



Calls for proposal in the frame of the *SYNORG* Labex Year 2015

The new call for proposal in the frame of the *SYNORG* LABEX will pay attention to the conclusions drawn by the international scientific board in June 2013, and have the goal in mind to answer to precise bottlenecks and challenges in synthetic organic chemistry applied to Life Sciences as recalled hereafter :

1. Development of new synthetic methodologies and new reactions sequences leading efficiently to novel, unprecedented families of compounds.
2. Innovative methods for bioconjugate chemistry and labeling techniques
3. Development of environmentally friendly reaction sequences.

Four PhD (three years, 159 keuros) projects will be launched in 2015. To fit with the excellence associated to *SYNORG* Labex, focus will be put on innovative, strategic and risky topics between partners of the SynOrg Labex or with other structures of excellence such as other labex, industries, competitive clusters, Carnot, ... with the aim to higher the level of excellence and the visibility of the SynOrg.

The organisation of this call will be as follow:

- 1) In the mid september, a general mailing from the executive committee to the *SYNORG* members will summarize details of the call. The projects will have to stress on the state of the art, the expertise of each partner, the methodology proposed to answer this bottleneck and the innovative character of the proposal within the international competition. Specific attention will be addressed to the complementary skills between the partners, and the added value of the collaboration proposed with the partners selected, whatever their origin.
- 2) The 4th of December will be the deadline for the submission of the projects to the expertise committee. The director of each laboratory will collect them. 8 to 12 projects will be sent to the expertise committee. The member of the expertise committee who will answer the call will not participate to the evaluation.
- 3) The 18th of December, each project leader will have to defend his project in front of the expertise committee (10 min speech + 10 min questions). The expertise committee will be located in Tours. If preferred, visio-conference is allowed.
- 4) The expertise committee will be in charge to rank the projects A (excellent project, good evaluation of the risk, and good complementary skills between partners); B (good but requiring significant adjustments) and C (rejected project). If one project is of exceptional quality, an A+ ranking could be given.
- 5) If a project has issued an A+ ranking, it will be directly financed. Then, within the A ranked projects, the executive committee will chose the financed projects in order to take into account the balance between the axes and the laboratories. In order for the project leader to make the best possible recruitment for PhDs and post-doctoral fellows, the project starting date will be in October 1st, 2015.

