

## Led by science

The Leibniz Association's international activities are derived from common interests represented by alliances involving several Leibniz Institutes, such as Leibniz Research Alliances, Leibniz ScienceCampi, project groups and scientific Sections.

## Sustainable

Our underlying premise is that there should be realistic prospects of the activities being continued independently by participating Leibniz Institutes and/or by way of subsequent project funding from external sources. By contributing their own funds (opt-in principle), institutes demonstrate their interest in and sustained commitment to joint projects.

## Present

The activities of the Leibniz Association serve to bolster a national and international presence for the Leibniz Association and its members in terms of both scientific endeavour and funding policies. They also help to establish Leibniz Institutes as leaders in these fields and regions. In addition, Leibniz Institutes are promoted as attractive research locations and employers.

# International Affairs at the Leibniz Association

## Premises, Goals and Modes of Operation



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### Genuinely international

The Leibniz Association promotes an international focus in science and research in all areas. It acts as an enabling structure for its member institutes, contributes to global discourse, sets priority areas and generates ideas. Initiated by the President, by committees or by subject-based or regional alliances of institutes, the Leibniz Association represents the interests of its member institutes and mobilises resources for them. Through joint international activities, the Leibniz Association strengthens internal and external collaboration. In doing so, it also makes use of strategic instruments derived from the Joint Initiative for Research and Innovation. The activities of the Leibniz Association are focused on priority regions that are of particular relevance to the Leibniz Institutes. Flexible prioritisation allows us to address dynamic developments in research and to respond to corresponding needs for action.

### Aims of the Leibniz Association's international activities

1

Through its **positioning in relevant strategy and agenda processes** and its presence on science and funding policy bodies, the Leibniz Association makes its voice heard and influences processes in the interests of its members. In this way, the Leibniz Association helps shape research agendas and funding strategies, especially within the EU.

2

By acting collectively and organising specialist workshops and trips for delegates, the Leibniz Association establishes relevant contacts, acts as a door opener and initiates funding lines. This opens up **access to research topics and mobilises resources**.

142  
countries cooperating  
with Leibniz institutes

26%  
foreign  
research staff

3

Through its international presence, the Leibniz Association raises **awareness of the Leibniz quality brand abroad**. As a result, the Leibniz Institutes are promoted worldwide as attractive places to work, e.g. for early-career researchers, and as valuable collaboration partners. In addition, the Leibniz Association is involved in research marketing activities, including relevant science fairs and the German Centres for Research and Innovation (DWIH) all over the world.

4

Through **advisory services and networking** the Leibniz Association provides access to internal and external expertise on relevant topics for its member institutes. For instance, it co-ordinates the International Affairs Working Group of all Leibniz Institutes, organises the annual China Days and advises its member institutes.