



Call for proposal in the frame of the *SYNORG* Labex 2015

The new call for proposal in the framework of the *SYNORG* LABEX will rely on the conclusions drawn by the international scientific board in June 2013, and has the purpose of addressing 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 long-term programs (1 PhD + 1 post doc for each program including funding for supplies) will be launched in 2015. The previous call associated to research axes will no longer be valid since this was difficult to define in which axes the project had to be placed and to couple excellence with these axes at first glance.

To fit within the excellence associated to *SYNORG* Labex, the focus will be put on innovative, strategic and risky topics based on a collaboration between partners of SynOrg or for some of the projects with other structures of excellence such as other Labex, industries, competitive clusters, Carnot Institutes, ... with the aim to enhance the level of excellence and the visibility of SynOrg.

The organisation of this call will be as follow:

- 1) In the beginning of July, a general mailing from the executive committee to the *SYNORG* members will summarize details of the call. The following points will have to be stressed in the proposal: state of the art, expertise of each partner, proposed methodology to address the bottleneck and innovative character of the proposal within the international competition. Specific attention will be given to the complementary skills of the partners, and the added value of the collaboration proposed with the partners selected, whatever their origin.
- 2) Mid October will be the deadline for the submission of the projects to the international expertise committee. They will be collected by the director of each laboratory.
- 3) Mid November, each project leader will defend the project in front of the expertise committee (10 min + 10 min questions).
- 4) The international committee will be in charge to rank the projects as: 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 select the financed projects in order to take into account the balance between the axes and the laboratories.

