



# How the DFG Works

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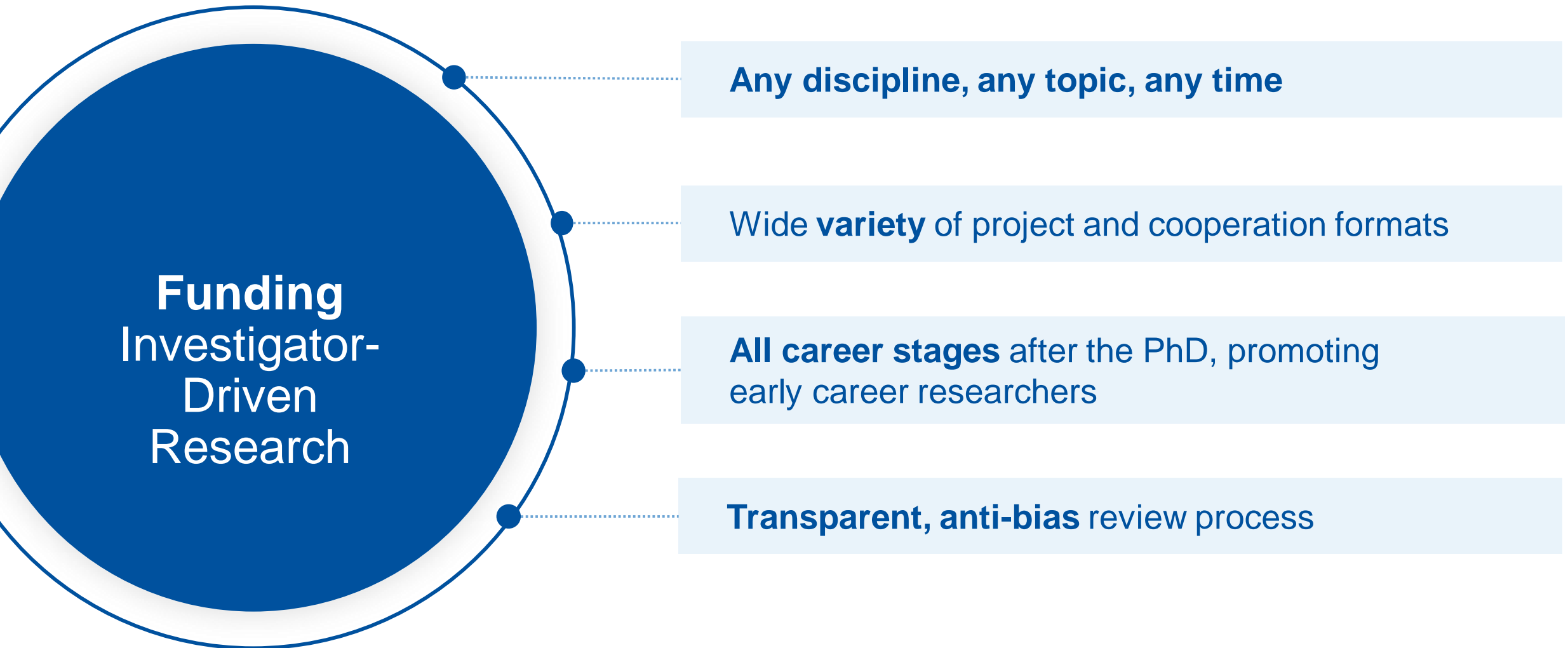




# **1. The Concept of Knowledge-Driven Research Funding**





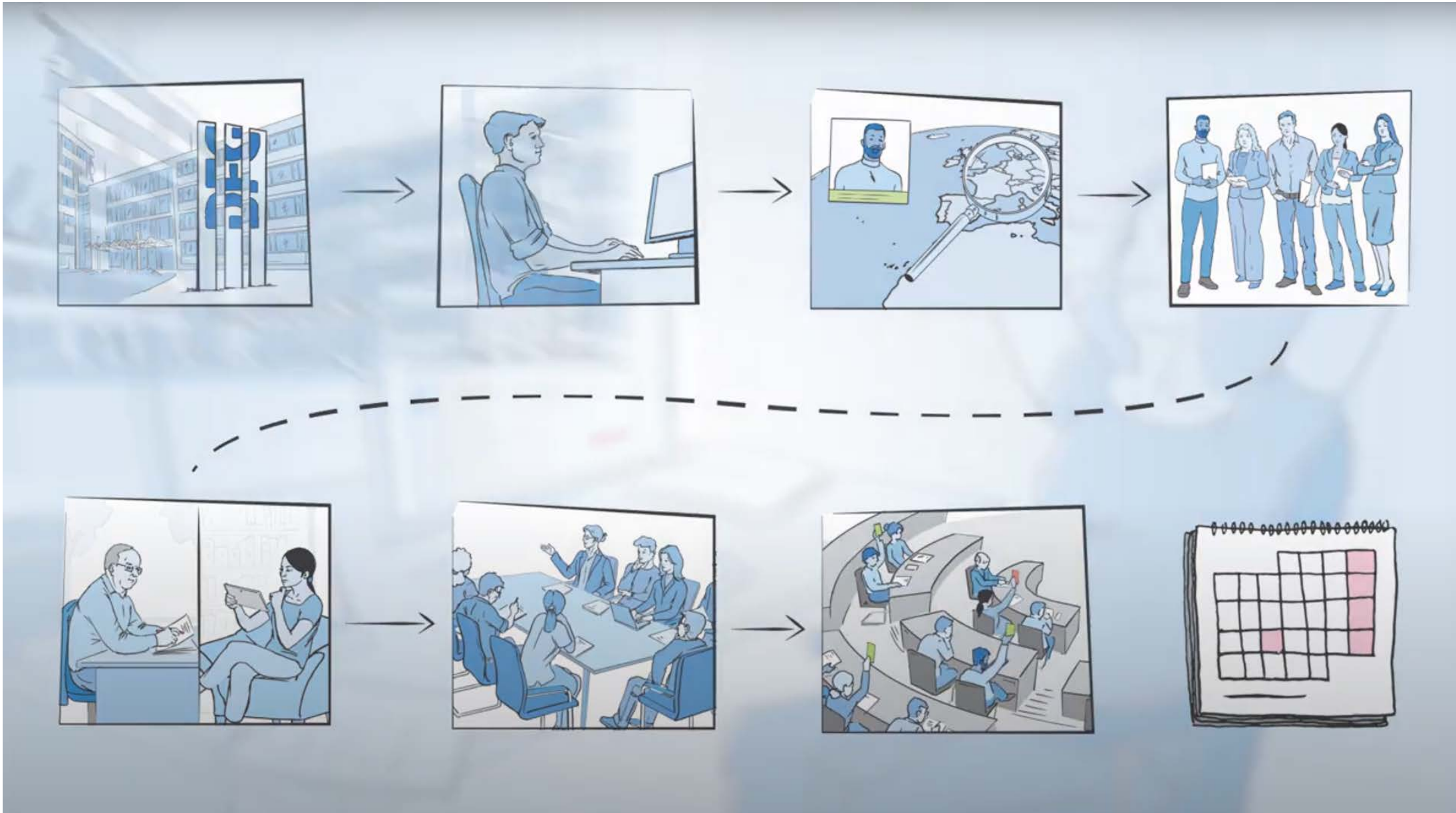


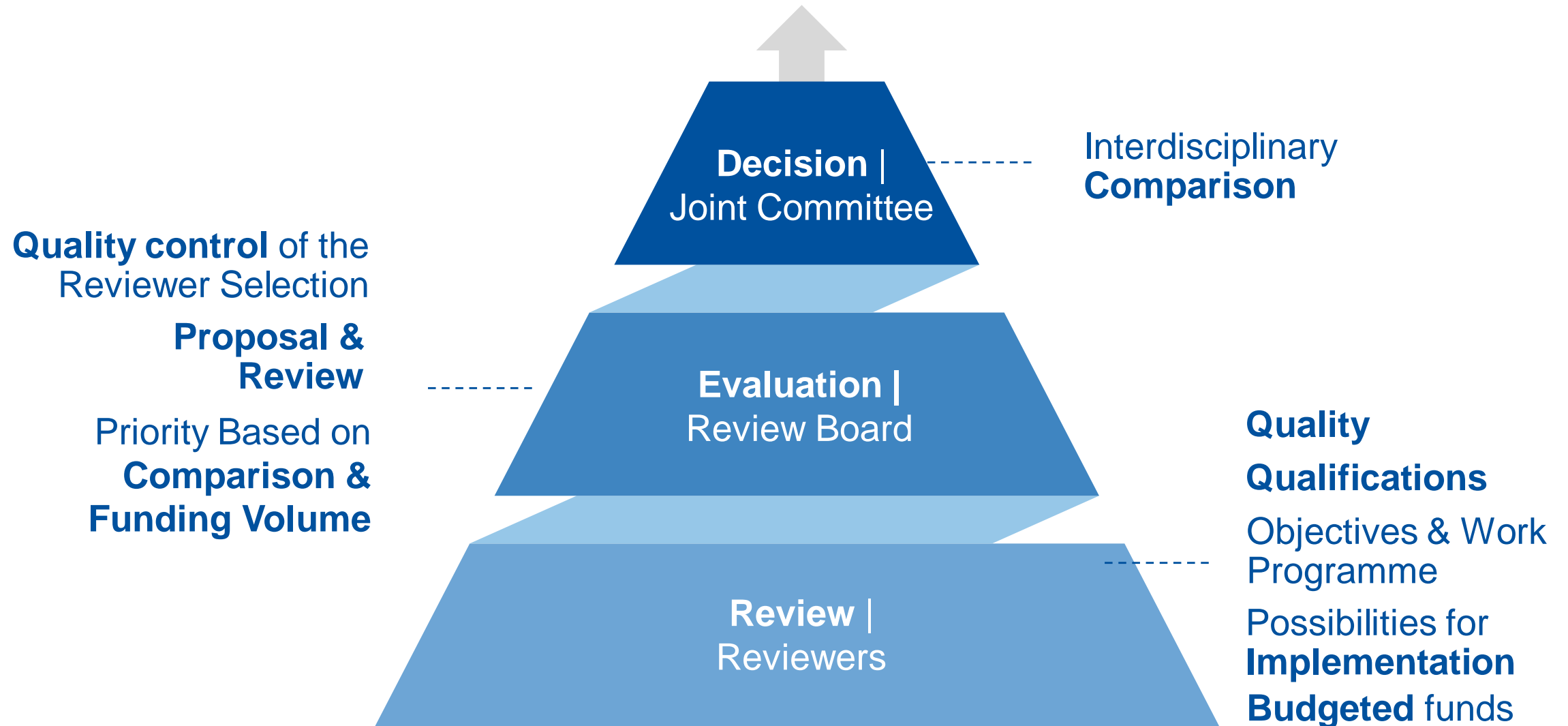




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## Review Boards

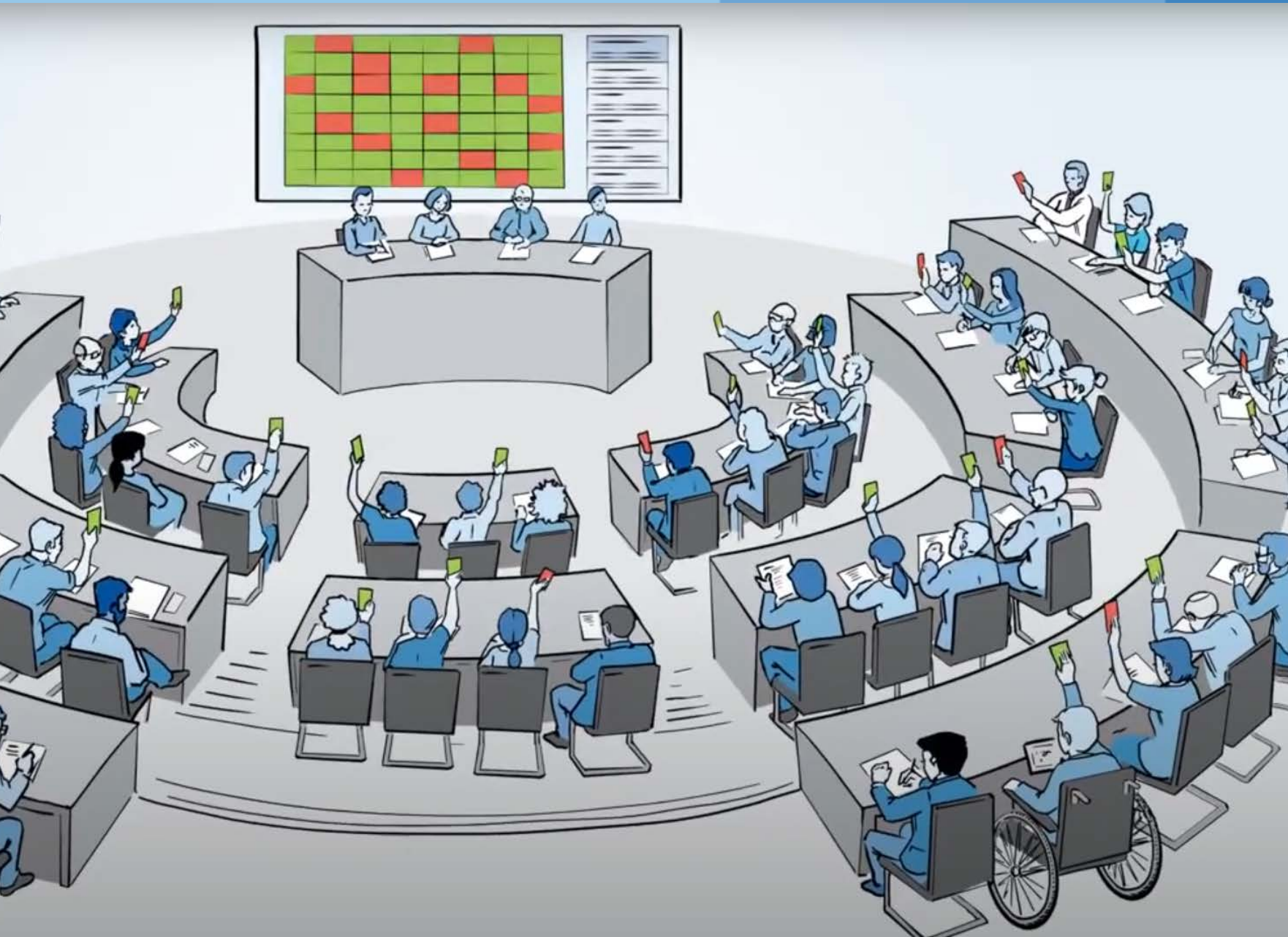
Elections every four years  
by the community of  
~ 150,000 researchers in  
Germany



FACHKOLLEGIENWAHL  
2027

DFG





## Joint Committee

- 39 DFG Senators = researchers
- 1 representative of the federal government with 16 votes
- 16 representatives of the state governments



Gottfried Wilhelm  
**Leibniz-Preis**



**EXCELLENCE  
STRATEGY**

of the German federal & state governments



**Walter  
Benjamin-  
Programm**



**Heisenberg-  
Programm**




**Emmy  
Noether-  
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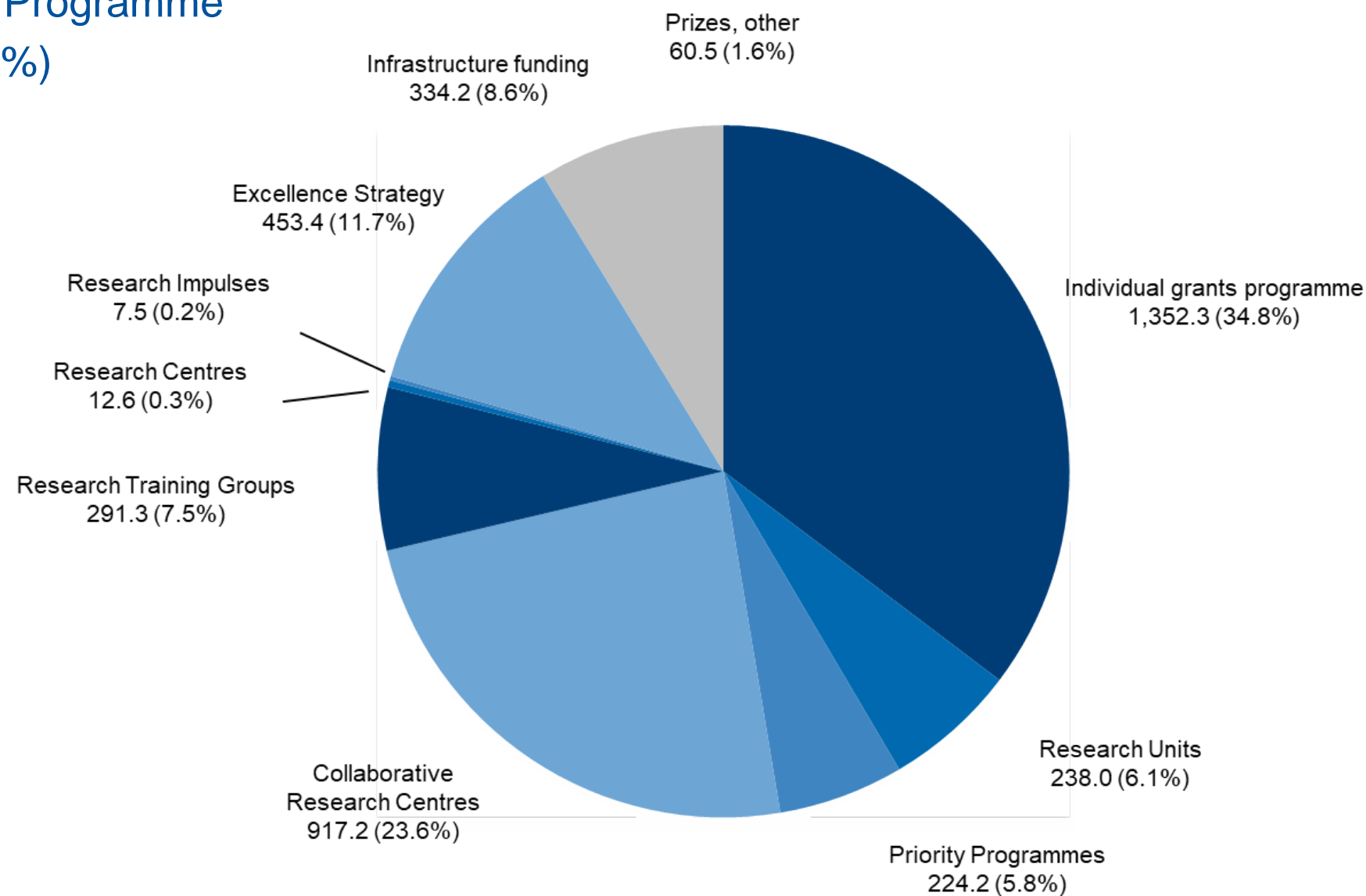
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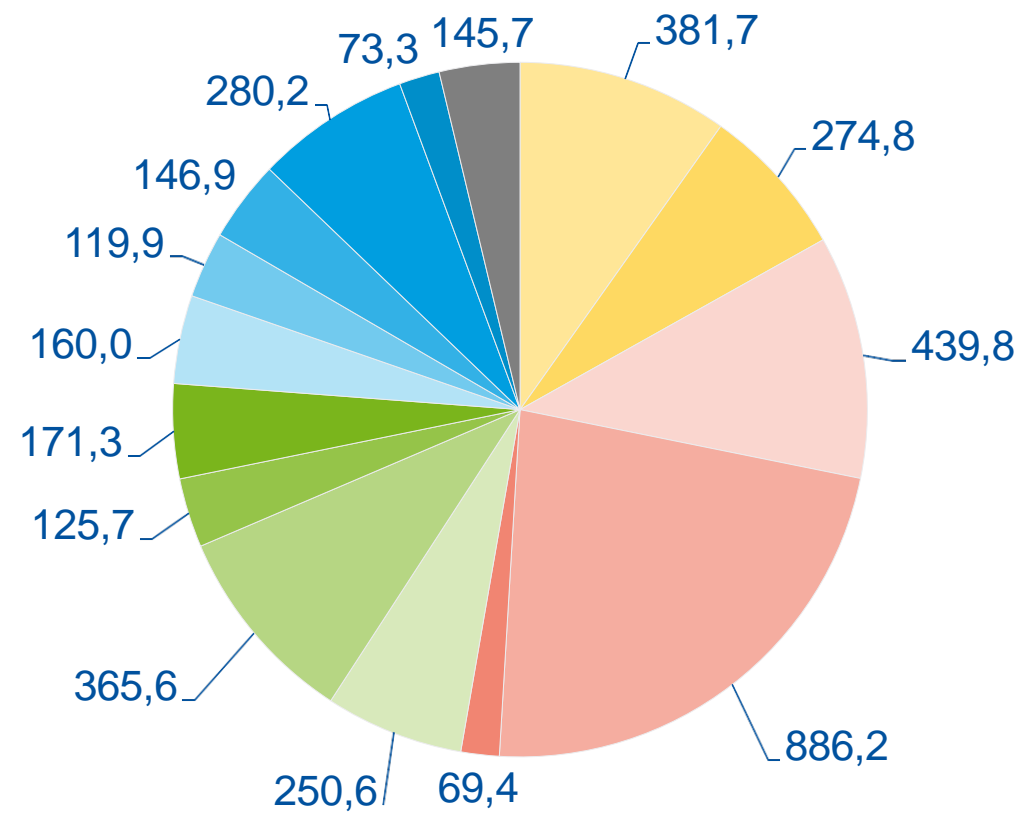


	 Proposal submitted by <b>Individuals</b>				 Proposal submitted by <b>Institutions</b>			 <b>Scientific Prizes</b>
Funding Focus	Investigators	Themes	Forum	Infrastructure	Themes	Forum	Infrastructure	Investigators
Funding Instruments	Walter Benjamin Programme	Individual Research Grants (SBH)	Centres for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences	New Instrumentation for Research	Collaborative Research Centres (SFB)	(International) Research Training Groups (GRK)	Major Research Instrumentation	Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz Prize
	Emmy Noether Programme	Reinhart Koselleck Projects	Scientific Networks	Specialised Information Services		DFG Research Centres	State Major Instrumentation	Heinz Maier-Leibniz Prize
	Heisenberg Programme	Initiation of International Collaboration	Workshops for Early Career Investigators	Information Infrastructures for Research Data		Clusters of Excellence	Major Instrumentation Initiatives	Communicator Award
		Research Units (FOR)	Project Academies	Infrastructures for Scholarly Publishing		Research Impulses	Core Facilities	Copernicus Award
		Clinical Research Units (KFO)	International Scientific Events	eResearch Technologies			Open Access Publication Funding	Albert Maucher Prize in Geoscience
		Clinical Trials		Digitisation and Indexing			National Research Data Infrastructure	Bernd Rendel Prize in Geoscience
		Projects in Priority Programmes (SPP)		Coordinating Roles and Responsibilities				Ursula M. Händel Animal Welfare Prize
				Research Software Infrastructures				Von Kaven Award

Research Funding by Programme  
for 2024 (in Mio. € und %)

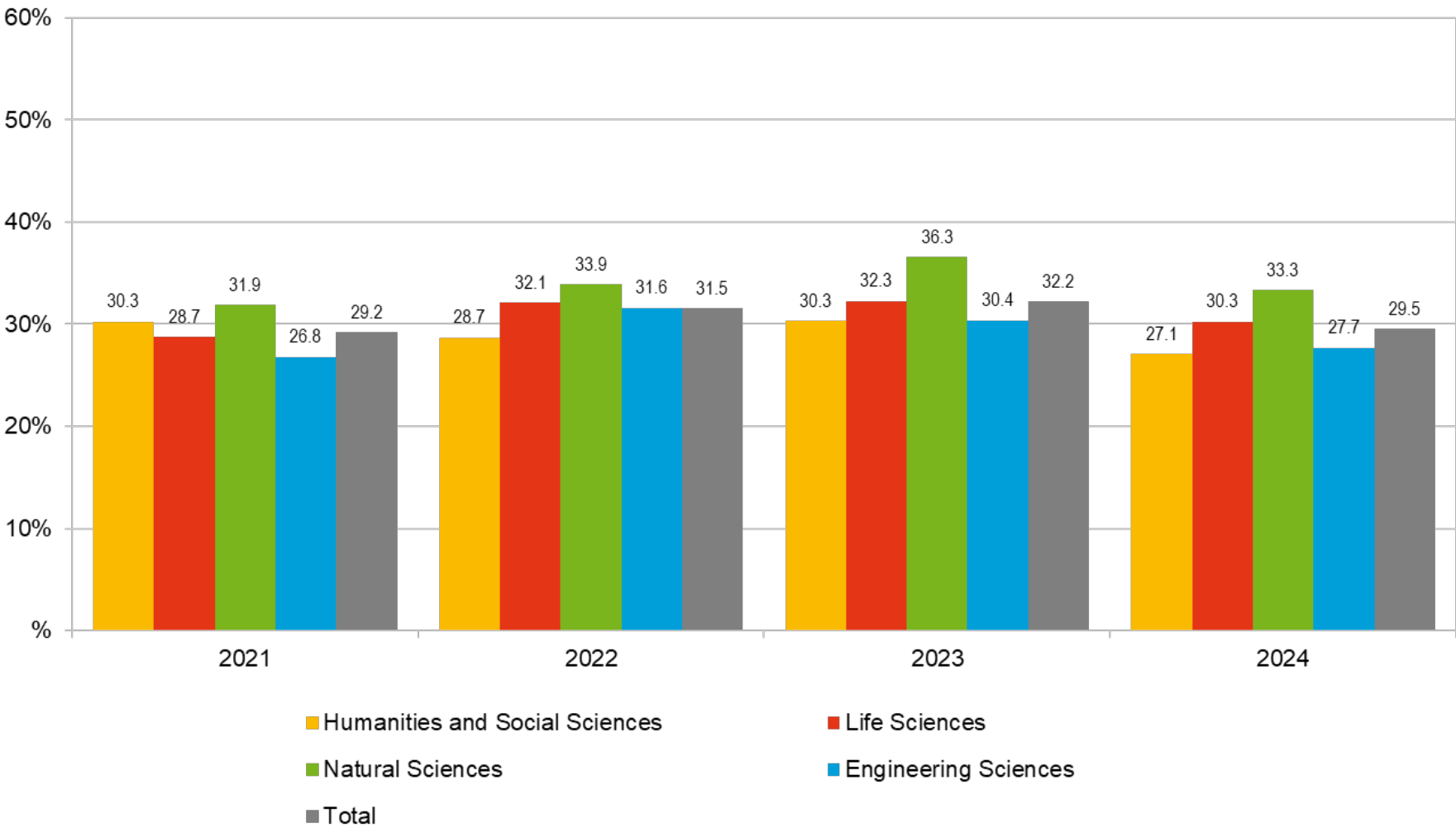


DFG Funding  
by Subject Area (in €m)



- Humanities
- Social and Behavioural Sciences
- Biology
- Medicine
- Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary
- Chemistry
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Geosciences
- Mechanical and Industrial Engineering
- Thermal Engineering/Process Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Computer Science, Systems & Electrical Engineering
- Construction Engineering and Architecture
- Interdisciplinary

Funding Rates\* in the Individual Grants Programme  
by Scientific Discipline 2021 to 2024 (in %)



\* The funding rate (or success rate) is calculated by dividing the number of awards by the number of proposals reviewed.  
Source: New Individual Grants





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