three persons, who may NOT evaluate your proposal

Additional Upload

- Here you can upload a pdf document (1 Page, 3 MB) which contain additional information (e.g. List of References). This is optional and not mandatory.

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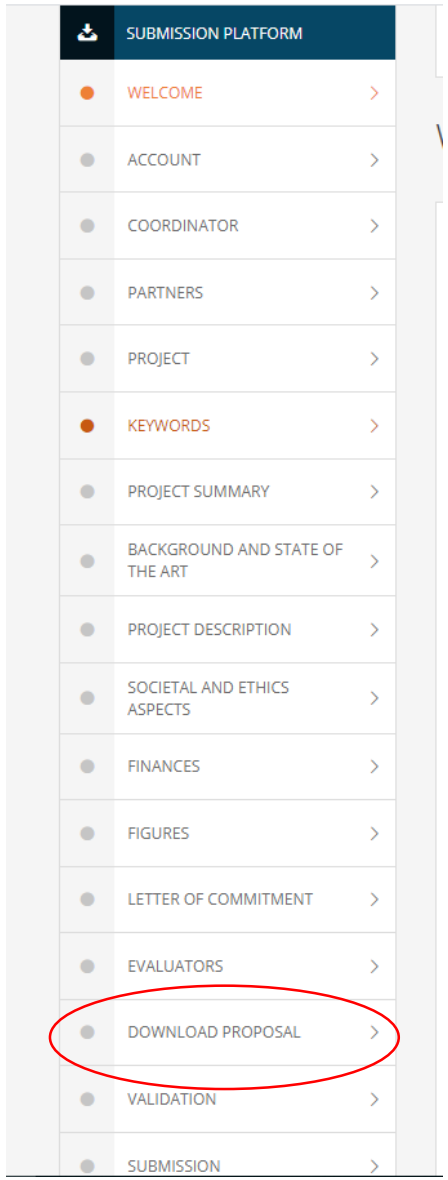

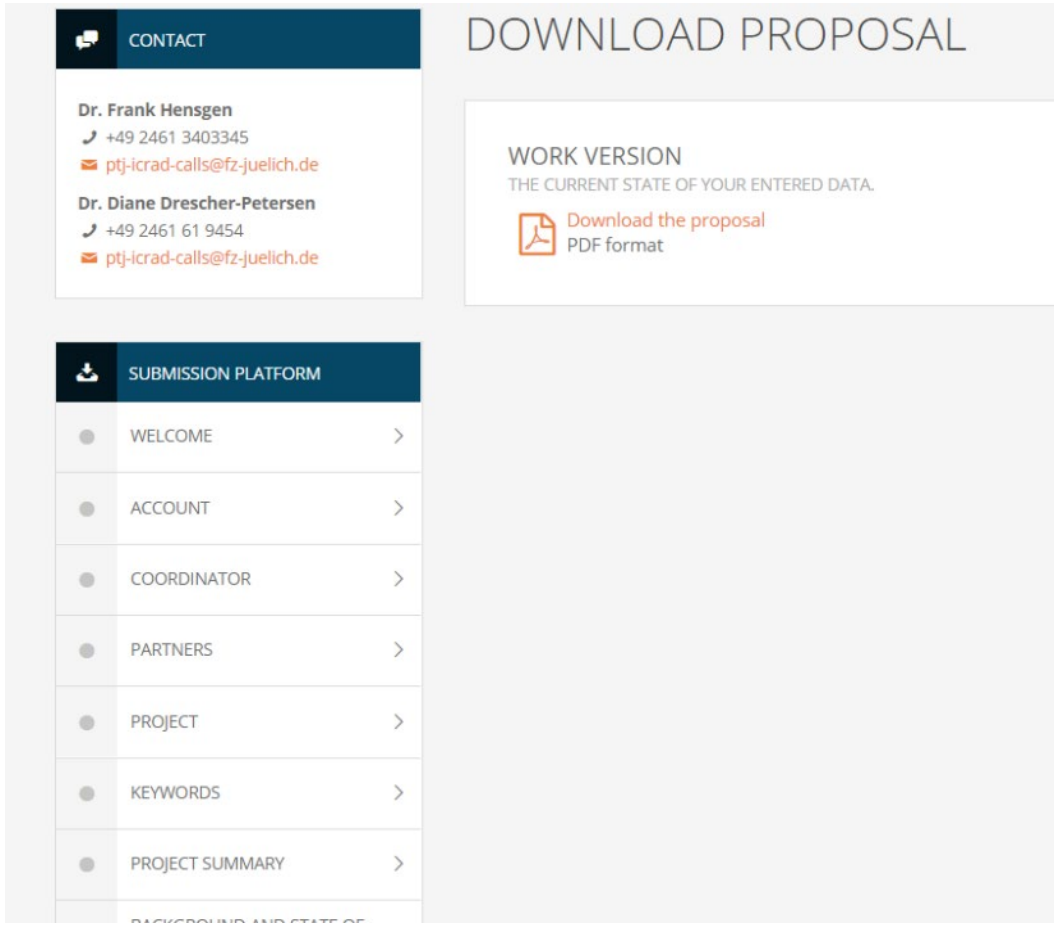

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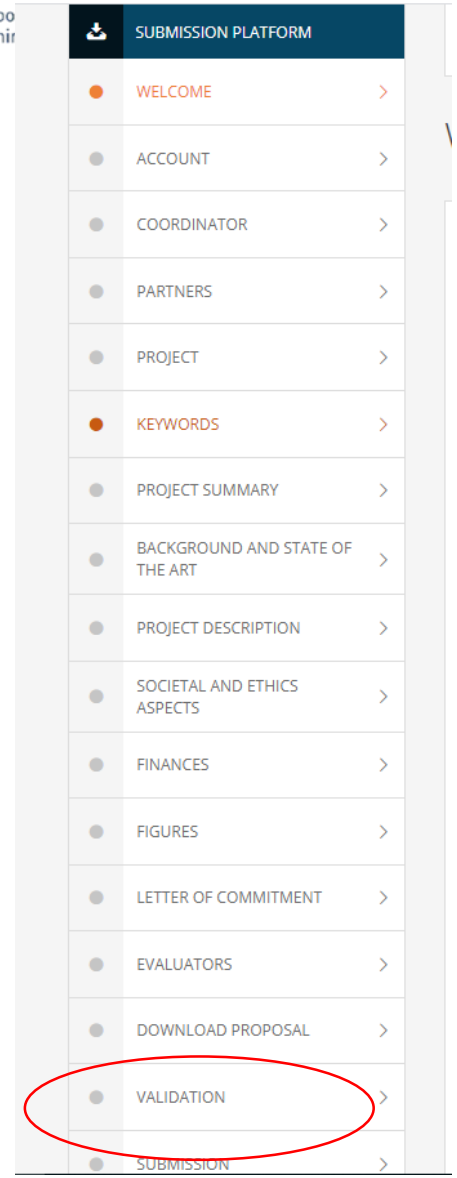
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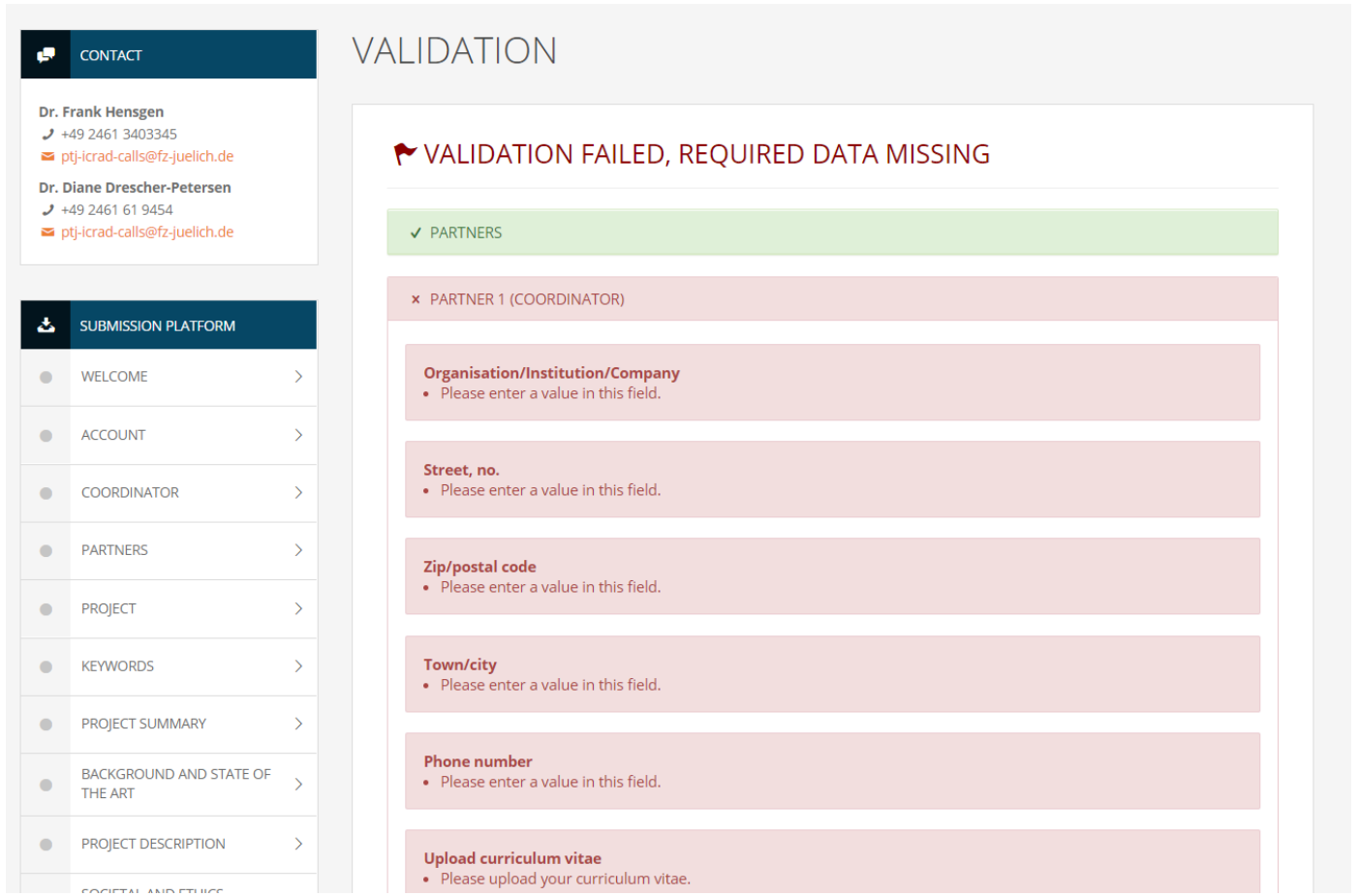
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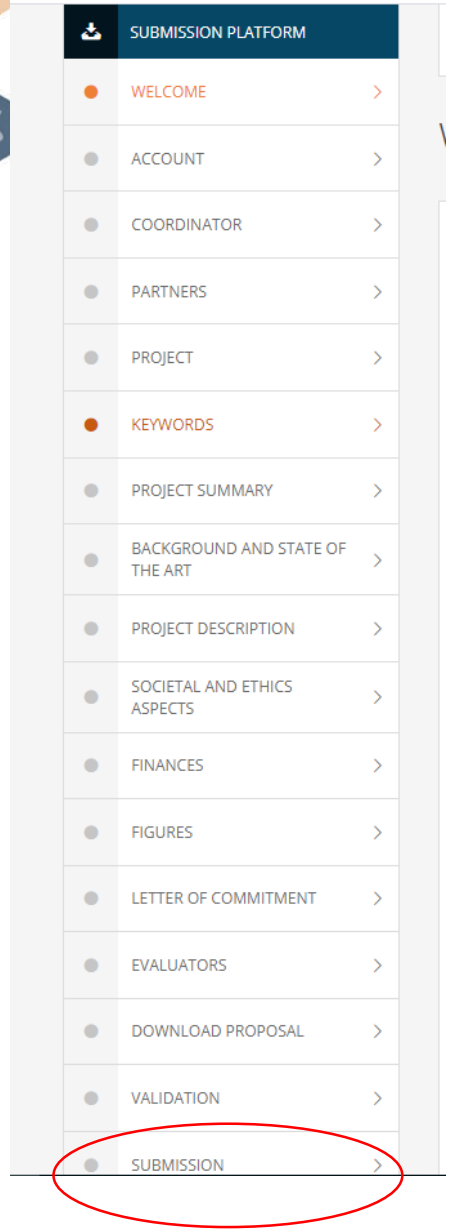
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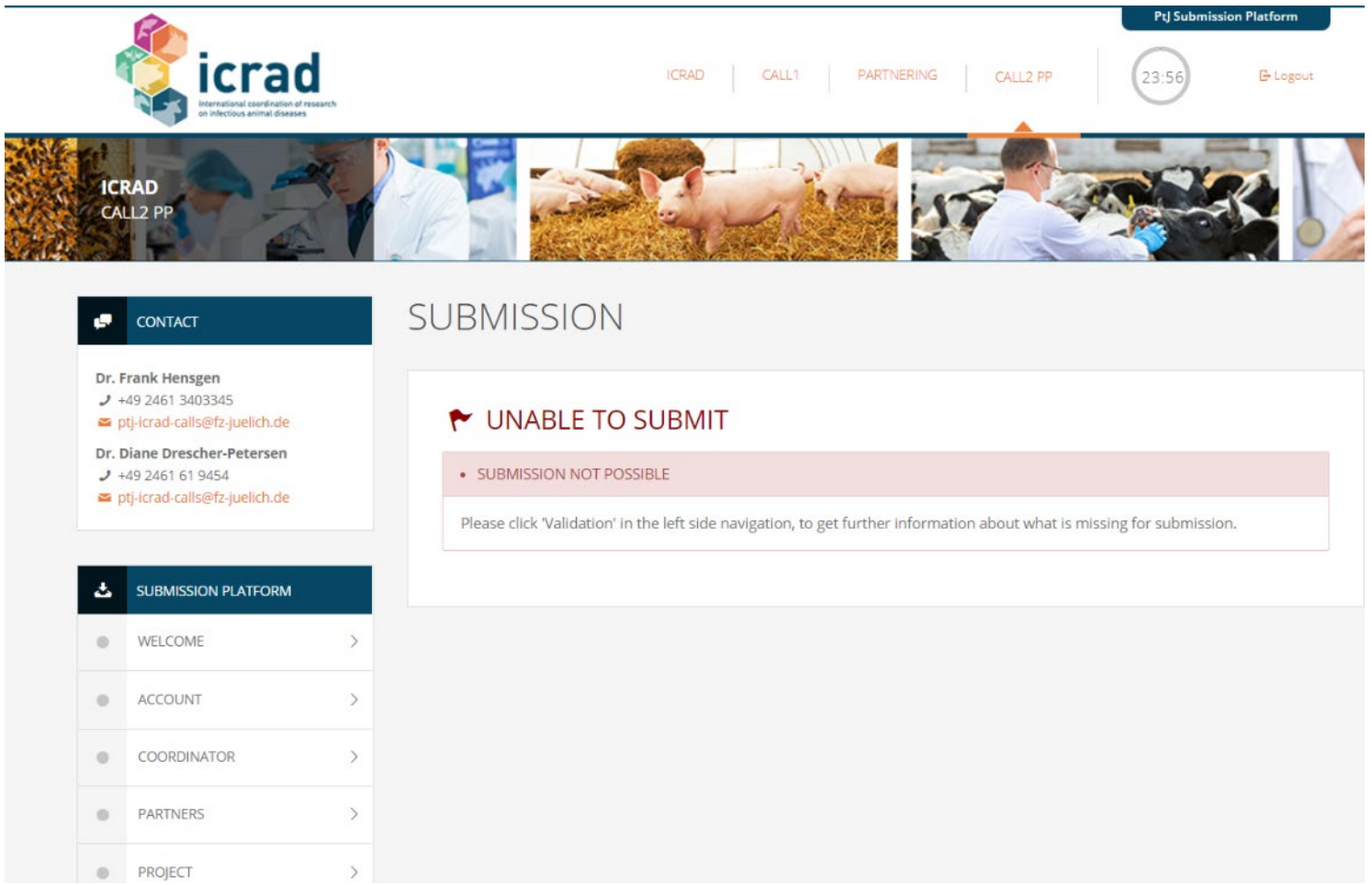
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Webinar Outline

I. Joint Call Timeline
II. Introduction to the Joint Call
III. Important conditions and requirements
(eligibility, participating countries and proposal outline)
IV. How to submit a proposal via the submission tool
V. Evaluation of proposals (Pre- and Full-Proposals)

V. Evaluation: Evaluation procedure

- **2 Step procedure through Online Evaluation Tool:**

Step 1: Evaluation of Pre-proposals
Step 2: Evaluation of Full proposals

- **Platform registration**

1. Expert receives personalized **login data** to the **online evaluation tool** from the ES;

2. Upload signed Confidentiality Agreement to get access to the core data of the projects (abstract, consortium, title);

3. Based on the core data, experts will be asked to declare whether they have a **CoI** with assigned proposals.

V. Evaluation:
Evaluation criteria of pre-proposals

Excellence

a) Scientific quality of the proposal.
b) Relevance of the project regarding the addressed research area and objectives of the call.

Impact

a) Potential impact of the expected results for future animal and public health.
b) Added value of transnational collaboration: gathering a critical mass of biological material, sharing of resources (models, databases, etc.), harmonization of data, sharing of specific know-how and/or innovative technologies, etc.
c) Potential for fostering a longer-term international network of researchers.

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a) Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (for full proposals: including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and timeframe).
b) Complementarity of the participants in the consortium.

V. Evaluation:
Evaluation criteria of full proposals - 1

Excellence

Same as for pre-proposals

+ Novelty of proposed research.

Impact

Same as for pre-proposals

+

d) **Effectiveness** of the proposed **measures** to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of IPR), to communicate the project, and to manage research data where relevant.

e) Involvement of private partners (SME and/or industry, if available (when appropriate/applicable).

f) Possible impact of age, gender and socio-economic status (when appropriate/applicable).

g) Education and training of young scientists (when appropriate/applicable).

V. Evaluation:
Evaluation criteria of full proposals - 2

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

Same as for pre-proposals

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c) Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management.
d) Sustainability of research infrastructures initiated by the project.
e) Budget and cost-effectiveness of the project (appropriate distribution of resources in relation to project activities, partners' responsibilities and timeframe).

Scores for the three evaluation criteria will have equal weight

V. Evaluation:
Evaluation procedure

Peer review:

- Each pre-proposal is reviewed by at least 3 evaluators from the ISEC
- The assignment of the pre-proposals to the experts is done by ES with support of the ISEC Chair and Co-Chair according to the relevant expertise of the reviewers
- Pre-proposal **evaluation is** held **remotely via the online evaluation tool**.
- For **each pre-proposal**, one ISEC member is assigned as **rapporteur**. The **rapporteur** drafts a **summary report** for each proposal reflecting the individual evaluation reports (strengths & weaknesses).

V. Evaluation: Decision-making

As a result of the evaluation, a ranking list of the full proposals recommended for funding will be established.

Based on the ranking list, the funders will take the final decision for national/regional funding, following general guiding principles :

- Fund as many high-quality projects as possible;
- Balanced geographical representation (e.g. for proposals with the same ranking).

The outcomes of the funding recommendations will be communicated by the Call Secretariat to the project coordinators, who shall inform their respective partners

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