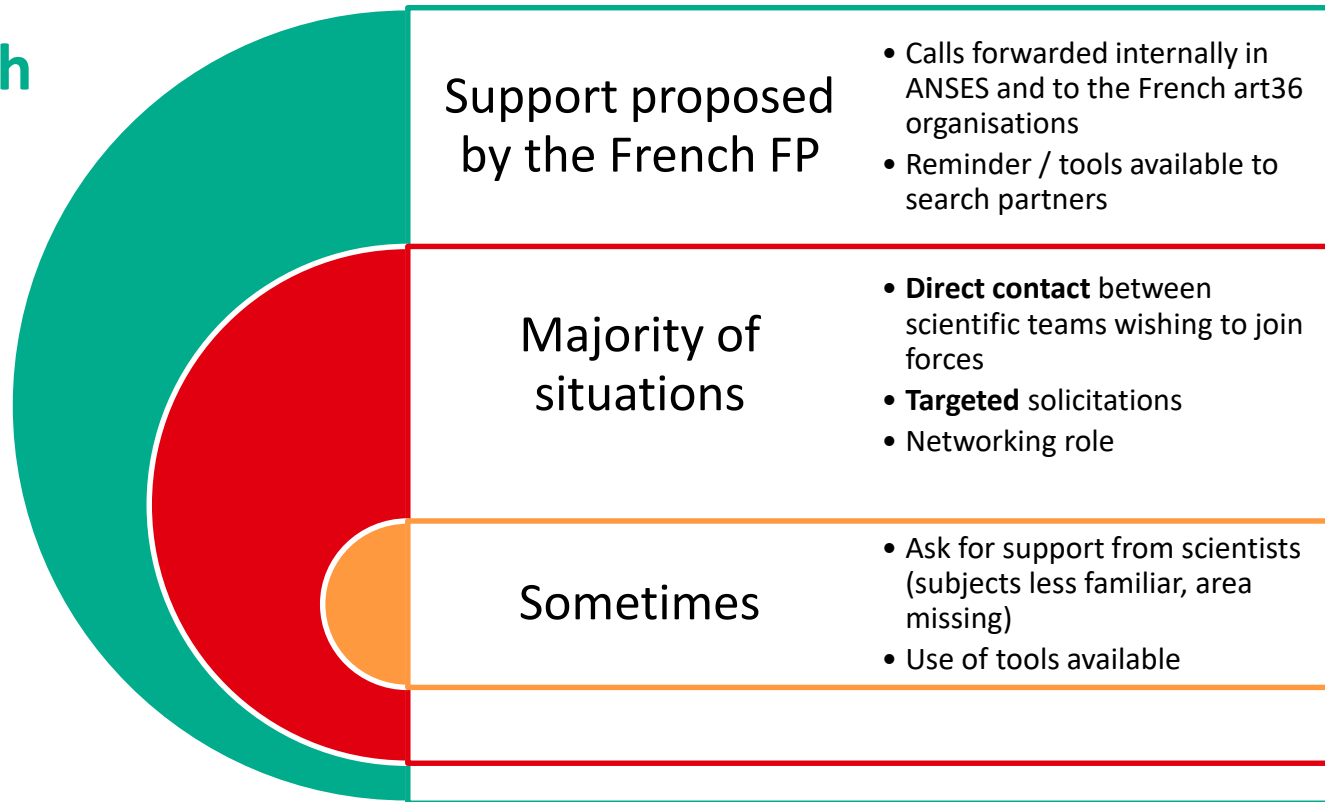


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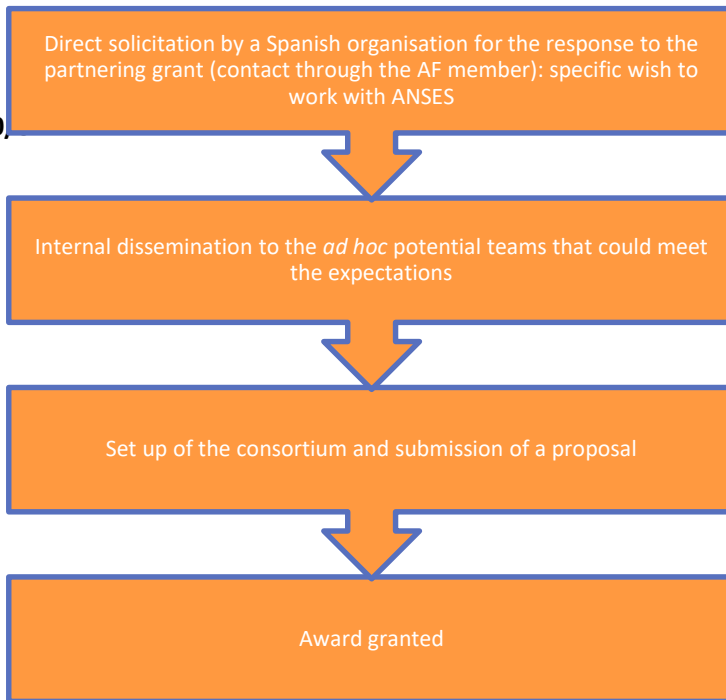
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Partners search



Direct solicitation – an example

Partnering grant GP/EFSA/ENCO/2020

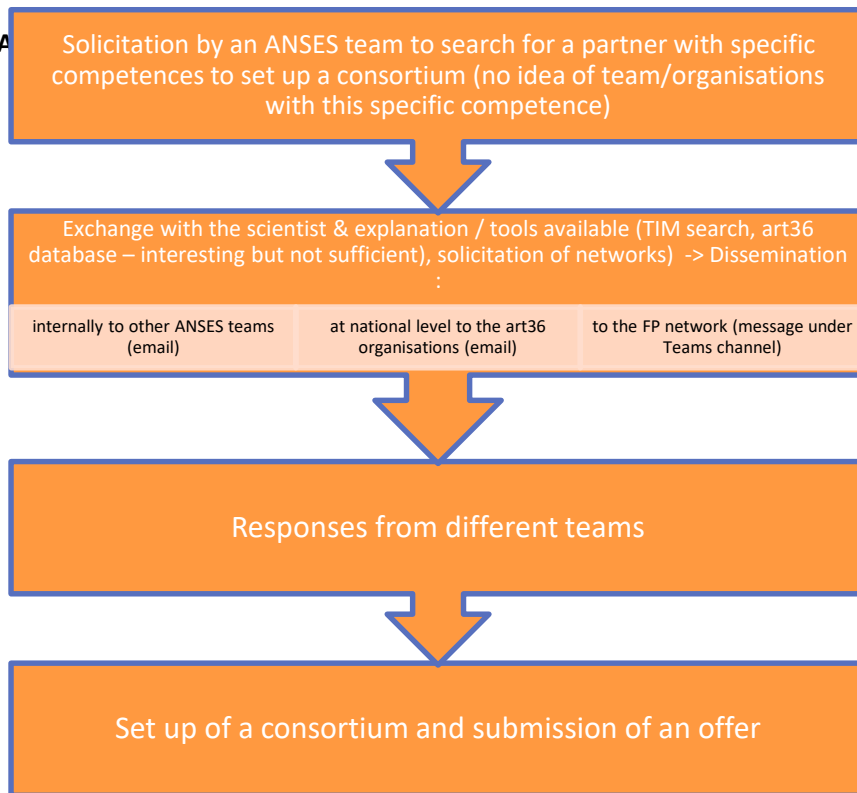


FP role as networking support, easy and effective



Search for partner – 1st example

EFSA call for tenders OC/EFSA

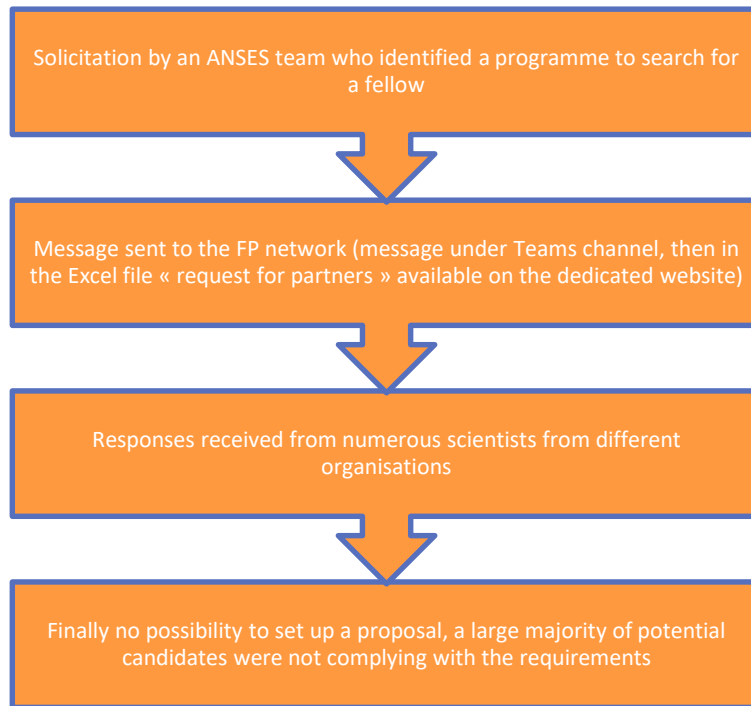


FP support can offer the possibility for scientific teams to engage with EFSA



Search for partner – 2nd example

EFSA EU-FORA call
GP/EFSA/ENCO/2021/01



- **Dissemination efficient, as we received numerous messages from potential candidates**
- **Important role of FP in checking the suitability of the candidatures**
- **Importance for FP to know very well/be familiar with the call requirements**
- **Importance for FP to have supporting documents to help them in their role**




Lessons learnt

In general, most frequent & effective form of contact is **direct contact** between scientific teams wishing to join forces or **targeted solicitations**




The FP can play its networking role.


Sometimes certain teams may seek contacts to fill in certain areas that are missing from the call, on subjects with which they are less familiar.




In this case, the FPs may have a role to play in **providing support** in setting up consortia. This is an important role as FP can offer the possibilities for organisations to **engage**.



To do this, they can use **various tools** that already exist (TIM searches, art36 database).



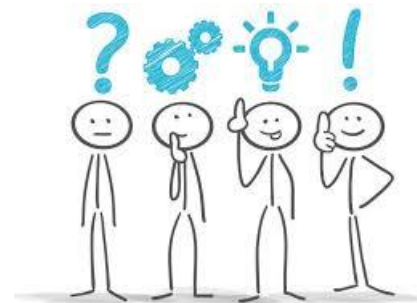
But things could be improved regarding partner search (cf. questions below) and ideas could be explored to **identify ways of improvement at short, medium and long term**.



Some aspect should be taken into consideration in this reflection, such as confidentiality.

Questions

- What could be imagined that could concretely help scientists and FPs in this context? In the **short, medium** and **long term**, what could be improved? developed? E.g what kind of **tools** would be useful to connect teams, to find partners:
 - Excel file like for EU-FORA?
 - Dedicated space in Teams for FPs?
 - Exchange platform/other system to be provided in a database for art36 organisations?
 - Partner search tool similar to the one existing in the European Commission portal <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search> (benchmark to investigate its usefulness)? Under the EFSA Engage website page? The Research platform one? Elsewhere?
 - Other?



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