Review criteria for project funding from KB35

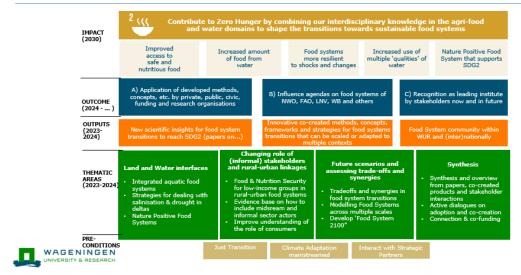
Review by programme lead supported -where needed- by core team

General criteria

- As KB-projects are interdepartmental by nature, at least two institutes should be involved in a project.
- For KB35, projects need to refer to the Theory of Change and indicate where and how the project activities link to the ToC (see below)
- For all proposals a food systems approach should be included (van Berkum et al, 2018).

Theory of Change KB35 Food Security and Valuing Water 2023-2024





Format

Project proposals are typically 1-2 pages, and should always mention:

- Persons involved (and science group/institute)
- Where: physical setting of the project
- Run time of the project, if possible with start and end date.
- Budget requested (excl. VAT) and budget breakdown
- Activities and deliverables

Note

- If requested budgets exceed the available budget, the core team is asked to make a ranking of the proposals.
- Any project receiving funding should mention KB35 in the acknowledgements: "The authors would like to acknowledge funding from the Wageningen University Knowledge Base programme: KB35 Food security whilst valuing water (project number KB35-00X-0XX) that is supported by finance from the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality".

Project types and - specific requirements

Co-financing of EU projects

Proposals should always first be submitted to TKI. If projects are not granted or if TKI funding is not possible at all (often because foreign parties are applicants), projects will be assessed for co-financing. Projects should contribute to KB35 goals, and WR project team members are expected to contribute to KB35 theme/community days. Support in principle for 1 year, with possibility for extension (whereby the procedure described above applies again).

Small innovative projects (SIPs).

Are typically short term (3-6 months) high-risk projects that cannot be funded otherwise. Aim of these projects is delivering a proof of concept. Max. 20 k \in . Calls for proposals are made for WR via the core team.

Additional projects

Are likewise also high-risk projects that emerge as spinoff from existing KB35-projects and run up to one year. These additional projects should be seen or treated as bonus elements and will be considered during midterm review of running KB35 projects.

Strategic positions / networks

This aims at positioning WR researchers in order to influence the policy agendas on food systems and water. This could include participation in an international working group, think tank, consultative body, etc. Support in principle for 1 year, with possibility for extension. Calls for proposals are made for WR via the core team.

International events

This is about a substantive participation in events based on existing KB35 projects or KB35 related topics. Contribution to content is expected. And preferably a deliverable of a running project (presentation, side-event, ...). Two possible routes for proposals: via midterm review or via core team.

Comparison between project types

The above information has been included in the table below. In the cells, an 'X' indicates which criteria 'weigh the most'

		Criteria												
	Type	Lead time	Budget size	Conditions	Reflecting the general objectives of the KB35 program / ToC	Indicate where synergy is offered to existing projects	Relevant in an international perspective	Contribution to interdisciplinary research: Participation of at least 2 institutes	Clear and concrete deliverables	Planning of the proposed project feasibility to finish within the lead time of the project after approval	The extent to which the proposal results in new partnerships and networks for interdisciplinary research	There should be value creation/leverage potential and ideally this should be realized during the period of the project	Avoid duplication or overlap with existing projects and work	Innovative and possible follow-up for research direction
Co-funding	Not awarded or applicable for TKI / EU projects	Max 1 year for co- funding		Participation in theme/community days	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	×		Х	Х	
SIPs	New topic, not yet covered. High risk. Proof of Concept	3 - 6 months	Max. 20.000	Must be clear what to achieve in these projects that is not possible in a regular project. "Why do you need this, and does it not fit in existing projects"	x		X	Х	Х	Х		Х	х	х
Additional projects	Additions / extensions of existing projects	6 - 12 months		Must be clear what to achieve in these projects that is not possible in the running KB project	x	Х	Х	х	х	x		х		x
Strategic positions / networks	Personal participation in networks to strengthen WUR's position on the topics of KB35	1 year		Contribute to the positioning of WR in the food systems/water domain. Influence the policy agendas on food systems and water	х		x		х		x	х		
International events	Substantive participation in events based on existing projects	Event- specific		Contribution to content is expected. And preferably a deliverable of a running project (presentation, side-event,)	х		х		х		х	х		