



DFG Updates

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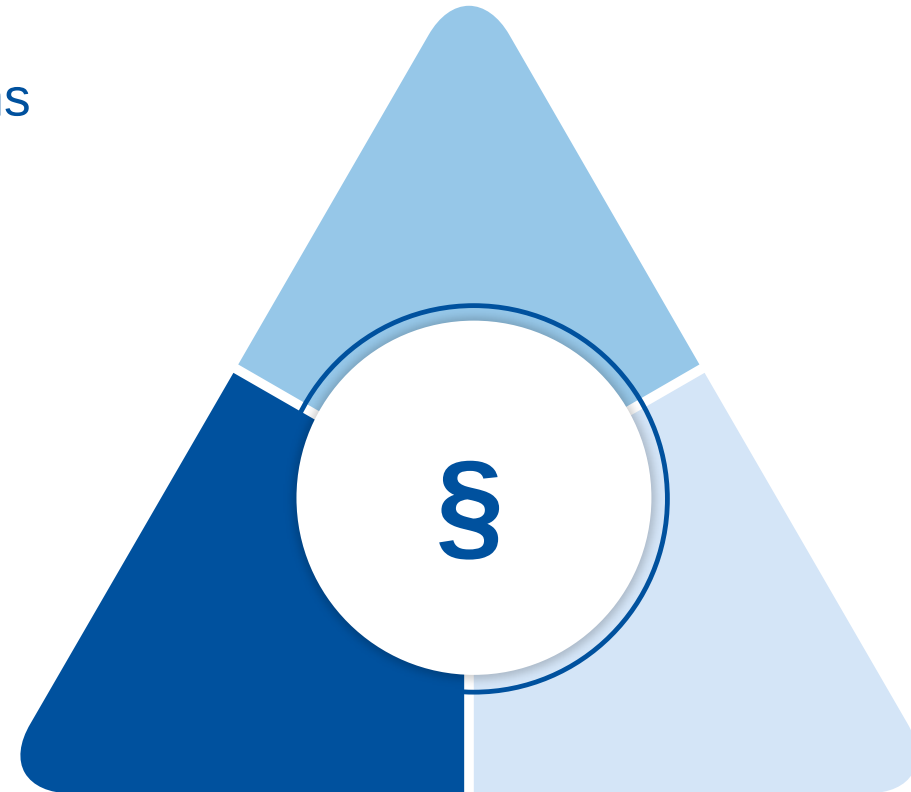
Current Political Developments

Draft Amendment of the WissZeitVG

6-year postdoctoral qualification phase remains
No carry-over from PhD to postdoc phase

No impact on DFG funding programmes

Joint statement by German research
organisations



Resilience in the Research System

Senate Working Group
since May 2025



Resilience of Research Infrastructures

Focus: Research Data
Statement in March 2026



Political Resilience

Focus: Academic Freedom, Vulnerabilities of the academic system, Recommendations
“Positionspapier zur Stärkung der Freiheit und Resilienz der Wissenschaften“, July 2026



DFG Procedures

Possibly affected by politicisation of decision making bodies and committees





DFG Activities & Initiatives

- **strategic funding initiative** in artificial intelligence, since 2020
- **Goal 1:** supporting close collaboration between AI methodology and disciplinary research via “KI-Forschungsgruppen”
- **Goal 2:** invest in the next generation of AI researchers
→ 30 Emmy Noether Groups in the field of AI
(4th call currently running)

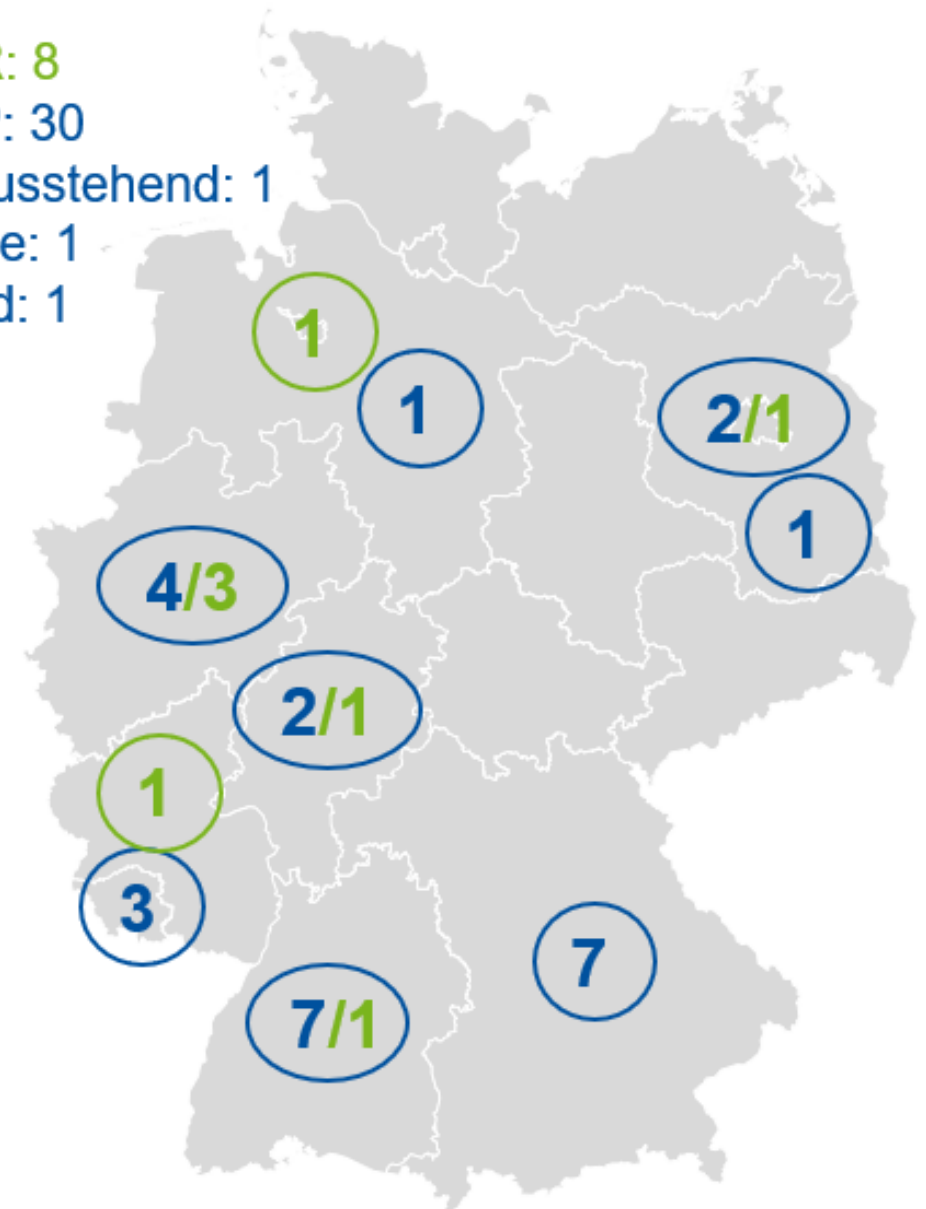
KI-FOR: 8

KI-ENP: 30

Wahl ausstehend: 1

Industrie: 1

Ausland: 1



Artificial Intelligence in the Review Process

Human responsibility

Reviewers remain fully accountable

Confidentiality

Secure AI systems, no training on proposals data



Transparency

Usage and purpose of use must be disclosed to the DFG

Quality Assurance

AI is a supporting tool. Scientific judgement remains with the reviewer

White Paper: [Artificial Intelligence in the Review Process. DFG Position and Perspectives](#)

Finances & Funding Portfolio

Budget stabilising, inflation pressure easing
= improved financial outlook

Record demand has implications on
funding rates

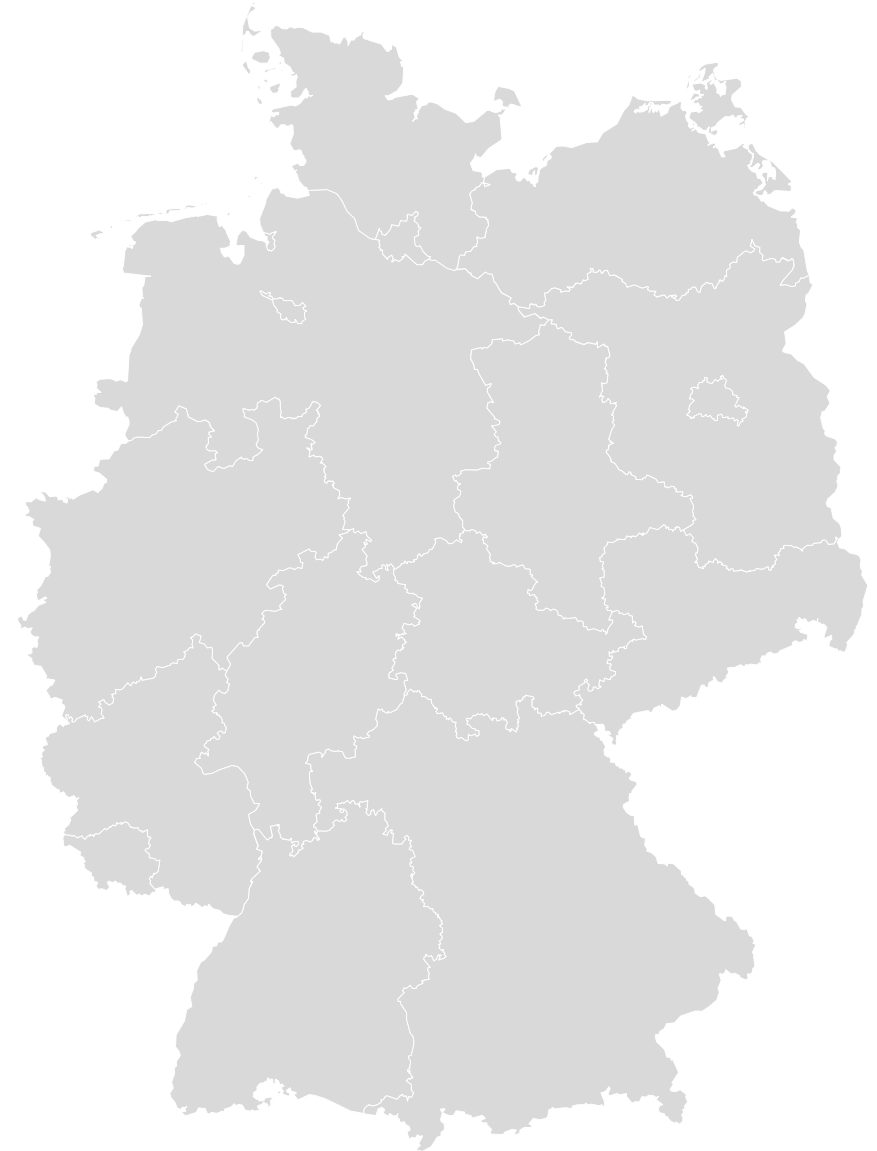
Working Group „Funding and the DFG
Funding Portfolio”



DFG Applicant Survey

Conducted Nov/Dec 2025

Publication of results
expected Sept./Oct. 2026



Reorganisation of publication funding

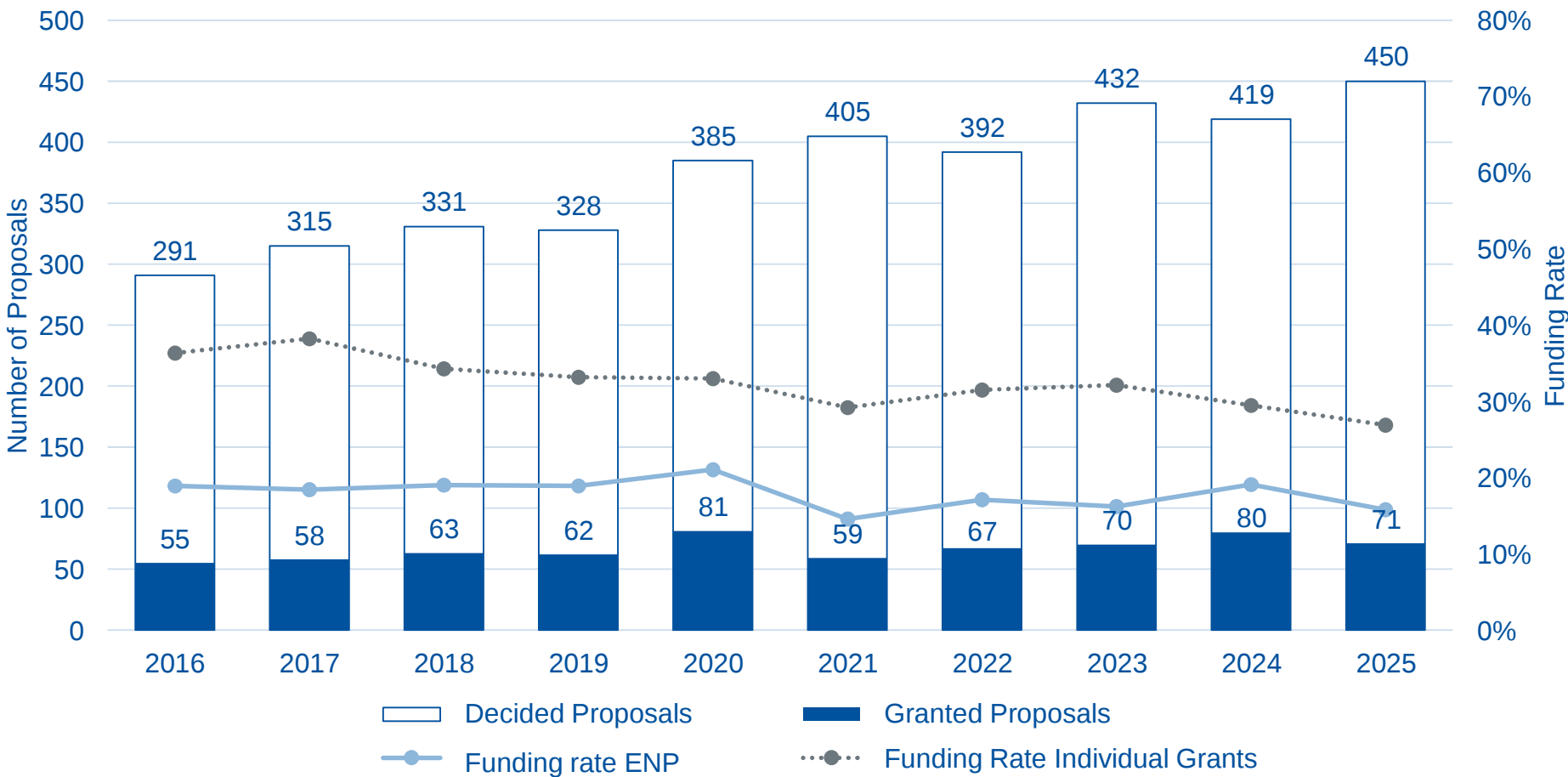
In the future, Open Access publication costs will be covered through institutional funding rather than through individual research grants.





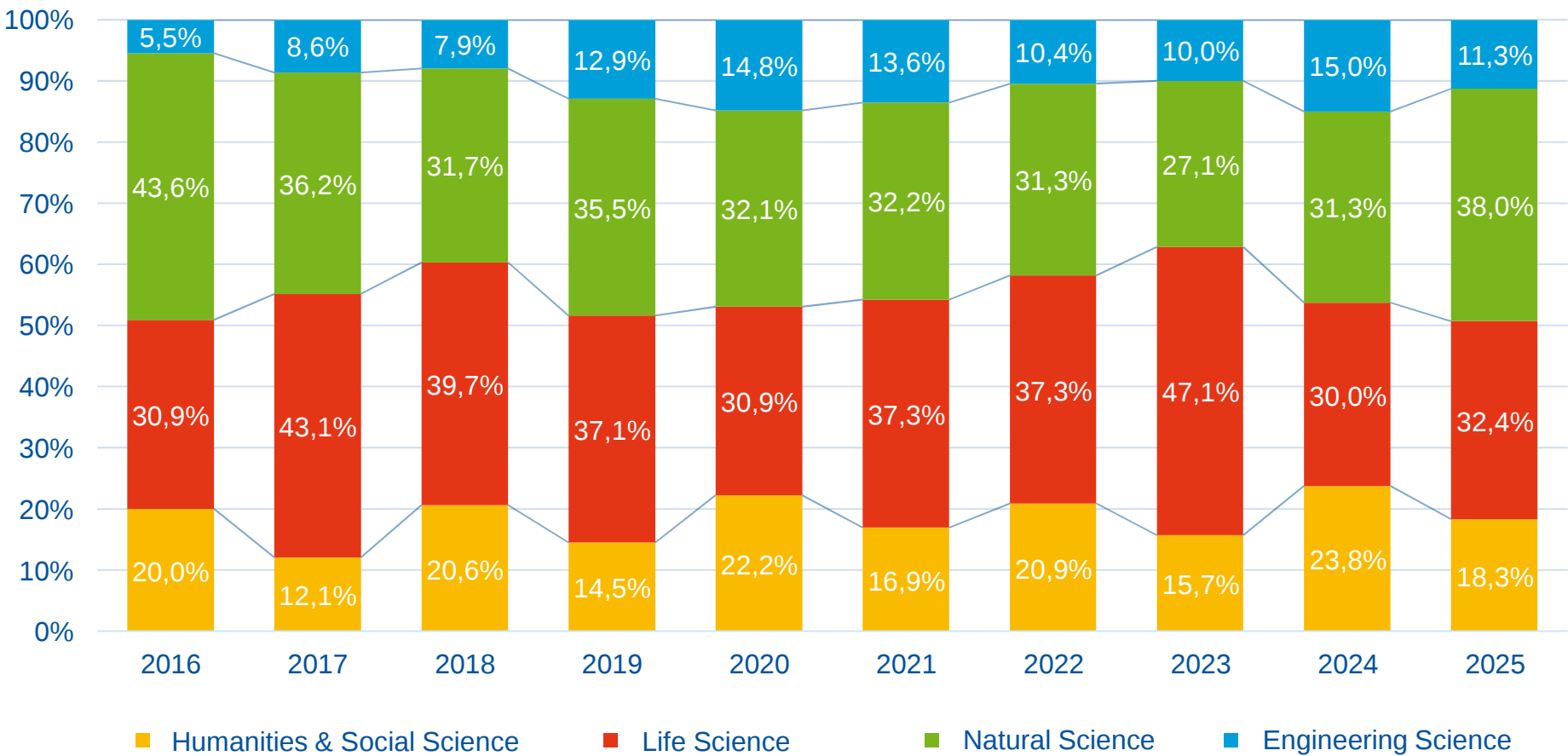
Statistics of the Emmy Noether Programme

Number of Proposals and Funding Rates



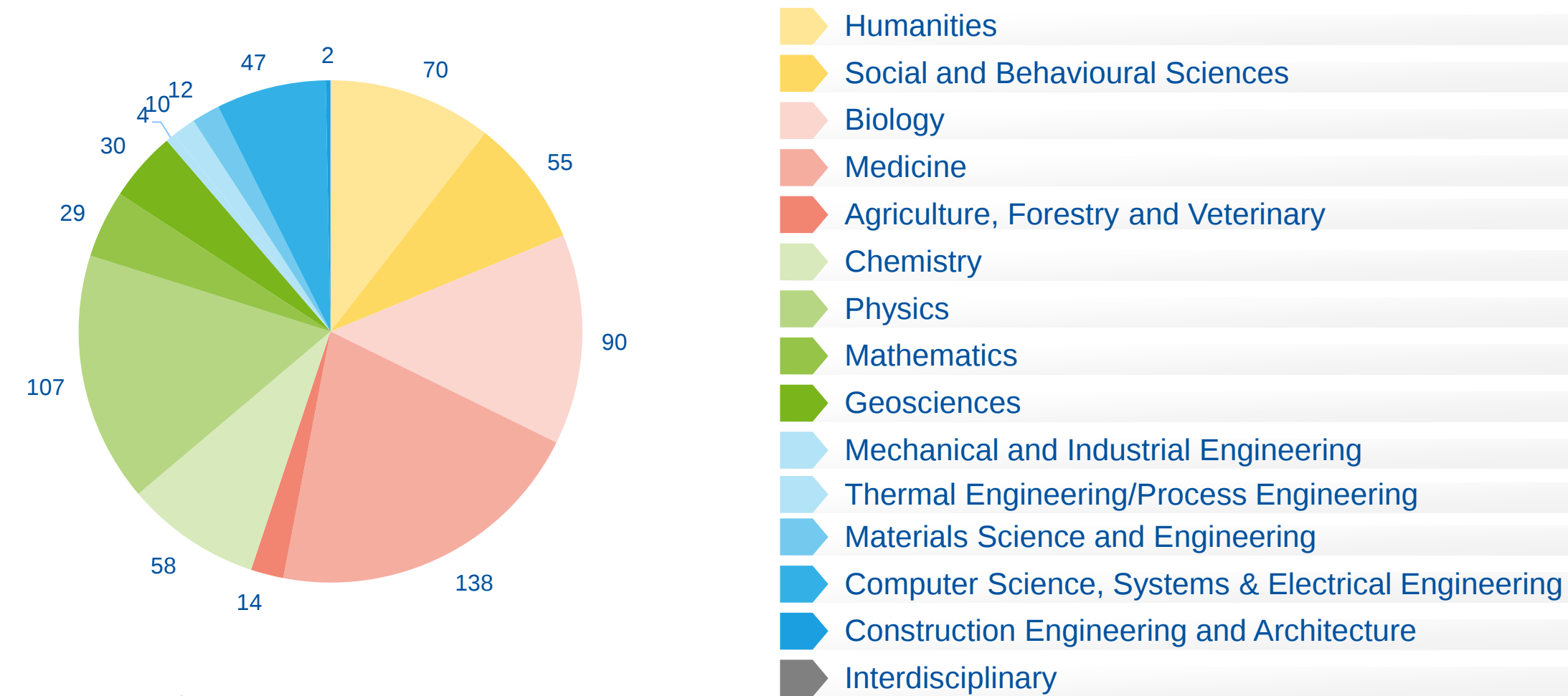
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Grants by Scientific Discipline



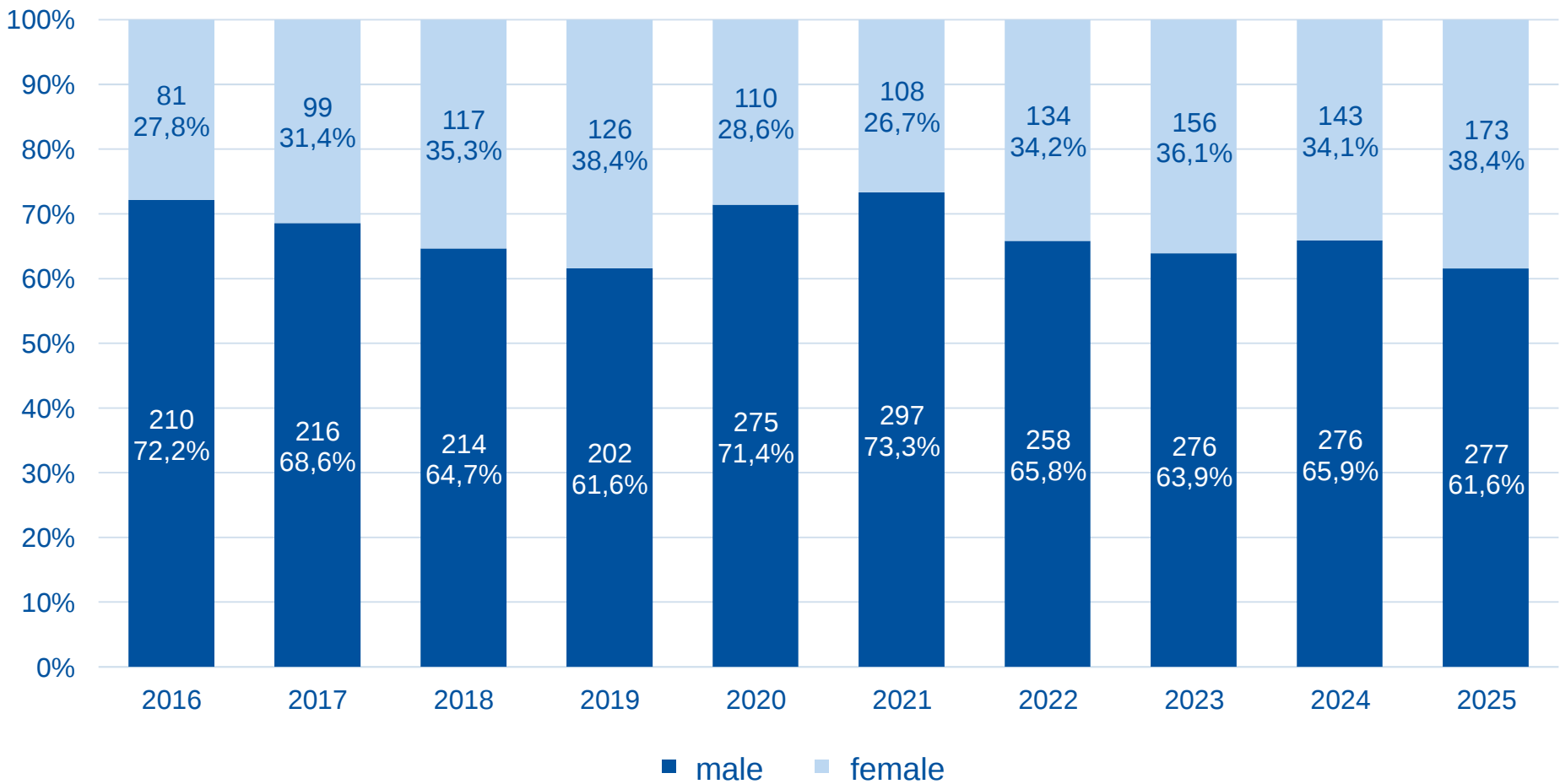
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New proposals approved within the Emmy Noether Programme 2016-2025, by scientific discipline



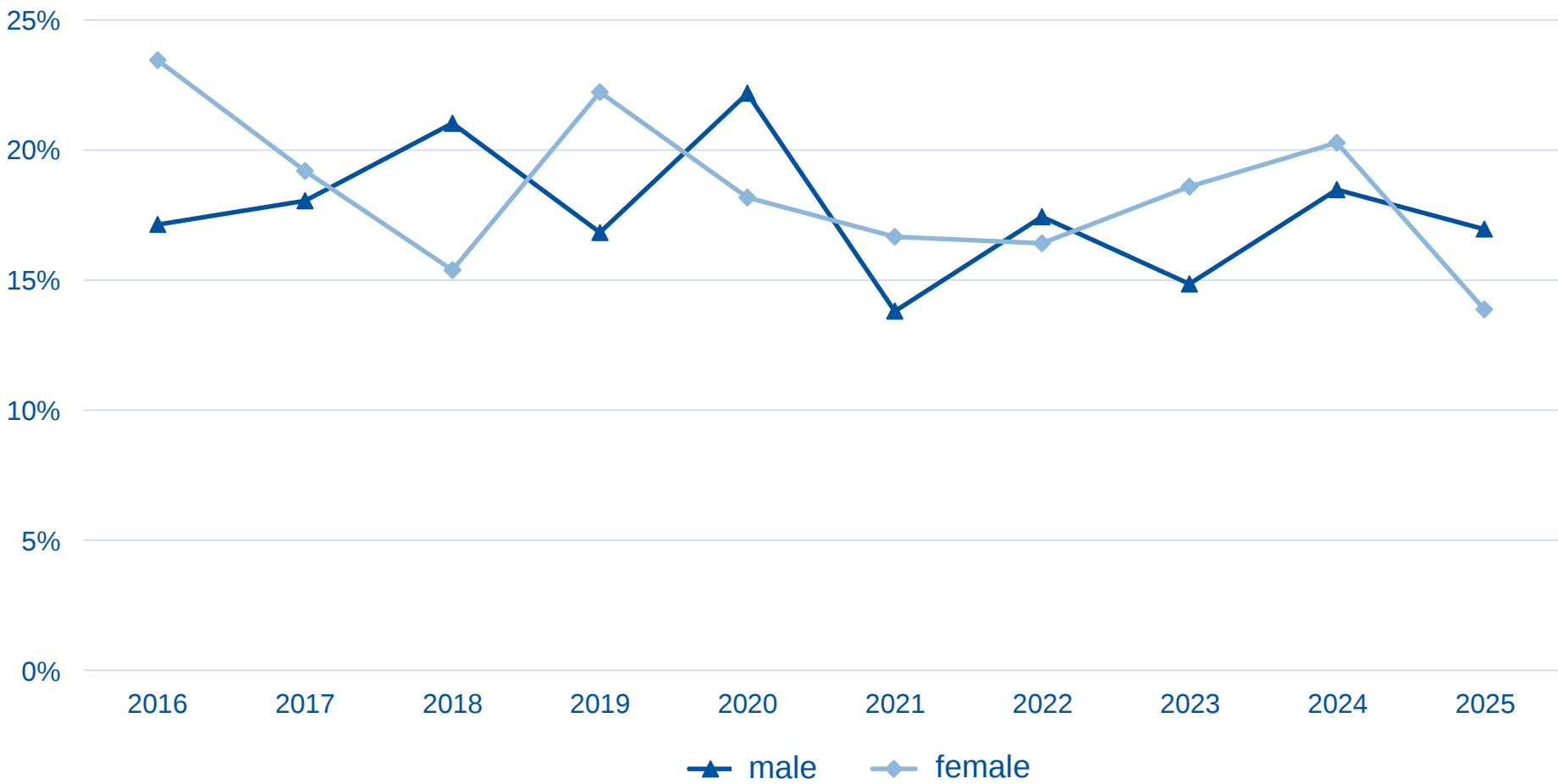
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Number and Proportion of Decided Proposals by Gender



Base: New Proposals.

Funding rates by Gender



Base: New Proposals.

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