



DRD Collaborations UK

Steering Board & Coordinators Meeting

25th September 2023

- STFC discussion
- Briefing document

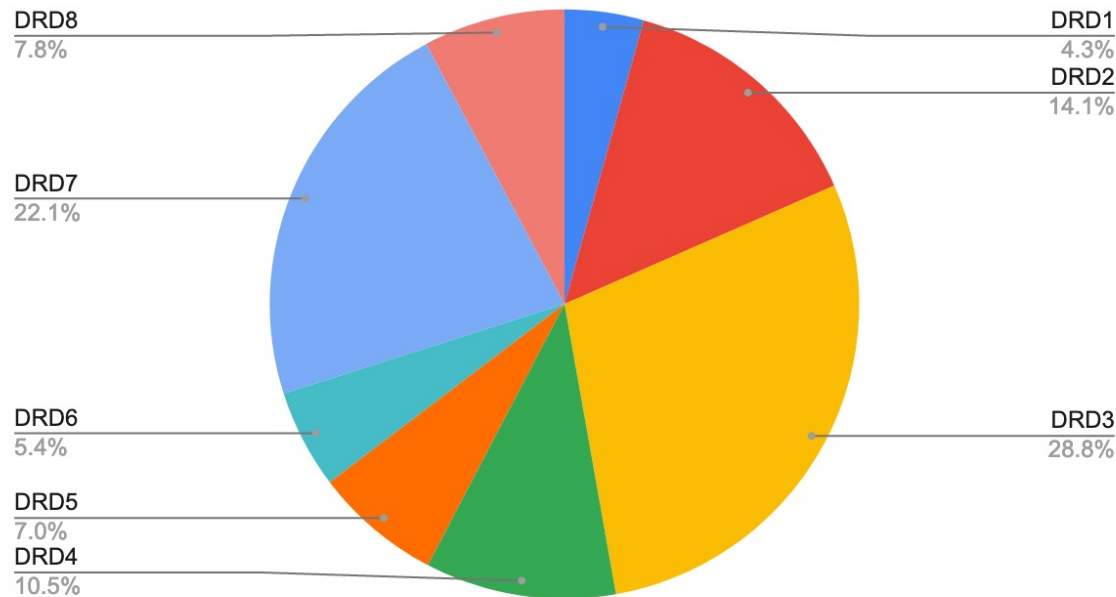
Discussions with STFC

- Routes for funding
 - Consolidated grant submission
 - Agreed – our main focus over next months
 - Early-stage research and development scheme (annual call expected)
 - Bids from individual DRD-UK consortia ?
 - Science Board SOI, PPRP bid(s)
 - Could consider but not first route
 - Infrastructure fund / Fund for International collaboration (being reshaped) / Others...?

DRD-UK

- Areas of UK interest from SB survey
 - 17/20 institutes completed, many thanks
 - Weighted with academic FTE (but makes little difference)

DRD-UK interests



Discussions with international partners

- Discussed with:
 - Italy, France, Germany
 - Germany submitted bids this summer
 - CERN EP R&D
 - 2nd period starting now (~ 8M CHF / annum), this will be the CERN acting as a Funding Agency DRD contribution
- Arrangements for FAs contact to DRD and level of details in MoUs being discussed

Briefing Document

- Aim
 - Inform STFC of DRDs
 - Build case with STFC for support
- Submission 30th September
 - Comments by Wednesday
 - Thanks to all who contributed
- To follow with discussion on rough funding envelope, before we try to build our CG bid

Example cases

- 3 short (200 words) example cases centred on our three largest areas of activity (DRD2,3,7)
- Lessons
 - Agree on common formats and level of detail for our bid
 - need strong coupling to future experiments to ensure this meets needs and has community support

Document structure

- Introduction – basic case for and aims of DRDs
- Structure – International & UK
- UK Strategy – DRD goals and advantages for UK
- Funding arrangements – UK and international
- Case studies – examples
- Summary
- Appendix A - steering board (all uk groups supporting)
- Appendix B – coordinators (wide uk involvement)