

The DAAD, who is implementing the programme, invited the 13 international academic researchers to travel to Königswinter along with their German research partners to get to know one another and for the purposes of professional exchange. The meeting also serves to provide the participants with detailed information regarding both the structure of the four-year programme and the numerous design possibilities available to researchers.

“Climate change is one of the major challenges we are facing – both globally and here in Germany. We need strong research contributions to get a grip on this. That’s why we are cooperating with our French colleagues to found the research initiative ‘Make Our Planet Great Again’,” explained Federal Research Minister Anja Karliczek, whose ministry has funded the German programme initiative since 2017. “As I speak, the first academic scholars are forming their new research groups in Germany and France. They are seeking to slow down climate change and control the impact it is having. This joint initiative shows that Germany and France are determined to attain the objectives outlined in the international Paris Climate Agreement.”

The in-depth professional exchange is also receiving crucial support from the BMBF’s project management agencies – the Project Management Jülich (PtJ) in Jülich and Rostock and the DLR Project Management Agency.

“In light of the most recent calls from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the creation of effective international mechanisms for knowledge transfer and the provision of cross-border support to the best researchers constitutes a key responsibility as far as combating climate change is concerned,” says DAAD President Prof. Margret Wintermantel. “The Franco-German Fellowship Programme on Climate, Energy and Earth System Research underlines the decisive importance of international cooperation, particularly in this research field, also highlighting the fact that Germany as a research location is capable of attracting top-flight researchers from these disciplines.”

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The Franco-German Fellowship Programme, which stems from an initiative by the French President Emmanuel Macron and was designed by the Federal

