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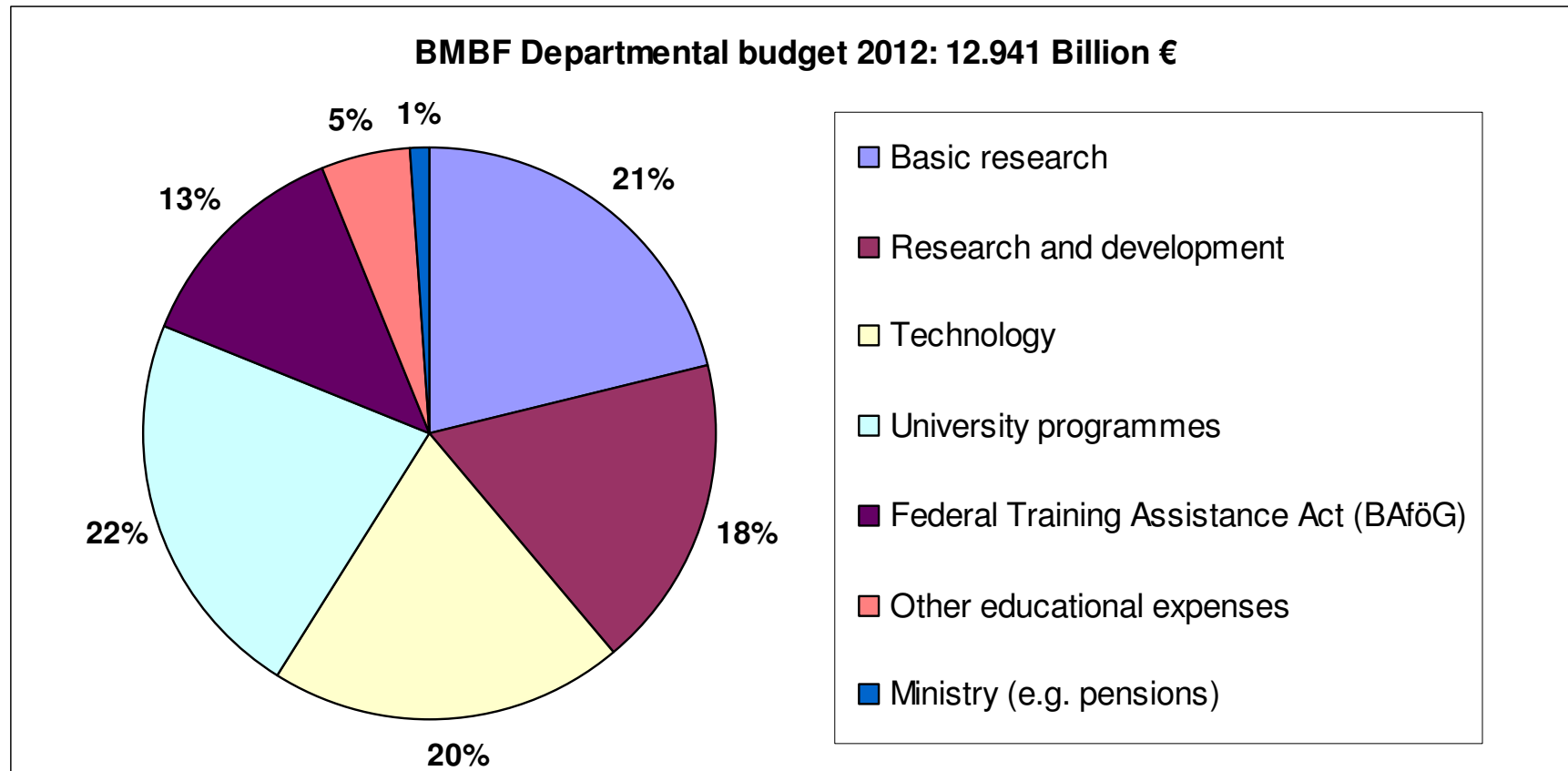
# US-German funding collaboration in Computational Neuroscience

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## Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

Objective and Tasks: Promote Education and Research





### **DLR Project Management Agency**

#### **Tasks:**

- Conceptual support for ministries and other contracting authorities
- Preparation and implementation of calls for proposals
- Organisation of the international Peer Review process
- Preparation of grant agreements or contracts
- Managing funds
- Project controlling and monitoring



## National Bernstein Network Computational Neuroscience



### **Steps of success:**

- Invitation of BMBF by NSF/NIH (2005)
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- German - US Workshop for Computational Neuroscience, Munich (2008)
- MoU (Memorandum of Understanding) signed 2009 by NSF and BMBF
  
- 2009: Publication of BMBF call (Richtlinie)
- 2009 in parallel : NSF “Dear Colleague Letter” (Annex to CRCNS)
  
- 2010: Publication of 2nd BMBF call (Richtlinie)
- 2010 in parallel: Implementation in NSF/NIH CRCNS
  
- 2011: Publication of 3rd BMBF call (Richtlinie)
- 2011 in parallel : NSF/NIH CRCNS initiative



### **Keys to success:**

- Added value for both partners
- Communication
- Flexibility
  
- Common review procedure
- Similar/equal review criteria
- Specific procedures (e.g. ranking) for BMBF, NIH, and NSF
- No cross border funding



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### **Call statistics:**

2009 - 2010

- 29 proposals
- 5 funded collaborations
- BMBF budget: 1.8 Mio €

2010 - 2011

- 26 proposals
- 6 funded collaborations
- BMBF budget: 1.3 Mio €

2011 - 2012

- 24 proposals
- ? funded collaborations



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### **Outlook for the future:**

US-German funding collaboration in Computational Neuroscience  
will continue