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**Re: call for experts / R&D on COVID-19**

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Dear Madam, dear Sir,

the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has published a call for proposals on the current COVID-19 outbreak

([https://www.dlr.de/pt/Portaldata/45/Resources/Dokumente/GF/2020\\_03\\_02\\_Call\\_announcement\\_covid19.pdf](https://www.dlr.de/pt/Portaldata/45/Resources/Dokumente/GF/2020_03_02_Call_announcement_covid19.pdf)).

In order to quickly review and, if applicable, approve the incoming applications, the funder has so far opted for a purely written review procedure. However, we may move to a review panel system if this proves to be more appropriate in the future.

In any case, we are thus urgently in search of reviewers who are willing to assist us in the rapid review of applications.

We very much hope that you can offer us support in this challenge and we kindly ask you to inform us whether you would either be willing to be available as a reviewer yourself or whether you could suggest to us colleagues who you consider suitable for this task.

The applications are expected from now to mid of May and will be processed and forwarded (via an online proposal management system) for expert review immediately after receipt. The reviews should be submitted within two weeks on reception of the proposals.

We would be highly grateful if you could help with your expertise in this challenging situation. Please respond to [covid19@dlr.de](mailto:covid19@dlr.de) with the subject "search for reviewers". We would be grateful if you could indicate your field of expertise, the maximum number of proposals you would be willing to review and whether you would be willing to participate in a review panel (if this option becomes real).

Sincerely

Dr. Detlef Böcking