

Appendix A: National eligibility criteria for partner-PIs from Germany

This first participation of the Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) in a research call of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) is a pilot project. Eligible for funding under this pilot are all BMBF grantees supported by BMBF grants in the field of translational and regenerative medicine. Under this pilot, BMBF grantees may reallocate an appropriate sum of granted BMBF funds to collaborative activities under CIRM's RFA 09-03, CIRM Stem Cell Transplantation Immunology.

The applicants (partner-Principal Investigators, partner-PIs) have to form consortia with their respective Californian partners and follow CIRM's application procedure as outlined in CIRM's RFA 09-03.

To participate in CIRM's RFA 09-03, the German partner-PIs have to provide an informal request in writing to the Project Management Jülich, PtJ (Projekträger Jülich), delineating

- i.) under which grant the reallocation is intended to be performed
- ii.) the added value of the international cooperation over the existing grant
- iii.) the impact of the reallocation of funds upon the existing grant and the following utilization.

This request has to be submitted to PtJ in parallel to the submission of the LOI to CIRM (December 15, 2009 deadline).

All requests will be subjected to an eligibility check. Positively evaluated requests from BMBF Grantees will enter CIRM's evaluation procedure.

Additional German application documents (AZA/AZK) are not required for the pilot activity.

It is recommended that potential German applicants contact PtJ prior to an application for further advice.

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