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Resourcing our ambition – GRA joint programming

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Joint programming background

- 2015 GRA Council meeting established a working group on international research collaboration (IRCWG).
- The purpose of the IRCWG was to: *identify the feasibility of different mechanisms to coordinate research collaboration and funding among GRA Council members, and other relevant organisations, and to provide options for the GRA Council to consider.*
 - There is a need to directly involve GRA members' research funding agencies in discussions on international research collaboration;
 - Consider establishment of an additional body under the GRA framework to specifically focus on international research collaboration and funding;
- GRA Strategic Plan 2016-2020 includes joint programming on an annual basis, beginning no later than August 2017, to support collaborative research, including GRA Flagships.

Working paper on options for joint programming

- Secretariat has prepared a working paper to outline a series of possible GRA 'joint programming' mechanisms that could be adopted by the GRA members for resourcing and coordinating collaborative research and capability building.
- Generic mechanisms could include:
 - **GRA Fellowship Fund (priority topics, research fellows)**
 - **National programs that host research participants from other countries**
 - **GRA Thematic Annual Programming (common topics, no coordinated timing)**
 - **Multi-partner research call (common topics, coordinated timing, virtual fund)**
 - **Fund for International consortia (common topic, coordinated timing, central fund)**
 - **Bilateral funding arrangements (topics aligned with GRA priorities)**

Joint programming – some options explained (1)

➤ National programs that host research participants from other countries

Training and/or research activities of the GRA delivered by visiting research fellows from GRA Member, hosted by other GRA Member.

➤ GRA Fellowship Fund (priority topics, research fellows)

Funding provided by Members/Partners to support capability building of GRA Members, deliver priorities of the GRA Flagships and Research Group activities, strengthen the relationships between the GRA and its Partners, and raise the visibility of the GRA.

Joint programming – some options explained (2)

➤ Bilateral funding arrangements (topics aligned with GRA priorities)

GRA priorities are delivered through bilateral funding arrangements of GRA Member countries. GRA could be notified of activities that will be undertaken to ensure alignment and incorporation in GRA Research Group activities, Flagships, and results/outputs of activities provided to GRA for wider distribution.

➤ GRA Thematic Annual Programing (common topics, no coordinated timing)

A 'lite' alignment tool aimed to foster the alignment of national research projects/programmes, promoting the international cooperation and coordination of national research projects/programmes.

Joint programming – some options explained (3)

➤ Multi-partner research call (common topics, coordinated timing, virtual fund)

To coordinate research of participating Members/Partners, through a joint multi-partner call with pre-agreed topics. The timing of the call is coordinated and the maximum budget being provided by each participating Member/Partner is predetermined so that collaborative project teams ('consortia') from across the participating countries can be formed.

➤ Fund for International consortia (common topic, coordinated timing, central fund)

Funding provided by Member(s) and/or Partners to support international consortia with limited or no restriction on funding third countries' participation.

Questions?

Preguntas?