

JPI MORE YEARS BETTER LIVES

Equality and Wellbeing across Generations

Call for proposals by JPI MYBL

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT

EU Joint Programming Initiative – More Years, Better Lives (JPI MYBL)

A CALL FOR RESEARCH PROPOSALS OF THE JPI MYBL IS EXPECTED TO BE LAUNCHED ON APRIL 6TH 2020

Major demographic change is taking place across Europe, potentially increasing inequality and altering the relationship between generations. By providing an opportunity for European and Canadian transnational collaboration, this call seeks to enhance our understanding of the effects of demographic change on the contract between generations and on societal inequalities.

This call has been developed under the JPI More Years Better Lives with the following funding organisations, who have indicated their commitment in participating in the call:

- Austrian Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) represented by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft), Austria
- Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO), Belgium
- The Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), Canada
- Academy of Finland (AKA), Finland
- French National Research Agency (ANR), France
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
- Ministry of Education and Science (IZM) - Latvia
- Research Council of Norway (RCN) - Norway
- State Agency for Research (AEI), Spain
- The Swedish Research Council for Health, Working Life and Welfare (FORTE), Sweden
- Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) – a part of UK Research and Innovation (UKRI)

The call will be opened simultaneously by the participating funding organisations in their respective countries.

The information provided in this preliminary announcement is indicative, may be subject to changes and is not legally binding to the funding organisations. The final collection funding organisations might be subject to change before the official publication by April 6th 2020.

Interested applicants are encouraged to initiate scientific contacts with potential project consortium partners for applications.

4th JPI MYBL CALL TOPIC:

Equality and Wellbeing across Generations

This Call 2020 “Equality and Wellbeing across Generations” aims to support policy in reducing inequality in the face of demographic change. The Call seeks proposals for research which will improve our understanding of how demographic change is altering the implicit contract between generations and how policy can ensure that change reduces inequality instead of increasing it. Specifically, the Call deals with three aspects of inequality* :

1. **Income and wealth:** extending working life changes the distribution of income and wealth between generations. Income in later life is very unevenly distributed on the basis of previous employment, earnings, and the structure of different pension systems and different patterns of housing tenure. Changes in the costs of social care and the time people spend longer in retirement are affecting patterns of intergenerational inheritance.
2. **Caring responsibilities:** a high proportion of older people (particularly, but not exclusively women) undertake caring responsibilities for parents, children or partners. Caring can be emotionally rewarding, but can also seriously damage the mental and physical health of the carer, as well as diminish their employment opportunities.
3. **Social and political participation:** in many countries older people are more likely than young people to participate in formal political processes. However, their interests and concerns may still be underrepresented in political decision making. Older people are also more vulnerable to social isolation and loneliness. Their sense of identity and security can also be challenged as neighbourhoods change, becoming younger, or possibly poorer.

Each application may address one, two or all three of these topics. It is important to note that not all countries participating in this call are providing funding for all topics. A proposal can address multiple topics, but researchers can only receive funding for their activities under a topic funded by their funding organisation. Therefore researchers seeking funding for their proposal should consult the following table to align their activities with the topics funded by their funding organisation:

Funding Country	Income and Wealth	Caring Responsibilities	Social and Political Participation
Austria	✓	✓	✓
Belgium	✓	✗	✓
Canada	✗	✓	✗
Finland	✓	✓	✓

* A final description will be available in the Guidelines for Applicants at call launch

France	✓	✓	✓
Germany	✗	✓	✗
Latvia	✓	✓	✓
Norway	✓	✓	✗
Spain	✓	✓	✓
Sweden	✓	✓	✓
UK	✓	✓	✓

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