

Funding cut situation

DFG informed us that the cut will be 30% while the spending profile will be kept, i.e. PUNCH4NFDI will get 70% of the requested funds every year.

We agreed on an identical cut for all parties but an optimization on TA level to minimize the impact of cuts on the work-program.

While we will not have to specify deliverables or milestone-plans for the official funding agreements, we may want to start with a realistic plan for our own benefit. This may imply a reiteration of deliverables/goals on TA/WP level.

We launched an inquiry among TAs and Co-Is requesting a profile of FTE(party, TA, WP, calendar year) and received returns from all TAs.

TA	WP	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025		2026		Sum WP		Sum TA		Reduction %
		old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	
1: Management																		
1	1	0.25	0.35	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0.75	0.5	5	4.85			
1	2	0.1	0	0.4	0	0.4	0	0.4	0	0.4	0	0.3	0	2	0			
Sum																7	4.85	0.30714286
2: Data management																		
2	1	0.67	0.61	4.05	3.31	5.55	4.72	4.8	4.18	3.3	3.1	1.88	1.48	20.25	17.4			
2	2	0.725	0.37	3.75	2.01	4.565	2.62	3.88	2.27	3.13	1.94	1.7	1.16	17.75	10.37			
2	3	0.06	0.03	1.31	1.1	1.75	1.36	1.9	1.41	2	1.39	0.73	0.35	7.75	5.64			
Sum																45.75	33.41	0.26972678
3: Data transformations																		
3	1	0.40625	0.25	1.75	1.6	1.875	1.7	1.75	1.4	1.09375	0.25	0.375	0	7.25	5.2			
3	2	0.875	0.1	3.5	1.0875	3.25	1	2.5	1.0125	2.5	1.1	1.875	0.825	14.5	5.3125			
3	3	0.625	0	2.5	1.395	3	1.16	2.25	1.66	2	1.66	1.125	0.775	11.5	6.65			
3	4	0.875	0.375	3.5	2.4	3.5	2.3	2	1.6	1.5	2.20625	1.125	0.45625	12.5	9.3375			
Sum																45.75	26.5	0.42076503
4: Data portal																		
4	1	0.7125	0.496902	2.6	1.813258	2.6	1.813258	2.75	1.917869	2.6	1.813258	1.9375	1.351226	13.2	9.205769			
4	2	0.4875	0.322346	2.25	1.487749	2.85	1.884482	2.85	1.884482	2.6	1.719177	1.4125	0.933976	12.45	8.232212			
4	3	0.4	0.225506	1.7	0.958401	2.2	1.240283	2.2	1.240283	1.95	1.099342	1.05	0.591953	9.5	5.355769			
4	4	0.5875	0.431612	2.2	1.61625	2.2	1.61625	2.2	1.61625	2.2	1.61625	1.6125	1.184638	11	8.08125			
Sum																46.15	30.875	0.33098592
5: Data irreversibility																		
5	1	0.0875	0	0.3	0.92	1.05	1.7	0.95	1.2	1.05	0.7	0.5625	0.1	4	4.62			
5	2	0.52875	0.15	1.49	2.24	3.2	2.59	3.6	2.59	3.2	1.69	2.03125	0.8	14.05	10.06			
5	3	0.225	0	0.6125	0.45	1.25	1	1.25	1	1.15	0.75	0.7125	0.24	5.2	3.44			
5	4	0.35	0.1	2.4	0.625	2.5	2	2.5	2	2.5	2	1.15	0.375	11.4	7.1			
5	5	0.2275	0.15	1.01	0.38	1.15	1.05	1.35	1.05	1.15	1.01	0.4625	0.2	5.35	3.84			
Sum																40	29.06	0.2735
6: Synergies & services																		
6	1	0.45	0.2	1.8	1.8	2.5	1.8	2.5	1.775	2.5	1.7	2	1.1	11.75	8.375			
6	2	0.3	0.2	0.85	0.75	0.9	0.85	1.05	1.05	1.1	1.05	0.8	0.75	5	4.65			
6	3	0.35	0	2	2	3	2.7	2.9	2.7	1	0.75	0	0	9.25	8.15			
6	4	0.1	0	1.65	1.4	1.9	1.8	1.15	0.9	0.9	0.5	0.3	0	6	4.6			
6	4	0.7	0.2	2.7	1.45	3.55	1.85	4.5	2.2	3.75	2	1.3	0.5	16.5	8.2			
Sum																48.5	33.975	0.29948454
7: Training																		
7	1	0.3625	0.175	1.5	0.7	1.5	0.7	1.5	0.7	1.5	0.7	1.1375	0.525	7.5	3.5			
7	2	0.15	0.125	0.6	0.5	0.725	0.5	1.1	0.675	1.1	1	0.825	0.375	4.5	3.175			
7	3	0.26	0	1.19	1	1.64	1	1.515	1	1.14	1	0.855	0.6	6.6	4.6			
7	4	0.025	0.025	0.225	0.225	0.6	0.6	0.725	0.6	0.975	0.6	0.45	0.2	3	2.25			
Sum																21.6	13.525	0.37384259
Total sum		10.89	4.886366	48.8375	34.218158	60.205	42.741773	57.07	40.631384	49.28875	34.344277	28.45875	15.373043	254.75	172.195	254.75	172.195	0.32406281

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Good News: We are close to where we wanted to be.

Not in all cases TA leads informed Co-Is in charge of the revised breakdown.
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There are **known inconsistencies** on a minor level that will be fixed asap.

Next steps: updated version of the FTE post-cut master table → TA & Co-Is
Co-Is conduct consistency check and iterate with TA-leads → feedback to T.S.

Aim: fully consistent FTE master-table iterated with Co-Is and TAs early July to have all input available for the iteration of DESY with Co-I administrations by the time we get DFG information concerning contracts.

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Financial implications:

Final sum of all lists → new budget table fitting the anticipated funding confirmation by DFG (70% of original request).

To be used for bilateral agreements of PI – Co-Is.

Discussion: Annual profile not identical to original proposal.

→ iterate adjustment internally (and/or with DFG)?

→ over/underspend (as is done in other DFG/BMBF support)?

Other costs (travel) scale linearly with personnel costs.

→ corresponding cuts, corresponding profile.

Might be an issue if in-kind personnel (e.g. us) want to use this travel money but have a different time-profile

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Operational implications:

Breakdown communicated to management concerned requested FTE.

Workprogram relies on in-kind and requested FTE.

TAs to revisit work profile for all WP.

Ensure minimum in-kind FTE by WP coordinators throughout PUNCH4NFDI lifetime (esp. during periods of 'funded' activity).

Good news:

Ready for the bureaucracy → see next talk
(we have nearly finished our homework).

Ready to get started planning the real work.