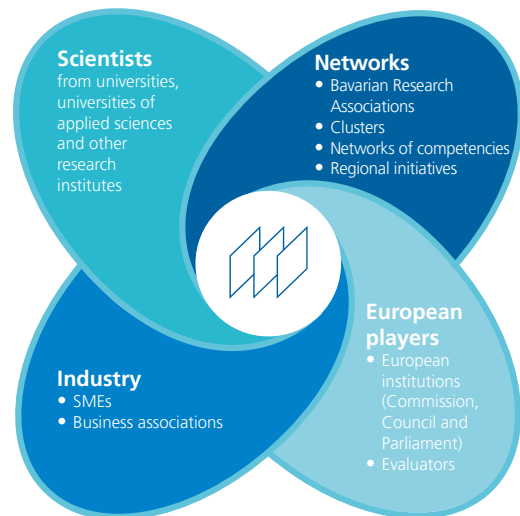


Key players and networks



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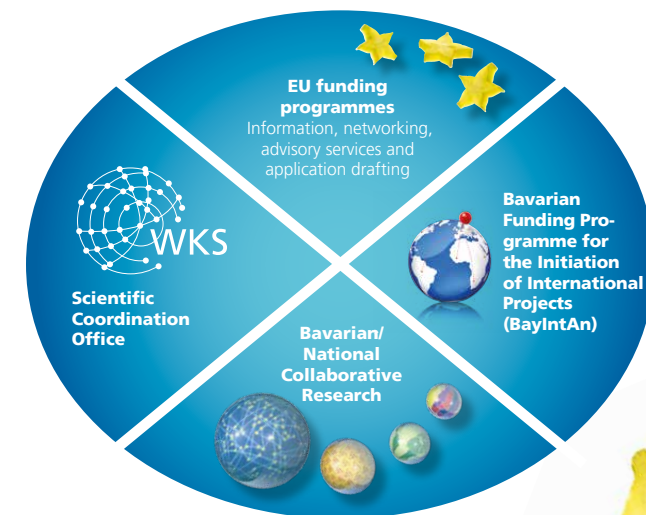


About the Bavarian Research Alliance

Solely excellent research can generate the necessary innovative capacity for European universities and enterprises to persist in global competition. Bavaria is home to such research and the European Union promotes it with its Framework Programmes. The Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR) provides support to Bavarian universities and enterprises particularly within the EU fundraising process, and stands for a better networking between scientists and industry.

Our four core competencies are:

- EU funding programmes for research and innovation
- Scientific Coordination Office
- Bavarian/National Collaborative Research
- Bavarian Funding Programme for the Initiation of International Projects (BayIntAn)



Research funding

Interested in participating in an EU project or in launching a consortium? Get in touch with us!

- We have adequate resources and expertise to support your efforts competing for research funding
- We provide a sound knowledge of regional, national and European research funding
- We identify (international) project partners in your area of science and business
- We support you from project initiation to completion
- We assist you in project management issues
- We contribute to the successful positioning of Bavarian research interests within the European Research Area through our EU Liaison Office in Brussels

Main activities from project initiation to completion



Enterprise Europe Network

We are a partner organisation in the EU-funded Enterprise Europe Network project. It helps small and medium-sized enterprises across Europe with their search for suitable international cooperation partners for R&I projects and with application for EU funds. It promotes competitiveness and innovation at European level.



Business Support at Your Doorstep

Scientific Coordination Office

Bavaria is cooperating closely in science, research and technology with different regions and countries outside Europe. On behalf of the Bavarian government, BayFOR is in charge of the bilateral cooperation with Québec, Alberta, Israel and Africa.

In addition, BayFOR is coordinating the Bavarian participation in the scientific network called RLS-Sciences. RLS-Sciences is embedded within the Regional Leaders Summit (RLS) of the seven following partner regions: Bavaria (Germany), Upper Austria (Austria), Shandong (China), Western Cape (South Africa), São Paulo (Brazil), Georgia (USA) and Québec (Canada).

The Scientific Coordination Office (WKS) in the Bavarian Research Alliance provides support to researchers and companies in Bavaria who are interested in collaborating with these international regions and countries.

Based on regional and national specifics, the Scientific Coordination Office offers targeted support from project planning to implementation:

- Management of international science and innovation projects
- Scientific, administrative, and financial support for bilateral initiatives from project idea to project implementation
- Liaison between the different research and innovation players, e. g. science and business missions
- Strategic scientific preparation and management of multilateral large-scale initiatives
- Networking events: e.g. Research Café (Forschungscafé), Cooperation Lounges, Excellence Labs, International Symposia (Denkwerkstatt).



Bavarian Research Associations

Since 1985, the Bavarian Research Associations have been pursuing the concept of interdisciplinary and applied research projects in Bavaria. A Bavarian Research Association comprises a group of science and industry partners who jointly work on complex topics. The experience from successful regional networks provides an excellent background for later European cooperation.

Typically, a Research Association exists for three to four years, has a multidisciplinary approach and acts at multiple sites. Partners from industry get involved with financial and personnel resources, too.

BayFOR identifies scientific expertise in Bavaria and integrates it with the ultimate goal of obtaining funding from programmes financed by the European Commission. As a partner of Bavarian Research Associations, we have a thorough knowledge of Bavaria's research landscape and maintain close contact to outstanding scientists.

Research Associations are organised within worlds of sciences:



BayIntAn – Promoting cooperation

We have been commissioned by Bavaria's State Ministry of Science and the Arts to manage the Bavarian Funding Programme for the Initiation of International Projects (BayIntAn). Our efforts are aimed at initiating or strengthening transnational collaborative research involving Bavarian universities and universities of applied sciences. The goal of this support is to promote Bavaria as a centre for science and innovation by means of comprehensive international networking.

Bavarian state universities and universities of applied sciences are entitled to apply. The objective of the projects that are funded is to further transnational scientific cooperation. In other words, every project must have at least one international partner. We usually allocate the funds in the form of grants for travel and accommodation expenses. In this regard, we select the most promising projects from the intended cooperation projects and award the corresponding funds on the basis of the budget resources that are available. The grants normally represent a partial financing. The maximum grant is EUR 10,000 per application.

More information about possible funding opportunities for prospective research cooperation projects and a template for project blueprints are available at www.bayfor.org/internationalisation.

