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Rules for the RD51 Common Projects Funding:

RD51 is announcing a new call for 2-year Common Projects.

The RD51 Common Project Funding is intended to support up to 50% of a project cost in the areas of common interest to the RD51/MPGD community:

- Technology R&D projects towards developments of novel techniques, improvements of existing technologies, characterization methods and dedicated tools;
- Development and optimization of MPGDs for novel applications;
- Improvement of the MPGD technology transfer to industry.

Remark: The program will fund only generic projects – not ones related to experiments.

The committee, consisting of the RD51 Management Board members and a few selected ad-hoc experts, will evaluate submitted proposals and make decision about project acceptance.

The deadline for the submission of the 2020 Common Projects is September 15, 2020. A special form “Request for Project Funding from the RD51 Common Fund” (see last page) has to be completed for each project proposal.

For the RD51 common projects, the following financial/administrative rules shall apply:

- The minimum number of participating institutes in the common project is 3, and at least 3 institutes should be regular member of RD51 collaboration. The funding from RD51 is available only to the regular member of RD51;
- The maximum contribution from the RD51 common fund per institute is 5000 CHF per calendar year;
- The maximum contribution from the RD51 common fund per project is 15000 CHF per calendar year.
- At least 50% of the total cost for the RD51 common project must be provided by the participating institutes (manpower cost and travel expenses are excluded). Each participating institute should provide a list of internal financial resources (grants, institute financing ... etc.) to complement RD51 Common fund contribution. The internal financial resources will stay within the participating institutes.

- Financial contribution from the RD51 common fund CAN BE USED for major improvements of the existing MPGD concepts and developments of new structures, which could further enhance MPGD applications. Small equipment, materials and consumables can be paid from the RD51 CF (should be ordered via CERN).
- Financial contribution from the RD51 common fund CANNOT BE USED for manpower cost and travel expenses.
- The allocated budget for the financial support for ALL RD51 common projects during the calendar year is limited to 60000 CHF;
- Progress reports are to be submitted to the committee after completion of the first year of the project, and when the project is completed.
- A group cannot participate in this new call if it did not complete a current RD51 Common Project and/or if the Report summarizing the results of an earlier Common Project was not submitted;
- The project's duration is limited to two years. The total amount of the financial support is limited by the Common Project rules, as defined above. However, some projects can be extended, upon request, to a third year without additional financial support. In some limited well-justified cases, groups can submit requests for additional financial support of an extended project. All extensions will be discussed and decided upon by the RD51 MB.

Financial support of the RD51 software activities, RD51 test-beam activities, RD51 SRS-related activities and MPGD industrialization is not a part of this call and will have to be approved directly by the RD51 Collaboration Board.

Request for Project Funding from the RD51 Common Fund

- Date: xx.xx.xx-

Title of project: *put the title here*

Contact person: *name,
address,
telephone number,
e-mail*

RD51 Institutes: *1. Institute no 1, contact person: name and e-mail
2. Institute no 2, contact person: name and e-mail
3. ..
4. ..
5. ..
6. ..*

Request to RD51: *indicate the financial contribution you are requesting from RD51*

Total project cost: *indicate the overall project costs*

Project description (Abstract, up to 100 words):
... give a very short abstract of your project

Project description (2 pages):
*... describe your project in detail:
What exactly would you like to do?
Has a similar work been done or is this a follow-up project? (give references!)
Timescale?
....*

Importance and potential benefits of the project for the RD51 /MPGD Community (1 page):
*... how the outcome of your project can be useful for the MPGD community ?
... why it is important for the RD51 ?*

Total project costs, expected financial contributions from participating institutes and request to the RD51 common fund (1/2 - 1 page):