

## National regulations, Germany

Ministry of Food and Agriculture (Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft, BMEL) and Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung, BLE)

Funding of the BMEL is provided as delineated in the national directive „ Richtlinie zur Förderung von Forschungs- und Entwicklungsvorhaben sowie von Maßnahmen zum Technologie- und Wissenstransfer im ökologischen Landbau“ from 4 April 2016. See: <https://www.bundesprogramm.de/was-wir-tun/projekte-foerdern/forschungs-und-entwicklungsvorhaben/>

The main regulations are as follows:

- Funding is based on §§23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations according to Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz (VwVfG) §48 § 49, §49a.
- The funding regulations, follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the so-called “Allgemeine Nebenbestimmungen (zur Förderung)” (ANBest).
- Proposed projects must be in line with the above mentioned national directive.
- Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
- Eligible applicants are natural persons and corporate bodies, universities and research institutions domiciled in Germany. Research institutions, which already receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.

In case of involvement of private enterprises:

- The funding regulations, follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the “Nebenbestimmungen für Zuwendungen auf Kostenbasis” (NKBF 98)
- In the pre-proposal stage private enterprises have to submit relevant documents to proof their (financial) reliability.
- Private enterprises have to provide a business plan for the implementation of the results.

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