

# Annex A: Specific Funding Agencies’ Budgets and Rules of Eligibility

The following tables are presented to give some guidance to the applicants when considering the consortium building process and to make it easier to read the specific Funding Agencies’ rules.

Please consult Table 3 for the detailed eligibility criteria for each Funding Agency.

Table 1: Participating Funding Agencies: budget, RDI activities, topics and organisations eligible for funding

| Country / Region                  | Funding agency                     | total budget [M EUR]       | 15minC | CUE | PED  | Types of RDI activities eligible for funding  | Maximum funding per project/project applicant/main applicant [K EUR]   | Indicative mean or range of funding demand per project expected [K EUR] | Anticipated number of projects | Universities and research organisations                              | Municipalities                                    | Business organisations and companies | NGOs and similar           |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|-----|------|---|--|---|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Austria                           | FFG                                | 3.5                        | 2.0    |     | 1.5  | - Applied research  | 400  | N/A   | 18-20                          | yes  | yes   | yes                                  | yes                        |
|                                   |                                    |                            |        |     |      | - Innovation  | 500  |   |                                |  |   |                                      |                            |
| Belgium / Wallonia-Brussels       | F.R.S.-FNRS                        | 0.3                        | Yes    | Yes |      | - Fundamental research  | 300  | 300   | 1                              | Yes  | No  | No                                   | No                         |
| Belgium / Flanders                | VLAIO                              | 0,8M€                      | X      | X   | X    | -   | 800k€  | Indicative below 500k€, contact us if higher is needed                  | -                              | NO   | YES only if in collaboration with Flemish company | YES                                  | YES if economic activities |
| Belgium / Flanders                | VLAIO                              | 0,6M€                      | X      | X   | X    | - practice-oriented research  | 440k€  | 300k€   | 2                              | YES for specific universities, colleges, and integrated universities | NO  | NO                                   | NO                         |
| Belgium / Flanders                | FWO                                | 0,75                       | 0,75   |     |      | Basic/Strategic research  | 0,25   | /   | 3                              | Yes  | No  | No                                   | No                         |
| Belgium / Brussels Capital Region | Innoviris                          | 1 Million                  |        |     |      | - Strategic Research<br>- Applied Research<br>- Experimental Development (Innovation)                                   | N/A  | 300.000   | 3-4                            | Yes  | Yes   | Yes                                  | Yes                        |
| Croatia                           | Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ) | 0.4 M€                     | X      | X   | X    | - Strategic (basic) research activities   | 0.2 M€   | 100%  | 2                              | Yes  |   |                                      |                            |
| Czech Republic                    | TACR                               | 0.7                        | 0.35   | -   | 0.35 | - Applied Research  | 175  | 150 - 175   | 3 - 4                          | yes  | yes   | yes                                  | yes                        |
| Denmark                           | IFD                                | 2 (pending final approval) | X      | X   | X    | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation  | 300 per partner<br>500 per project   | 200-500   | 8-10                           | Yes  | Yes   | Yes                                  | Yes                        |
| Estonia                           | ETAG                               | 0.3                        | yes    |     |      | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research  | 150 per project or<br>300 per project if Estonian partner is Main Applicant  | N/A   | 1                              | yes  | yes   | yes                                  | yes                        |
| Finland                           | BF (AP)                            | 3.00                       |        |     |      | - Applied research<br>- Innovation  | N/A  | 200-500   | 4-6                            | yes  | no  | yes                                  | no                         |
| France                            | ANR                                | 3.00                       |        |     |      | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research  | 500  | 200-350   | 8-10                           | Yes  | Yes   | Yes                                  | Yes                        |
| Germany                           | DLR                                | 3.0                        | 3.0    | -   | -    | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation  | 500/350/400  | 100-500   | 6-8                            | yes  | yes   | yes                                  | yes                        |
| Germany                           | FZJ-PtJ                            | 0.67                       |        |     | 0.67 | - Applied research<br>- Innovation  | 330/330/330  | 100-330   | 1-2                            | yes  | yes   | yes                                  | yes                        |
| Hungary                           | NKFIH                              | 1.00                       |        |     |      | - Strategic research<br>- Applied (industrial) research<br>- Innovation/Experimental development<br>- Feasibility Study | 300 k EUR/project<br>150 K EUR/partner (if the Hungarian partner is the main applicant - 200 k EUR)  | 0-300 k€  | 3-6                            | yes  | yes, as partner of a main applicant               | yes                                  | yes                        |
| Italy                             | MUR-ERDF                           | 1.00                       |        |     |      | - Industrial/Applied research<br>- Experimental development<br>- ROA/IOA (TRL 4 – 7 indicatively)                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>MINIMUM funding request: € 100.000,00 per project</li><li>MAXIMUM funding request: € 200.000,00 per project</li><li>MAXIMUM funding request: € 300.000,00 per project in case the applicant is the Project Coordinator of the transnational Consortium</li></ul> |   | n/a                            | Yes  |   | Yes                                  |                            |
| Korea, Republic of                | KAIA                               | 1.5                        | 1.5    | -   | -    | -   | 30   | 20  | 5                              | Yes  | Yes (non fundable)                                | Yes                                  | no                         |
| Latvia                            | LCS                                | 0.6                        |        |     |      | - TRL9 is not funded<br>- Normally TRL1-4 is preferred stage<br>- Experimental development is                           | 0,1M per year per Latvian partner = grant of 0.3M for a 3-year project, 0.2M for a 2-year project to a partner   |   | 2-3                            | Yes  | No  | Yes                                  | no                         |

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|                                      |   |                      |                           |                  |                  | associated with limitations  |   |   |                                |   |   |  |   |
| Lithuania                            | LMT   | 0.30                 | yes                       | yes              | yes              | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research   | 0.25  | 0.15- 0.25  | 1-2                            | yes                                     | yes, as partners of main applicant            | yes, as partners of main applicant   | yes, as partners of main applicant            |
| The Netherlands                      | NWO   | 4,000,000 EUR        | X                         | X                | X                | - Strategic research   | Up to 325,000 per project   | Up to 325,000 per project   | 12                             | X                                       |   |  |   |
| The Netherlands                      | Taskforce for Applied Research - SIA  | 0.9                  | 0.3                       | 0.3              | 0.3              | - Applied Research   | 300 / 300   | 200-300   | 3 - 5                          | UAS only                                | yes, as cooperation partner of main applicant | yes, as cooperation partner of main applicant  | yes, as cooperation partner of main applicant |
| Poland                               | NCBR  | 2.3                  | 0.76                      | 0.76             | 0.76             | - Basic research (the eligible costs of fundamental research may comprise a maximum of 10% of total eligible costs of the project)<br>- Industrial/Applied research,<br>- Experimental development | - up to 250 K EUR per project if a single applicant from Poland (research organisation or enterprise) applies for funding<br>up to 450 K EUR per project if a group of entities from Poland applies for funding   | n/a   | approx . 5 to 9                | yes                                     | yes (only as a part of group of entities)     | yes  | yes (only as a part of group of entities)     |
| Portugal / Centro Region of Portugal | CCDRC   | 500 000€             | Yes                       | Yes              | Yes              | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation   | Maximum funding per project with regional participation (to share between all regional/national entities participating): 100 000€<br><br>- Maximum funding per project with a regional coordination (to share between all regional/national entities participating): 200 000€ | 100 000€ - 200 000€   | 3 - 5                          | yes                                     | Yes, as long as in cooperation with an ENESII | Companies: No<br>Business organisations: yes, as long as in cooperation with a company or a Higher Education Institution | Yes, as long as in cooperation with an ENESII |
| Portugal                             | FCT   | 0.50                 | YES (Only 15m C Topic #1) | YES (all topics) | YES (all topics) | • Research-Oriented Approach<br>- Project type of partner contribution: A – Applied Research; F – Fundamental Research   | <b>Maximum funding per project:</b><br>• 200 000,00€ (main applicant)<br>100 000,00€ (project applicant)  |   | 4/5                            | YES                                     | YES   | YES  | YES   |
| Romania <sup>1</sup>                 | UEFISCDI  | 1,000,000            | X                         | X                | X                | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>• Innovation   | 200.000 EUR for Romanian participant(s) as partner(s) in a consortium;<br><br>250.000 for the Romanian participant(s) – if the project is coordinated by a Romanian entity  |   | 4-5                            | X                                       | Under conditions                              | X  | X   |
| Slovakia                             | Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR)<br><br>Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCTI) | 1,8M EUR             | 0,6M EUR                  | 0,6M EUR         | 0,6M EUR         | - Strategic urban research<br>- Applied urban research<br>- Urban innovation   | The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 300,000 € (if the Slovak partner is the main applicant – 400 000€). The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 600,000 €.  | 100K EUR-600K EUR   | 3-6                            | Yes                                     | Yes   | Yes  | Yes   |
| Slovenia                             | ARIS  | 0,40                 |                           |                  |                  | - Strategic research   | 150   | 150   | 2-3                            | yes                                     | no  | no   | no  |
| Spain                                | AEI   | 1.00                 |                           |                  |                  | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation   | 175-362   | N/A   | 7-8                            | Yes                                     | No (see national annex)                       | No (see national annex)  | No (see national annex)                       |
| Spain                                | CDTI  | 0,6                  | yes                       | yes              | yes              | - Applied Research (TRL 4-7)   | n/a   | 250   | 3-6                            | no                                      | no  | yes  | no  |

<sup>1</sup> the budget may be subject to changes during the running of the call

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|------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------|-------|-------|--|--|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
| Sweden           | Formas         | - 2.5                | -      | - Yes | -     | - - Basic research<br>- - Applied research<br>- - Innovation | -  | - 300k Euro per project (400k Euro per project if the Main Applicant is Swedish). | - 6-8                          | - Yes                                   | - Yes          | - Yes                                | - yes            |
| Sweden           | SWEA           | - 1.5                | -      | -     | - 1.5 | Applied research<br>- Innovation                             | - N/A  | - N/A   | - 5-6                          | - X                                     | - X            | - X                                  | - X              |
| Switzerland      | SNSF (AP)      | 1.1 + 0.25           |        |       |       | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research                   | For a 3-years project: 400'000 CHF / applicant<br><br>For a 2-years project: 266'667 CHF / applicant   | N/A   | 2 - 3                          | yes                                     | no             | no                                   | no               |
| Tunisia          | MHESR (AP)     | 0.5                  | 0.5    | 0.5   | 0.5   | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation   | 100  | 100   | 5                              | Yes                                     | no             | no                                   | no               |
| Türkiye          | TUBITAK        | 1.65 M EUR           | x      | x     | x     | - Strategic research<br>- Applied research<br>- Innovation   | -230.000 EUR per project (excluding PIP&OC),<br><br>-Per partner<br><br>-Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) (excluding PIP&OC)<br>-100.000 EUR<br>-125.000 EUR (if the applicant is main applicant)<br><br>-Private entities: 230.000 EUR<br><br>* PIP&OC: Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs | 230.000   | 5-6                            | Yes                                     | Yes            | Yes                                  | No               |

Table 2: Transition Pathways and topics coverage (X) by the Funding Agencies

| Country / Region                     | Funding Agency                      | 15minC TP |           |           | CUE TP   |          |          | PED TP   |          |          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                      |                                     | Topic 1   | Topic 2   | Topic 3   | Topic 1  | Topic 2  | Topic 3  | Topic 1  | Topic 2  | Topic 3  |
| Austria                              | FFG                                 | X         | X         | X         |          |          |          | X        | X        | X        |
| Belgium / Wallonia-Brussels          | F.R.S.-FNRS                         | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        |          |          |          |
| Belgium / Flanders                   | VLAIO                               | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Belgium / Flanders                   | FWO                                 | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Belgium / Brussels Capital Region    | Innoviris                           | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Croatia                              | HRZZ                                | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Czech Republic                       | TACR                                | X         |           | X         |          |          |          |          | X        | X        |
| Denmark                              | IFD                                 | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Estonia                              | ETAG                                | X         | X         | X         |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Finland                              | BF (AP)                             | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| France                               | ANR                                 | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Germany                              | DLR                                 | X         |           |           |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Germany                              | FZJ-PtJ                             |           |           |           |          |          |          |          |          | X        |
| Hungary                              | NKFIH                               | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Italy                                | MUR-ERDF                            | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Korea, Republic of                   | KAIA                                | X         | X         | X         |          |          |          |          |          |          |
| Latvia                               | LCS                                 | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Lithuania                            | LMT                                 | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| The Netherlands                      | NWO                                 |           | X         | X         | X        |          | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| The Netherlands                      | Taskforce for Applied Research -SIA | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Poland                               | NCBR                                | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Portugal / Centro Region of Portugal | CCDR                                | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Portugal                             | FCT                                 | <b>X</b>  | <b>NO</b> | <b>NO</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> | <b>X</b> |
| Romania                              | UEFISCDI                            | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Slovakia                             | CVTI SR                             | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Slovenia                             | ARIS                                | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Spain                                | AEI                                 | X         |           | X         | X        | X        |          | X        | X        |          |
| Spain                                | CDTI                                | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Sweden                               | Formas                              |           |           |           | X        | X        | X        |          |          |          |
| Sweden                               | SWEA                                |           |           |           |          |          |          | X        | X        | X        |
| Switzerland                          | SNSF (AP)                           | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Tunisia                              | MHESR (AP)                          | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |
| Türkiye                              | TUBITAK                             | X         | X         | X         | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        | X        |

Table 3: List of Funding Agencies for DUT Call 2025

| Country                              | Funding Agency  |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| Austria                              | Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)  |
| Belgium/Wallonia-Brussels Federation | Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)   |
| Belgium / Flanders                   | VLAIO   |
| Belgium/Flanders                     | The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)  |
| Belgium / Brussels Capital Region    | Innoviris   |
| Croatia                              | Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)  |
| Czech Republic                       | Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)   |
| Denmark                              | Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)   |
| Estonia                              | Estonian Research Council (ETAG)  |
| Finland                              | Business Finland  |
| France                               | Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)  |
| Germany                              | Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR)  |
| Germany                              | Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH   |
| Hungary                              | National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH)                                      |
| Italy                                | MUR   |
| Latvia                               | LCS   |
| Lithuania                            | Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)   |
| Korea, Republic of                   | Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement (KAIA)                                     |
| The Netherlands                      | Dutch Research Council (NWO)  |
| The Netherlands                      | Taskforce for Applied Research SIA (Regieorgaan SIA)  |
| Poland                               | The National Centre for Research and Development (Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju)               |
| Portugal                             | Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro, I.P                                 |
| Portugal                             | Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)  |
| Romania                              | Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)    |
| Slovakia                             | Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR)                                   |
| Slovenia                             | Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS)   |
| Spain                                | Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)  |
| Spain                                | Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI)                                      |
| Sweden                               | The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS) |
| Sweden                               | Swedish Energy Agency - Energimyndigheten (SWEA)  |
| Switzerland                          | SNSF (Swiss National Science Foundation)  |
| Tunisia                              | Ministry Of Higher Education And Scientific Research (MHESR)                                      |
| Türkiye                              | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)                            |

## Austria – Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
|---|--|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Teresa Losek (PED, general enquiries)<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:teresa.losek@ffg.at">teresa.losek@ffg.at</a><br/>Tel: +43 (0)5 7755-5075</p> <p>Linda Lackner (PED, general enquiries)<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:linda.lackner@ffg.at">linda.lackner@ffg.at</a> (PED, general enquiries)<br/>Tel: +43 (0)5 7755-5049</p> <p>Dietrich Leihs (15minC)<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:dietrich.leihs@ffg.at">dietrich.leihs@ffg.at</a><br/>Tel: +43 (0)5 7755-5034</p>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | <p>EUR 3,500,000<br/>(EUR 2,000,000 for the 15mC Transition Pathway, EUR 1,500,000 for the PED Transition Pathway)</p>   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 18-20  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Applied research (Kooperatives F&amp;E-Projekt der Industriellen Forschung): maximum EUR 400,000, minimum EUR 100,000 per project</li> <li>Innovation / Implementation (Kooperatives F&amp;E-Projekt der Experimentellen Entwicklung): maximum EUR 500,000, minimum EUR 100,000 per project</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | In general, universities, research institutes, SMEs and large companies, cities, municipalities and NGOs (legal entities) are eligible for funding. The complete eligibility criteria and definitions may be found in the <a href="#">national guidelines</a> .  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15minC Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> <li>PED Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Applied research (Kooperatives F&E-Projekt der Industriellen Forschung; TRL 2-4), innovation / implementation (Kooperatives F&E-Projekt der Experimentellen Entwicklung; TRL 5-8)  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p>National application via <a href="#">eCall</a> is mandatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission deadline pre-proposals: November 19th, 2025 at 12.00 (CET)</li> <li>Submission deadline full proposals: April 28th, 2026 at 12.00 (CEST)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | <p>All Austrian partners in one project must select the <b>same research type</b>.</p> <p>For the research types "Applied research" and "Innovation/Implementation" <b>at least one business enterprise that receives funding is mandatory as a partner</b> in any transnational consortium involving Austrian partners. It is not mandatory for this enterprise to be located in Austria.</p> <p>Participation (as the main applicant, a co-applicant or a cooperation partner) of an <b>Austrian municipality or municipal (directly or indirectly owned) company is desirable (though not mandatory)</b>. In case of a cooperation partner, an LoI must be submitted (via eCall) in the full proposal stage.</p> <p>For consortia that do not yet have an established connection to such a partner, the Salzburger Institut für Raumordnung &amp; Wohnen (SIR) offers to put applicants in contact <b>with city administrations</b> of the Austrian pioneer cities. For this purpose, SIR provides an <a href="#">information sheet</a>, which must be completed and sent to the following contact persons by September 30, 2025:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nina Mostegl (<a href="mailto:nina.mostegl@salzburg.qv.at">nina.mostegl@salzburg.qv.at</a>)</li> <li>Mathias Stadler (<a href="mailto:mathias.stadler@salzburg.qv.at">mathias.stadler@salzburg.qv.at</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Consortia that are already in contact/cooperating with a communal partner <b>do not have</b> to contact SIR and should instead contact this partner <b>directly</b>.</p> |

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|  | <p>At least <b>one</b> Austrian partner <b>must</b> actively partake in the learning environment, provided in the framework of the „Pionierstädte“ programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The costs for this activity (approximately €2,000 per project year) are fundable.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel costs</li> <li>Overhead costs (flat rate)</li> <li>Use of R&amp;D infrastructure</li> <li>Costs of materials</li> <li>Third-party costs</li> <li>Travel costs</li> <li>Costs for participation in the „Pionierstädte“ programme learning environment</li> </ul> <p>For detailed information see the „Kostenleitfaden“</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="#">Driving Urban Transitions Call 2025</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>Further details may be found in the <a href="#">national call text</a>.</p> <p>For projects awarded funding, scientific and financial reporting via <a href="#">eCall</a> on an annual basis is mandatory.</p> <p>We highly recommend to contact us during the preparation of the proposal.</p>   |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              | N/A            | 55%                              | 35%                                      |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | 70%                              | 50%                                      |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | 80%                              | 60%                                      |
| Universities, public research organisations    | N/A            | 85%                              | 60%                                      |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | 80%                              | 60%                                      |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | 80%                              | 60%                                      |

## Belgium/Wallonia-Brussels Federation – Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details   |
|--|---|
| Contact Point  | Dr. Florence Quist – <a href="mailto:international@frs-fnrs.be">international@frs-fnrs.be</a> – +32 20 504 9351   |
| Funding commitment   | 300.000 euros   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 1   |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | 300.000 euros   |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-MULTI regulations</a> .   |
| Eligible topics  | Only Research Oriented Approach (ROA)<br>15mC topics 1, 2 and 3<br>CUE topics 1, 2 and 3  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | Basic research TRL: 1-3   |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on <a href="#">e-space</a> within 5 working days after the general deadline of the DUT call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.   |
| Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency             | N/A   |
| Eligible costs   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel costs</li> <li>Small equipment</li> <li>Operational costs</li> <li>Subcontracting</li> </ul> <p>All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-MULTI regulations</a>.<br/>Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call.</p> <p>Please note that personnel costs (Article III-B.18) have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call.</p> <p>For “overhead” costs:<br/>Operating expenses: up to 1% within the budget granted. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget.<br/>Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p> |
| Website with additional information                                | <a href="https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels">https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels</a>   |
| Additional information   |   |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                           | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                           |                |                               |                                       |
| Medium Enterprises                          |                |                               |                                       |
| Small Enterprises                           |                |                               |                                       |
| Universities, public research organisations | 100%           |                               |                                       |
| Public authorities                          |                |                               |                                       |



| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
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| Associations without economic activities, NGOs |                |                               |                                       |

## Belgium / Flanders – FIO / VLAIO

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
|---|---|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Veerle Desmet<br><a href="mailto:veerle.desmet@vlaio.be">veerle.desmet@vlaio.be</a><br>+32 2 432 43 02  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 800.000€ (companies & municipalities) and 600.000€ (university colleges)  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | /   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | Indicative <500.000€ (companies & municipalities, contact us if higher is needed) and 440.000€ (university colleges)  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Eligible partners are Flemish enterprises and non-profit organisations (with legal entity, economic activities and valorisation in Flanders). Scientific partners can be involved as subcontractors in these project. Applicants should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.<br>NEW since 2023: Eligibility for local authorities IF in cooperation with a Flemish enterprise, check conditions <a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/2361">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/2361</a><br>NEW since 2024: Eligibility for university colleges, and for integrated university educations specifically targeted at enterprises and non-profit organizations. |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Applied research, experimental development; practice-oriented research; TRL 3-7   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Additional templates to be completed can be found on the VLAIO website. These templates are mandatory to check the eligibility and must be sent to VLAIO on the date of call deadline. <b>We kindly ask the applicants to apply for a meeting with VLAIO as soon as possible and ultimately 2 weeks before the deadline to check the eligibility aspects.</b>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | Please note that VLAIO does not allow multiple funding; the principal investigator should clearly state how the proposed project differs from other granted projects. There will be an information session (in Dutch!) on September 11 <sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m., please check our website for further details.  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staffing costs</li> <li>• Overhead costs (max. 25k€ per FTE)</li> <li>• Operational costs</li> <li>• Third-party services</li> <li>• Investment costs</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <a href="http://www.vlaio.be">www.vlaio.be</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Industrial development projects:<br/><a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject</a></li> <li>- Industrial research projects:<br/><a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject</a></li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Local authorities in cooperation with a Flemish enterprise:<br/><a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/2361">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/2361</a></li> <li>- University colleges, and integrated university educations:<br/><a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/tetra">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/tetra</a></li> </ul> |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type   | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research                     | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation             |
|---|----------------|--|--|
| Large Enterprises   | n/a            | 50-65%   | 25-40%   |
| Medium Enterprises  | n/a            | 60-70%   | 35-50%   |
| Small Enterprises   | n/a            | 70%  | 45-60%   |
| University colleges, and integrated university educations | n/a            | 92.5%  | 92.5%  |
| Universities, public research organisations               | n/a            | As subcontractor/partner<br>with an eligible partner | As subcontractor/partner with<br>an eligible partner |
| Public authorities  | n/a            | 80%  | 80%  |
| Associations (and NGOs) without economic<br>activities    | n/a            | Only as subcontractor<br>with an eligible partner    | Only as subcontractor with an<br>eligible partner    |

## Belgium / Flanders – The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Name: Toon Monbaliu (FO and general)</p> <p>Tel: +32 (0)2 550 15 70</p> <p>Name: Kristien Peeters (SBO)</p> <p>Tel: +32 (0)2 550 15 95</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:europe@fwo.be">europe@fwo.be</a></p>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 750.000 EUR  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 3  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | 250.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead)  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of the FWO funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake (i.e. more fundamental in nature (FO) vs. strong emphasis on valorization potential (SBO)).</p> <p>The scope and the eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant chosen funding channel documents and regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">FWO Research Projects (FO)</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</a></li> </ul> <p>Or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | The FWO funds all transition pathways and its (sub)topics that are mentioned in the call text, <b>if they fit the integrated FWO funding channels</b> (i.e. 'FO' or 'SBO').  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | <p>Basic/strategic research</p> <p>--&gt; TRL range: from 1 to 5 (end TRL)</p>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p><b>!! IMPORTANT !!</b></p> <p><b>A mandatory administrative application on the pre-proposal submission deadline, via the personal FWO e-loket of the PI from Flanders, is an essential part of the application process.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme fundamental research'.</li> <li>o For strategic basis research projects (SBO) select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme strategic basic research'.</li> </ul> <p>In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a <u>single online form</u> should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) itself, containing all relevant information for the different FWO applicants.</p> <p><b>The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call</b> (pre-proposal stage). Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.</p> <p>To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration ('Contact Points' mentioned above) at least one week in advance.</p> |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Participation in this call does not interfere with the 'regular/national' project submission framework and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. <b>However, researchers can only participate within two different international consortia in this call and only once as the PI of a Main Applicant (i.e. coordinator).</b></li> <li>o Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. This potential 'route' should not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form, as such.</li> <li>o The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <p>date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the <a href="#">FWO Research Projects</a> and article 14 of the <a href="#">Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</a> regulations do not apply here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an <b>appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project</b>.</li> <li>- Linked to the above, when it comes to the <a href="#">FWO research project regulations (FO)</a>: article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or consortium partners in this context, who are granted <b>emeritus status</b> during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project execution, are <b>not eligible</b>.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The FWO foresees a budget of 750.000 EUR in total, which guarantees at least three projects. The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above: 'Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution' section), unless specified otherwise, and both are <b>capped at max. 250.000 EUR per project/consortium</b> (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel - see explanation below).</li> <li>○ For the <b>overhead calculation</b>, and even though the overhead rates differ, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) use the same approach. More specifically, a structural overhead rate should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of <b>6% for 'FO projects'</b>, and a <b>17% overhead rate for 'SBO projects'</b>. Some practical examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ <i>FO</i>: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This <b>total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 250.000 EUR</b>.</li> <li>→ <i>SBO</i>: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This <b>total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 250.000 EUR</b>.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Overhead should be mentioned in the DUT budget tables, but it should <u>not</u> be inserted in the national/regional FWO pre-registration form on the <a href="#">FWO E-loket</a> (see 'Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level' section).</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="#">Horizon Europe Cofund-partnerships</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <b>It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.</b>  |

## (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | /              | /                             | /                                     |
| Medium Enterprises                             | /              | /                             | /                                     |
| Small Enterprises                              | /              | /                             | /                                     |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | /                             | /                                     |
| Public authorities                             | /              | /                             | /                                     |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | /              | /                             | /                                     |

## Belgium / Brussels Capital Region – Innoviris

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details  |
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| Contact Point  | Gaëlle HUBERT<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ghubert@innoviris.brussels">ghubert@innoviris.brussels</a>  |
| Funding commitment   | EUR 1.000.000  |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 3-4  |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | N/A  |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | <p><b>Innoviris can fund private and public enterprises, regional administrations, municipalities, associations, and research organisations.</b></p> <p>Associations, municipalities and public administrations must submit at Innoviris an official document called "declaration of activities". This document will be analysed and will allow to determine the eligibility and funding level.</p> <p><b>Regional criteria for funding:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Brussels projects need to fulfil specific regional eligibility and funding criteria:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The applicant must have at least one place of business in the Brussels Capital Region</li> <li>Regional beneficiary will perform a research or innovation activity in the project (coordination and/or dissemination only are not eligible)</li> <li>The project will be innovative and will present the positive impact on the regional economy or society, by valorisation of results in the Region</li> <li>Regional Beneficiary has not received public funding for the same activities and has fulfilled the obligations in the context of previous grants allocated by the Region</li> <li>The R&amp;D work may not have started before the application for funding is submitted</li> <li>All applicants and partners should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project and the implementation of the results. As a Brussels company or qualified as an economic actor: you must be financially stable (equity greater than 50% of capital) and have sufficient liquidity to finance your share of the project.</li> </ul> </li> <li>A project that significantly harms the social and environmental objectives of the Region cannot receive financial support.</li> <li>Note: it is recommended (but not obligatory) that a public actor from the Brussels Region be involved in the project (urban administration, municipality, etc.) They can participate as co-applicant or cooperation partner.</li> </ol> |
| Eligible topics  | All  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Research</li> <li>Applied Research</li> <li>Experimental Development (Innovation)</li> </ul>  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | <p>The proposal of the Brussels participants needs to be submitted, <b>using the regional templates</b>, to Innoviris <b>by the same deadline as the international submission for every phase</b> (pre-proposal and full-proposal). These templates are mandatory to check for the regional eligibility.</p> <p>We recommend that the applicants contact Innoviris as soon as possible and ultimately 2 weeks before the deadline to check the eligibility aspects. <b>A dedicated web page and regional application template is published at</b></p>  |

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|   | <a href="https://innoviris.brussels/program/driving-urban-transitions-a-sustainable-future-dut">https://innoviris.brussels/program/driving-urban-transitions-a-sustainable-future-dut</a>  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>Eligibility of associations, administrations and municipalities will be analysed by Innoviris. Therefore, <b>every interested association or administration or municipality must submit at Innoviris an official document called "declaration of activities"</b>.</p> <p><b>This document</b> will be analysed and <b>will allow to determine the funding level</b>.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p>Please <b>check detailed eligible cost categories</b> at:<br/> <a href="https://innoviris.brussels/general-accounting-directives">https://innoviris.brussels/general-accounting-directives</a></p> <p><b>! New accounting directives 2024</b></p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                    | <p><a href="https://innoviris.brussels/program/driving-urban-transitions-a-sustainable-future-dut">https://innoviris.brussels/program/driving-urban-transitions-a-sustainable-future-dut</a> (available in FR, NL and EN)</p> <p><a href="https://ncp.brussels">https://ncp.brussels</a>.</p>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>                                 | <p>When preparing your project, you can contact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– <b>Innoviris</b> for any questions relating to the eligibility criteria and the submission process:<br/>Gaëlle Hubert ghubert@innoviris.brussels , scientific advisor in charge of European programs for Innoviris.</li> <li>– <b>The NCP</b> for a preliminary reading of your project and/or the search for partnerships:<br/>Camille Dehestre cdehestre@hub.brussels</li> </ul> |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Strategic/Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | 65%                      | 65%                           | 40%                                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 75%                      | 75%                           | 50%                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | 80%                      | 80%                           | 60%                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%                     | 100%                          | 100%                                  |
| Public authorities                             | 100%                     | 100%                          | 100%                                  |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 100%                     | 100%                          | 100%                                  |

## Croatia – Croatian Science Foundation (HRZZ)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
|---|---|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Iva Spoljar Saric<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:iva@hrzz.hr">iva@hrzz.hr</a><br><br>Tanja Lukanovic<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:tanja@hrzz.hr">tanja@hrzz.hr</a>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 400,000   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 2   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | EUR 200,000   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Private and public higher education institutions and research institutes.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All topics within all three Transition Pathways are eligible.   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | HRZZ will fund only strategic (basic) research.   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Croatian applicants do not need to submit (pre)proposals at the national level. However, they are strongly recommended to contact the HRZZ at the pre-proposal and full proposal stage.   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | Eligible applicants are:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Higher education institutions</li> <li>▪ Scientific institutes</li> <li>▪ Other research-oriented institutions that employ at least five PhD holders under employment contracts lasting more than one year.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | Eligible costs according to the national rules outlines in the Guidelines for Applicants to the Calls of the Croatian Science Foundation in 2025. These include:<br><br>1. Research costs, 2. Equipment costs, 3. Dissemination, training and collaboration costs, 4. Open Access publication costs, 5. Indirect costs and 6. Salary costs for senior assistants employed on the project. |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <a href="https://hrzz.hr/programi/medunarodna-suradnja/">https://hrzz.hr/programi/medunarodna-suradnja/</a><br><br><a href="https://hrzz.hr/wp-content/uploads/Upute-za-prijavitelje-na-natjecaje-Hrvatske-zaklade-za-znanost-u-2025.pdf">https://hrzz.hr/wp-content/uploads/Upute-za-prijavitelje-na-natjecaje-Hrvatske-zaklade-za-znanost-u-2025.pdf</a>                                |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | /   |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              |                |                               |                                       |
| Medium Enterprises                             |                |                               |                                       |
| Small Enterprises                              |                |                               |                                       |
| Universities, research organisations           | 100%           |                               |                                       |
| Public authorities                             |                |                               |                                       |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs |                |                               |                                       |



## Czech Republic – Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Ondřej Kusbach</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:ondrej.kusbach@tacr.cz">ondrej.kusbach@tacr.cz</a></p> <p>Tel.: +420 770 127 549</p>   |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 700 000 (PED: EUR 350 000, 15mC: EUR 350 000, financial allocation can be transferred from one transition pathway to another if needed and available)  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 4  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | EUR 175 000 per project  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universities</li> <li>• Research institutes</li> <li>• SME's and large companies</li> <li>• NGOS</li> <li>• Municipalities</li> </ul> <p>TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid</li> <li>• meeting the definition of an "undertaking in difficulty"</li> <li>• which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík"</li> <li>• which has not disclosed its ownership structure in the so-called <a href="#">"Evidence skutečných majitelů"</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <p>15mC topics 1 and 3</p> <p>PED topics 2 and 3</p> <p>Projects with Czech applicants have to be submitted into 15mC and PED Transition Pathways (i.e. 15mC or PED have to be the main Transition Pathway). Czech applicants that have submitted the proposal with CUE being the main Transition Pathway will be considered as not eligible for TA CR funding.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | <p>Applied research (industrial research and experimental development)</p> <p>TRL: 3-9</p>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p>Mandatory forms to be submitted</p> <p>The Czech applicants are requested to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Sworn statement of the applicant</li> <li>• Completed "TACR Application Form" Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)*</li> <li>• if the applicant plans to achieve the "N" type of result, the "Confirmation of the Certification authority for N (NmetS, NmetC, NmetA) results" needs to be attached*</li> <li>• if the applicant plans to achieve the "Patent" type of result, patent search must be substantiated*</li> <li>• Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (submitted by the main Czech applicant only if there is Czech enterprise in the project consortium).</li> </ul> <p>All mandatory documents to be found on <a href="#">TA CR website</a>.</p> |

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|  | <p>Deadline for submitting all documents is the same as the deadline for submitting pre-proposals. All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner stated above shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: <b>aftH9xp</b>).</p> <p>*Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox before the deadline will be considered as <b>not eligible</b> for TA CR funding.</p> <p>Project start and end</p> <p>Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).</p>  |
| <p><b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b></p> | <p>Eligible projects for TA CR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the project meets the definition of applied research</li> <li>the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.)</li> <li>the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA</li> <li>the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal</li> <li>the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity</li> </ul> <p>Supported results</p> <p>Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>P - patent</li> <li>G - technically realized results - prototype, functional sample</li> <li>Z - pilot plant, proven technology</li> <li>R - software</li> <li>F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design</li> <li>*N - Certified methodologies and practices, treatment, conservation methods, procedures and specialized maps with professional expert content</li> <li>O - Miscellaneous</li> <li>H - results reflected in non-legislative directives and regulations binding within the competence of the respective provider and results reflected in the approved strategic and conceptual documents of the state or public administration</li> </ul> <p>*For these types of results and related research data, "open access" must be ensured in the international call. For other types of results where access is technically easy (a chapter in a professional book, etc.), open access is especially welcome and recommended.</p> <p>Intellectual Property Rights</p> <p>The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.</p> |

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|  | <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level Czech beneficiaries must follow the rules of TA CR for reporting on the project (i.e., submission of interim and final reports and reports on the implementation of the results).</p> <p>Publicity obligations</p> <p>While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the <a href="#">publicity rules of TA CR</a>.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p>Eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• personnel costs (including scholarships)</li> <li>• subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period)</li> <li>• other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables)</li> <li>• indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate</li> </ul> <p>Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the <a href="#">General Terms &amp; Conditions</a>.</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p><a href="#">ERA-NET Cofund Scheme on TA CR website</a> (in Czech)</p> <p><a href="#">ERA-NET Cofund Scheme on TA CR website</a> (in English)</p> <p><a href="#">National research programme SIGMA</a> (in Czech)</p> <p><a href="#">National research programme SIGMA</a> (in English)</p>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>"Guide for Czech applicants" and all mandatory forms will be available on <a href="#">TA CR website</a> (in Czech).</p>   |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | N/A            | 50-65%                        | 25-40%                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | 60-75%                        | 35-50%                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | 70-80%                        | 45-60%                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | N/A            | up to 100%                    | up to 100%               |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | same as enterprises           | same as enterprises      |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | same as enterprises           | same as enterprises      |

## Denmark – Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details   |
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| Contact Point  | Mathias Holm Tveen<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk">mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk</a><br>Tel: +45 6190 5073<br><br>General mailbox: <a href="mailto:internationale@innofond.dk">internationale@innofond.dk</a>   |
| Funding commitment   | MEUR 2 (pending final approval)   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 8-10  |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | <b>The maximum requested funding amount per Danish partner</b> is 300.000 €. The maximum requested funding amount <b>per project</b> , if the project has more than one Danish partner, is 500.000 €.<br><br><b>Maximum requested funding rates</b> between 25-90% apply, according to the <a href="#">Guidelines for International Collaborations</a> .  |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | All Danish organizations directly involved in activities in the projects are eligible as applicants to Innovation Fund Denmark.   |
| Eligible topics  | All topics are eligible.  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | All TRL levels are eligible.  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | Approximately 2-4 weeks after the deadline for pre-proposals, Danish applicants will be directly invited to submit the project proposal with annexes to the national e-grant system.<br><br>At that point, non-public organizations will also be requested to submit additional financial declarations. You can find more in advance about these declarations as well as the templates on our <a href="#">website</a> , under 'Documents'.<br><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All non-public organisations will be requested to upload a 'No undertaking in difficulty' declaration and a "Financial and legal declaration".</li> <li>• In addition, SME's will also be required to upload an 'SME declaration'.</li> <li>• Only if requesting <i>de minimis</i> funding, then a '<i>de minimis</i> aid compliance form' is required.</li> </ul> |
| Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency             | Please see section above.   |
| Eligible costs   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries</li> <li>• Travel</li> <li>• Subcontracting</li> <li>• Materials</li> <li>• Communication and knowledge sharing</li> <li>• Other expenses</li> <li>• Any overhead, if applicable</li> </ul> For more details see IFD's <a href="#">Guidelines for International Collaborations</a> .  |
| Website with additional information                                | For general information, FAQ, etc., please visit:<br><a href="#">Innovation Fund Denmark - International Collaborations Website</a><br><br>For the full rules and conditions from Innovation Fund Denmark, please see:<br><a href="#">Guidelines for International Collaborations</a>   |

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| <b>Additional information</b> | IFD encourages Danish applicants to include academic partners as well as relevant public authorities, utility providers or private enterprises in the project. |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

**Maximum funding rates (incl. overhead) and overhead rates:** please refer to the [Guidelines for International Collaborations](#) (pp. 11-14).

## Estonia – Estonian Research Council (ETAG)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details   |
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| Contact Point  | Priit Kilgas<br><a href="mailto:priit.kilgas@etag.ee">priit.kilgas@etag.ee</a><br>+372 5909 4883  |
| Funding commitment   | EUR 300,000   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 1   |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | EUR 150,000 if Co-applicant or EUR 300,000 if Estonian partner is the Main Applicant (Project Coordinator)  |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | <p><b>1. Project Participants</b></p> <p><b>1.1 The Host Institution</b> may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. Restrictions to eligible institutions and applicants may however be stated in the general call conditions which also apply to Estonian participants.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the duration of the sub-project, should the project receive funding.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is an undertaking, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p> <p><b>1.2 The Principal Investigator (PI)</b> is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The PI must be clearly identified in the proposal.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline);</p> <p>1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline) at the latest;</p> <p>1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline). Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or if there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p> <p>If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic</p> |

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|   | <p>recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report.</p> <p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <p>15mC Topic 1: Next steps for multimodal urban mobility, building on the travel experience</p> <p>15mC Topic 2: Reimagining parking – transforming urban parking policies</p> <p>15mC Topic 3: Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation</p>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic (basic) research</li> <li>• Applied research</li> </ul> <p>TRL: 1 to 6</p>  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | No   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | In case of a positive funding decision the Host Institution, the Principal Investigator and the Funding Organisation will enter into a trilateral agreement.   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p><b>2. Budget</b></p> <p><b>2.1</b> The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (<b>direct costs</b>) and <b>indirect (overhead)</b> costs. The direct costs must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p> <p><b>2.2 Direct costs:</b></p> <p><b>2.2.1. Personnel costs</b> are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.</p> <p><b>2.2.2 Other direct costs</b> are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad;</li> <li>- consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project;</li> <li>- publication and dissemination of project results;</li> <li>- organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g. room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs);</li> <li>- fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project;</li> <li>- patent costs;</li> <li>- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, postage costs etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project.</li> </ul> <p><b>2.3. Indirect costs (overhead)</b> are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs are <b>15% of the personnel costs</b> of the Estonian sub-project.</p> <p><b>2.4. Subcontracting costs</b> are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed <b>15% of the total costs</b> of the Estonian sub-project.</p> |

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|  | <p><b>2.5. Double funding</b> of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed twice).</p> <p><b>2.6.</b> If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.</p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="#">ETAG webpage</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p><b>3. Exclusion from the scope of the ERDF (Mobilitas 3.0) funding</b></p> <p>Following the restrictions laid down in Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2021/1058 of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund research and other activities related to fossil fuels and their use, as well as other activities not eligible as per Article 7 of the Regulation, cannot be funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources.</p> <p><b>4. State Aid</b></p> <p>If the Host Institution is an undertaking, EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. An undertaking is any entity, be it a natural or a legal person, engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed. See the National Eligibility Criteria on ETAG website for further details:<br/><a href="#">ETAG webpage</a></p> <p><b>5. Grant Agreement</b></p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the Consortium Agreement has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p> <p><b>6. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</b></p> <p>If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p><b>7. Nagoya Protocol</b></p> <p>By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Public authorities                             | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 100%           | 100%                          | N/A                                   |



## Finland – Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland (BF)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 3,000,000  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 4-6  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | No maximum amount  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>Eligible applicant partners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Companies of any size and research organisations, and</li> <li>Domiciled in Finland</li> </ul> <p>If one or more Finnish research institutions participate in the consortium, the consortium must also have at least three company partners, of which at least two must be Finnish export-oriented companies. It is recommended that at least one of the Finnish companies participate as a partner applying for funding. Companies can also participate as self-financed partners. Partners applying for funding need to fulfil Business Finland general funding criteria.</p> <p>Following criteria are applied to companies ao.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finnish business ID, genuine business activities in Finland and created value accumulates in the Finnish company</li> <li>No financial and tax irregularities, no sanction listed owners</li> <li>Financial resources required for internationalization</li> <li>Versatile expertise and team, employs at least two persons full-time in Finland</li> <li>Aiming to grow in the international market</li> <li>Competitive edge on the international market and sufficient export potential</li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Applied research, experimental development, research together with companies<br>TRL: 3-8   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p>Stage 1: Submission not required to Business Finland.</p> <p>Stage 2: A Project Consortium invited to submit a full proposal must submit a national funding application using Business Finland online service by the same deadline as for DUT Submission Platform UDiManager. Applicants failing to comply with this requirement are considered not eligible for funding.</p>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | <p>Business Finland <a href="#">general funding criteria as well as general terms and conditions</a> are applied.</p> <p>The criteria of Business Finland R&amp;D funding are applied to funding of companies. The criteria of Business Finland Co-Innovation funding are applied to funding of research organizations.</p>  |

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|  | For further information please check national funding call information on Business Finland webpages. Please contact Business Finland for guidance as early in the process as possible.  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p>According to Business Finland general funding terms and conditions for research organisations and companies' R&amp;D projects, eg.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salaries and wages</li> <li>• Indirect personnel costs</li> <li>• Overheads</li> <li>• Travel expenses</li> <li>• Equipment, materials and supplies</li> <li>• Purchased services</li> </ul> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="#">Business Finland webpages</a>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | Funding awarded is grant. Stated funding rates are maximums. The funding rates for companies will be assessed and defined during application processing based on the share of industrial research costs of the project budget.  |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | N/A            | max 50%                       | max 50%                               |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | max 60%                       | max 60%                               |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | max 60%                       | max 60%                               |
| Universities, public research organisations    | N/A            | max 80%                       | N/A                                   |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                                   |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                                   |

## France – Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 3 000 000 €  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 8 to 10  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <p>500 000 € per project as a maximum in exceptional and highly justified cases.</p> <p>However, ANR expects typical funding requests per project to range between 200 000 and 350 000 €, depending on the number of ANR-funded partners involved and whether the coordinator of the project is funded by ANR or not.</p>  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>Please consult the ANR Funding regulations and the Appendix for applicants to ANR on the ANR website for detailed information <a href="https://anr.fr/DUT-2025">https://anr.fr/DUT-2025</a></p> <p>Within this framework, public research organisations (such as Universities, EPST or EPIC) as well as private entities (such as companies, NGOs and foundations) and public authorities may be eligible (provided that at least one French public research organisation requesting funding to ANR is involved in the consortium).</p> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <p>All Call Topics of DUT are eligible for ANR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive Energy District (PED)</li> <li>- 15-minute City (15minC)</li> <li>- Circular Urban Economy (CUE)</li> </ul>  |

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| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | ANR funds basic research and applied research projects. Experimental development and innovation activities, if not excluded, should be minor activities compared to basic and industrial research activities.  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | No for the pre-proposal stage.<br><br>For the full-proposal stage, partners requesting funding from ANR will have to submit the proposal also on the ANR submission platform.  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>A project proposal cannot be similar in whole or in part to another proposal submitted for a call currently being evaluated by ANR (all calls for proposals and evaluation stages considered) or already funded by ANR. The similarity between two projects is established when these projects (in their entirety or in part) describe identical main objectives or result from a simple adaptation.</p> <p>The minimal funding per partner by ANR is 15 000 €.</p> <p>Companies with economic difficulties are excluded from ANR subventions. To test if you do not fall in this category, you can use the Excel tool available at <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2021/Simulation-financement-ANR-EED-2021.xls">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2021/Simulation-financement-ANR-EED-2021.xls</a></p> <p>Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, Ukrainian territories out of control of the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union.</p> |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p>ANR funds basic, industrial research and experimental development activities.</p> <p>The eligibility of costs and rates of funding depend on types of partners, consortia composition and types of research activities. See ANR funding regulations for more details: <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a></p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                    | A specific web page on the ANR web site is published at the opening of the Call, with details for potential applicants to ANR.   |
| <b>Additional information</b>                                 | It is highly recommended to contact the national contact persons during the preparation of the project.  |

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|  | <p>Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a></p> <p>A DMP (Data management plan) must be transmitted to ANR and updated during the course of the project. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a></p> <p>If applicable, Declarations of Due Diligence for the financed projects (Nagoya Protocol) must also be transmitted to ANR in due time.</p> <p>In keeping with the French "PPST" policy (Protection of the national scientific and technological potential), applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defense officer) regarding their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD will cause ANR to reject the proposal.</p> |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research   | Industrial / Applied Research  | Experimental development / Innovation  |
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| Large Enterprises                              | 30 %   | 30 %   | 25 %   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 45 %   | 35 – 45 %  | 35 – 45 %  |
| Small Enterprises                              | 45 %   | 35 – 45 %  | 35 – 45 %  |
| Universities, public research organisations    | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> |
| Public authorities                             | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> | see ANR funding regulations<br><a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> |

## Germany – DEUTSCHES ZENTRUM FUER LUFT - UND RAUMFAHRT E.V. (DLR)

(DLR Projektträger – the project management agency)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 3,000,000  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 6-8  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | EUR 500,000<br><br>A maximum of two German partners per project will be funded.<br><br>Maximum funding per awarded project partner (project applicant): EUR 350,000.<br><br>Maximum funding per awarded project coordination (main applicant): 400,000.<br><br>For universities this includes 20% lump sum ("Projektpauschale").<br><br>Minimum funding per project partner: EUR 100,000 |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Proposals may be submitted by Germany-based universities, non-university research institutes, civil society organisations, public authorities, municipalities, commercial companies.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | 15-minutes City Pathway topic 1  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | strategic (basic) research<br>applied research<br>experimental development   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Preproposals (Projektskizzen): No submission at national level.<br><br>Proposals (Projektantraege): Submission via national application system "easy-online" (applicants selected for submission of a proposal will be contacted by DLR).  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             |  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | Personnel costs (Personalausgaben / -kosten)<br>Operational costs (Verwaltungsausgaben / -kosten)<br>Indirect costs (Gemeinkosten)<br>Subcontracting (Vergabe von Aufträgen)<br>Travel costs (Dienstreisen)<br>Investment costs (investive Maßnahmen)  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | Applicants are strongly advised to consult the <a href="#">BMFTR guidelines on eligible costs</a> (Richtlinien für Zuwendungsantraege (AZA/AZK)).  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | Participation (as the main applicant, a co-applicant or a cooperation partner) of German non-academic organisations, e.g. municipalities, business organisations and companies, NGOs and similar, is desirable (though not mandatory).<br><br>Projects will be funded under the BMFTR funding priority " <a href="#">Social-Ecological Research</a> ".                                   |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|-------------------|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises | N/A            | 50-65%                        | 25-40%                                |



| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | 50-75%                           | 25-50%                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | 50-80%                           | 25-60%                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | Up to 100%     | Up to 100%                       | Up to 100%                               |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | Up to 100%                       | Up to 100%                               |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | Up to 100%                       | Up to 100%                               |

## Germany – Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Markus Bastek<br/>Tel: +49 2461 61 85437</p> <p>Dr. Isabelle Loll<br/>Tel: +49 2461 61-85255</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ptj-dut@ptj.de">ptj-dut@ptj.de</a></p>   |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 670,000   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 1-2   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <p>A maximum of <b>two German partners per project</b> will be funded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Maximum</b> funding per awarded <b>project partner</b>: EUR 330,000.</li> <li>• <b>Minimum</b> funding per <b>project partner</b>: EUR 50,000.</li> <li>• <b>Maximum</b> funding per awarded project (for the maximum of two project partners together): EUR 330,000. The distribution of funds between the two partners is left up to them.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum</b> funding per awarded project (for the max. two project partners together): EUR 100,000.</p>                                 |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Proposals may be submitted by Germany-based universities, non-university research institutes, SME's and large companies, public authorities, NGOs and similar.  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <p>Only applications for the topic 3 of the PED Pathway will be eligible (topics can be combined):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PEDs in urban heating and cooling strategies</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | <p>Applied research and experimental development</p> <p>TRL: 6-8 at the end of the project</p>  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p>No submission of preproposals (Projektskizzen) at the national level.</p> <p>Submission of proposals (Projekt-Anträge) via the national application system <a href="#">easy-online</a></p> <p>(Applicants selected for submission of a proposal will be informed about the direct link for submission)</p>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | <p>The projects must fit thematically compatible with the mission and programme objectives of the area "Quartiere" (chapter 2.3.2 Quartiere) of the currently effective <a href="#">8th Energy Research Programme</a> of the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWE). Municipal relevance and their recognisable project participation are further requirements and eligibility criteria. Proposals must provide sound cost calculations break-downs and clear exploitation plans. Proposals must show significant progress on state of the art and science and compared to nationally funded projects.</p> |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel costs</li> <li>• Operational costs</li> <li>• Equipment and instruments costs</li> <li>• Additional overheads and other operating costs</li> <li>• Subcontracting</li> <li>• Travel costs</li> </ul> <p>Applicants are strongly advised to consult the <a href="#">BMWE guidelines on eligible costs</a> (Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge (AZA/AZK)).</p>  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | N/A   |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | Shorter deadlines apply to the notification for the conclusion of the cooperation agreement. Instead of after 6 months, notification of this must be provided after only 4 months.  |



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|  | <p>Applicants may refer to the contact point at PTJ Projektträger (see above) for further advice.</p> <p>We recommend that applicants regard the BMWF strategy: <a href="#">actual Energy Research Programme of the Federal Government</a></p> |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              | up to 50 %     | up to 50 %                       | up to 25 %                               |
| Medium Enterprises                             | up to 50 %     | up to 60 %                       | up to 35 %                               |
| Small Enterprises                              | up to 50 %     | up to 70 %                       | up to 45 %                               |
| Universities, public research organisations    | up to 100 %    | up to 100 %                      | up to 100 %                              |
| Public authorities                             | up to 100 %    | up to 100 %                      | up to 100 %                              |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | up to 100 %    | up to 100 %                      | up to 100 %                              |

## Hungary – National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Ms. Barbara Kiss<br>ncp@nkfi.gov.hu  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 1,000,000  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 3-6  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | 300 k€/ awarded project (max. 150 k€/partner, if the Hungarian partner is the main applicant 200 k€)   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Universities, research institutions, enterprise-based research organizations, enterprises (non-research type), non-profit research organizations, urban/local authorities (as partners of research-oriented main applicant)  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | All types of research: strategic (basic) research, applied research, experimental development/innovation. TRL: 1-9   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Only applicants selected for funding based on the full proposal evaluation scores are required to submit their application to NKFIH, see:<br><br><a href="https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas">https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas</a> |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | The maximum allowable travel cost per (Hungarian) consortium member is 5% of the total eligible costs. Additionally, the overhead rate per (Hungarian) consortium member, excluding services, is 20% of the total eligible costs.  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | Personnel (temporary, permanent), subcontracting and services, including travelling, consumables, equipment, coordination, travel, communication and dissemination, overhead (20%), overhead for travel related activities (5%)  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <a href="https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas">https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   |  |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | 100%           | 65%                           | 40%                                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 100%           | 75%                           | 50%                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | 100%           | 80%                           | 60%                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                          | 100%                                  |
| Public authorities                             | n.a.           | 65%                           | 40%                                   |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 100%           | 100%                          | 100%                                  |

Italy – MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITA' E DELLA RICERCA (MUR)

### a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

| Information type                                  | Detail  |
|---|---|
| Contact Point                                     | Rachele Nocera <a href="mailto:Rachele.nocera@mur.gov.it">Rachele.nocera@mur.gov.it</a><br>Silvia Reale <a href="mailto:silvia.reale@est.mur.gov.it">silvia.reale@est.mur.gov.it</a>  |
| Funding commitment                                | 1 M EUR Structural Funds/ERDF <b>[MUR-ERDF]</b>   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be              | ----  |
| Maximum funding per awarded project / per partner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MINIMUM funding request: € 100.000,00 <b>per project</b></li> <li>• MAXIMUM funding request: € 200.000,00 <b>per project</b></li> <li>• MAXIMUM funding request: € 300.000,00 <b>per project</b> in case the applicant is the Project Coordinator of the transnational Consortium</li> </ul> |

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| <p><b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b></p> | <p><b>MUR-ERDF</b></p> <p>Eligible beneficiaries are the following legal entities carrying out research activities in the regions <b>Basilicata, Calabria, Campania, Molise, Puglia, Sardegna, Sicilia</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>SMEs</b> (legally registered in the Register of Companies)</li> </ul> <p>The following entities are also eligible, provided they are <b>in partnership with one (or more) eligible SME</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Universities/Higher education institutions</b> (State universities/HEI and legally recognized universities as defined in L. 29 July 1991, n. 243) and their consortia;</li> <li>• <b>Public and private research institutions</b> provided their articles of association and/or bylaws (or equivalent documentation) indicate that they primarily conduct research activities;</li> <li>• <b>Research organizations (public and private)</b>, as defined by the EU Regulation on State aid for research, development, and innovation pursuant to Article 2, paragraph 83 of Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014;</li> <li>• <b>Large Enterprises</b></li> </ul> <p><b>IMPORTANT NOTICE :</b></p> <p>Other specific eligibility requirements or restrictions may apply to applicants supported by MUR-ERDF. Further details will be included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”.</p> |
| <p><b>Eligible topics</b></p>                                       | <p>All topics</p>  |
| <p><b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b></p>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Industrial/Applied research</b></li> <li>• <b>Experimental development</b></li> </ul> <p><b>ROA/IOA (TRL 4 – 7 indicatively)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b></p> | <p><b>Additional National application:</b></p> <p>In addition to the project proposal which shall be submitted at European level, Italian participants are requested to submit a <b>additional national application to MUR, through the national web platform</b>, available at the following link: <a href="https://banditransnazionali.mur.gov.it/">https://banditransnazionali.mur.gov.it/</a> <b>[NEW PLATFORM - ACCESS WITH “SPID”]</b></p> <p>The national additional application must be submitted by the same deadline established in the international joint call. Participant who does not submit national</p>   |

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|   | <p>documentation by the deadline are considered not eligible for funding.</p> <p>Additional information is available at the web page dedicated to the DUT Joint Call 2025:</p> <p><a href="http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/driving-urban-transition.aspx">http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/driving-urban-transition.aspx</a></p> <p><b>It is recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</b></p> <p>The admission to funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p><b>Applicants shall:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Not be in default</b> with regard to any other funding received from the Ministry of University and Research.</li> <li>• <b>Not have requested or received</b> any other funding for the same project.</li> <li>• <b>Be compliant</b> with Italian Legislative Decree No. 159 of 6 September 2011, as amended and supplemented.</li> <li>• <b>Not be subject to</b> bankruptcy proceedings as per Article 5, paragraph 4, letter b) of Ministerial Decree 1314/2021, nor be classified as an "undertaking in difficulty" according to the definition under point 18 of Article 2 ("Definitions") of Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014.</li> <li>• <b>Be compliant with</b> obligations under contributory and social security regulations (DURC).</li> </ul> <p>Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.</p> <p>For <b>any private entity, if the following financial criteria</b>, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, <b>are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided:</b></p> <p><b>a) <math>CN &gt; (CP - I)/2</math></b></p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CN = net assets (Capitale netto)</li> <li>• CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year</li> <li>• I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects</li> </ul> <p><b>b) <math>OF/F &lt; 8\%</math></b></p> <p>Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari)</li> <li>• F = turnover (Fatturato)</li> </ul> |

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| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p><b>Costs</b> incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following <b>categories</b> are eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel</li> <li>• Contractual research (subcontracting, consulting and equivalent services etc.)</li> <li>• Instruments and Equipment</li> <li>• Buildings and land</li> <li>• Indirect Costs/Overheads ("Spese generali") calculated at 20% flat rate of all direct costs</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Maximum amount of requested funding</b> | <p>200.000,00 EUR per project</p> <p>300.000,00 EUR per project in case the applicant is the Project Coordinator of the transnational Consortium</p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p><a href="http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/driving-urban-transition.aspx">http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/driving-urban-transition.aspx</a></p>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p><b>National Reporting</b></p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.</p> <p><b>Applicable laws and rules:</b><br/>(<a href="http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx">http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx</a>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decreto legge n. 83/2012</li> <li>• Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021</li> </ul> |

## b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

| Structural Funds (MUR-ERDF)   |                |                             |                                       |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
|   | Basic research | Industrial/Applied Research | Experimental development / innovation |
| SME; Universities; Public Research Institutions; public and private research organisations; Large enterprises | not funded     | 70 %                        | 25 %                                  |

## Latvia – Latvijas Zinātnes padome (LCS)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
|---|--|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Name: Maija Bundule<br>E-mail: Maija.Bundule@lzp.gov.lv<br>Tel: +371- 26514481<br>Uldis Berkis                 |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 0,6M EUR   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 2-3  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project / per partner</b>                  | 0,1M per year per Latvian partner = grant of 0.3M for a 3-year project, 0.2M for a 2-year project to a partner |

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| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>  | <p>Only the following legal entities can participate:</p> <p>Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Research Institutes</li> <li>- Universities</li> </ul> <p>And must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014)</p> <p>2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations to support intensity of EU legislation apply (Regulation 651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, this is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor's approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as prove the evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity. Enterprises not having closed two annual financial periods are not eligible.</p> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All topics are eligible, but LCS funds only research, not training nor implementation   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TRL9 is not funded</li> <li>• Normally TRL1-4 is preferred stage</li> <li>• Experimental development is associated with limitations</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | No national phase   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers<br/> <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</a></p> <p>These provisions should be respected without exceptions.</p> <p>Annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory.</p> <p>To receive funding by LCS, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented.</p> <p>Application for the state aid must be submitted before the start of the project</p>  |



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|  | <p>which is stated in the consortium agreement.</p> <p>Recipient of funding must operate through an account opened at a Latvian bank.</p>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p>Personnel costs incl. taxes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consumables;</li> <li>• Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted;</li> <li>• Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks);</li> <li>• Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment;</li> <li>• Travels (according to travel plan); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |
| <b>Maximum amount of requested funding</b> | <p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers<br/> <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</a></p> <p>Maximum requested funding is 0,1M per year per partner. For a 36 month project this means 0.3M for a Latvian partner, for a 24 month project – 0.2M for a Latvian partner.</p> <p>Maximum number per proposal of Latvian partners requesting funding is two.</p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p><a href="http://www.lzp.lv">www.lzp.lv</a></p>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers<br/> <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</a></p> <p>These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum hourly rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected.</p> <p>Latvia cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities.</p> <p>Applicants for State aid must send before the call deadline (both 1st and 2 nd</p> |

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|  | <p>stages) to the e-mail address lzp@lzp.gov. lv, stating the acronym and the title of the project, applicant name and registration number, the following document: a certification that the applying entity does not correspond to the criteria laid down in laws and regulations to be subject to insolvency proceedings at the request of the creditor. It must be electronically signed by valid legal representative (s). Upon request applicants for State aid must provide all requested documents to evaluate the financial situation and financial viability. Undertakings in difficulty are not eligible for funding. (Regulation 651/2014) In case of State aid the undertakings are assessed for eligibility at each of the application stages and at the conclusion and during execution of the contract with LCS for project funding. If the eligibility criteria are not fulfilled, project funding can not be approved or continued.</p> |
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#### (b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

|  | Basic research                        | Industrial/Applied Research  | Experimental development/innovation, no TRL9 |
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| Large Enterprises                              | DUT calls do not cover basic research | According to the Regulation 651/2014. Enterprises must demonstrate capacity and correspondence to specific research type |  |
| Medium Enterprises                             |                                       |  |  |
| Small Enterprises                              |                                       |  |  |
| Universities, public research organisations    | Up to 100%                            |  |  |
| Public authorities                             | Not funded                            |  |  |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | Not funded                            |  |  |

## Lithuania – Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
|---|---|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Name: Asta Aleksandraviciene<br>E-mail: asta.aleksandraviciene@lmt.lt<br>Tel: +370 676 18 297   |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 0.30 M Euro   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 1-2   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | 0.25 M Euro   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | The proposal must be submitted by the main applicant - an eligible Lithuanian higher education and research institution (which is listed in the Register of Ministry of Education, Science and sports of Republic of Lithuania).<br><br>A legal entity of Lithuania can be a partner of the main applicant.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Type of research (strategic (basic) research, applied research)<br>TRL: 1-6   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Not required  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | The applicant who intends to act as a principal investigator (PI) has to be a scientist (researcher holding at least a Ph.D. degree).<br><br>A person may submit only one proposal for the same Call as PI or other primary project implementer. Work scope of each primary project implementer within the project must be at least 20 hours of project time multiplied by the duration of the project in months.<br><br>For more information about Lithuanian conditions for funding, please consult the call text in Lithuanian and the national contact point. |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project, related to project are eligible: personnel, travel, consumables, subcontracting, equipment, overheads (up to 20 % from direct costs).  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <a href="https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/dut/">https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/dut/</a>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | n.a.  |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                           | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|---|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                           | *              | *                             | -                                     |
| Medium Enterprises                          | *              | *                             | -                                     |
| Small Enterprises                           | *              | *                             | -                                     |
| Universities, public research organisations | 100            | 100                           | -                                     |
| Public authorities                          | *              | *                             | -                                     |

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
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| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | *              | *                                | -  |

\* Eligible to fund only as a partner of the main a

## Korea, Republic of – Korea Agency for Infrastructure Technology Advancement (KAIA)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Yoo Choi<br/> <a href="mailto:yoochoi@kaia.re.kr">yoochoi@kaia.re.kr</a><br/> +82 31 389 6540</p> <p>Kayoung Kim<br/> <a href="mailto:global@kaia.re.kr">global@kaia.re.kr</a><br/> +82 31 389 6496</p> <p>Heewon Lee<br/> <a href="mailto:global@kaia.re.kr">global@kaia.re.kr</a><br/> +82 31 389 6585</p>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 1,500,000 (2,500,000,000 Korean Won)   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 5  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | EUR 300,000 (500,000,000 Korean Won)   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>In general, universities, research institutes, SME's and large companies, non-profit organisations founded according to the civil law are eligible for funding. The complete eligibility criteria and definitions may be found in the National Research and Development Innovation Act and the relevant enforcement decree in the following website:<br/> (<a href="https://www.law.go.kr/LSW/eng/engMain.do?eventGubun=060124">https://www.law.go.kr/LSW/eng/engMain.do?eventGubun=060124</a> )</p>  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15minC Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic research : TRL 1-2</li> <li>• Applied research : TRL 3-5</li> <li>• innovation / implementation : TRL 6-8</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <p>Official Submission to DUT :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission deadline pre-proposals: November 17th, 2025 at 13:00 (CEST)</li> <li>• Submission deadline full proposals: April 23th, 2026 at 13:00 (CEST)</li> </ul> <p>Korean applicants (only for full proposal) will be invited to upload the International Application along with the standard required documents and evidences to the Korean national R&amp;D management system(IRIS): (<a href="https://pms.iris.go.kr">https://pms.iris.go.kr</a>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission deadline full proposals to Korean R&amp;D system (IRIS): April 30th, 2026 (Korea Standard Time)</li> </ul> |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | <p>Please check the Korean National R&amp;D Innovation Act and the relevant manual found at the following site:<br/> (<a href="http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&amp;menuNo=200131">http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&amp;menuNo=200131</a>)</p>   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel costs</li> <li>• Operational costs (Research activities)</li> <li>• Indirect costs (according to the defined rate)</li> <li>• Others</li> </ul> <p>Cost items shall be allocated in compliance with the Korean National R&amp;D Innovation Act and the relevant manual found at the following site:<br/> (<a href="http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&amp;menuNo=200131">http://www.kaia.re.kr/portal/bbs/list/B0000050.do?option1=2&amp;menuNo=200131</a>)</p>  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <p>KAIA website : (<a href="https://www.kaia.re.kr">https://www.kaia.re.kr</a>)</p> <p>Driving Urban Transitions Call 2025 (<a href="https://www.dutpartnership.eu">https://www.dutpartnership.eu</a>)</p>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | Korean applicants should begin their projects by September 2026, regardless of the start date of their consortium  |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Strategic / Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
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| Large Enterprises                              | Up to 50%                  | Up to 50%                     | Up to 50%                             |
| Medium Enterprises                             | Up to 70%                  | Up to 70%                     | Up to 70%                             |
| Small Enterprises                              | Up to 75%                  | Up to 75%                     | Up to 75%                             |
| Universities, public research organisations    | Up to 100%                 | Up to 100%                    | Up to 100%                            |
| Public authorities                             | Up to 100%                 | Up to 100%                    | Up to 100%                            |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A                        | N/A                           | N/A                                   |

## The Netherlands – Dutch Research Council (NWO)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Silke Heijma, programme officer, (+31) 70 344 06 56<br>Siebert Wielstra, programme officer, (+31) 70 349 46 67<br><a href="mailto:dutp@nwo.nl">dutp@nwo.nl</a>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | € 4,000,000<br><br>The budget for this Call for proposals is made available by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and the Ministry of Housing and Spatial Planning.   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 12  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | € 325,000   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>NB For Universities of Applied Sciences (UAS), please refer to the national annex of Taskforce for Applied Research SIA.</p> <p>An application for funding from NWO may consider the following roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National main applicant (mandatory): the applicant who leads the application to NWO and is the foreseen national project leader, in case a project is granted.</li> <li>National co-applicant (optional): national applicants in addition to the national main applicant with an active role and responsibility in realising the project and requesting funding from NWO.</li> </ul> <p><b>National main applicants</b><br/>Researchers may submit an application as a national main applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following research organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>universities as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act and universities listed in the <a href="#">Policy Rules for Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands</a>;</li> <li>university medical centres by which is meant academic hospitals as referred to in Article 1.13 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act;</li> <li>institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;</li> <li>TO2 institutions;</li> <li>Netherlands Cancer Institute;</li> <li>the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;</li> <li>Naturalis Biodiversity Center;</li> <li>Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);</li> <li>Princess Máxima Center.</li> </ul> <p>*Researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a main national applicant provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time.</p> <p>Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment) may not submit a proposal.</p> <p>It could be the case that the applicant's tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant's tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Such a statement should be submitted in the full proposal stage.</p> <p>The national main applicant employed by a TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which the grant is being applied for must also attach such a statement.</p> |

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|   | <p>Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p> <p><b>National co-applicants</b><br/>         Researchers interested to apply as a national co-applicant, i.e. together with a national main applicant, may submit as a national co-applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of the research organisations listed under 'National main applicants' or at other research organisations as referred to in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that meet the following cumulative conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• be established in the Netherlands;</li> <li>• be a foundation, association or legal entity governed by public law ("publiekrechtelijke rechtspersoon");</li> <li>• have as its primary goal the independent conduct of its own fundamental research or industrial research or with widely disseminating the results of those activities through teaching, publications or knowledge transfer;</li> <li>• be able to state that the organisation keeps separate accounts with regard to economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results.</li> </ul> <p><u>Please note:</u> Prior to the submission of an application, NWO assesses on the basis of the above-mentioned conditions whether an organisation complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and may therefore participate as a national co-applicant. NWO performs this assessment to preclude the granting of prohibited state aid.</p> <p>The organisation of the prospective national co-applicant must provide the following documents no less than 10 working days prior to the submission deadline for pre-proposals (meaning no later than 3 November 2025, 14:00:00 CET) by email to <a href="mailto:dufp@nwo.nl">dufp@nwo.nl</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a recent extract from the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce;</li> <li>• the deed of incorporation or current articles of association;</li> <li>• the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an audit statement;</li> <li>• the completed form 'Declaration research organisation', available on the funding page of this Call for proposals on the NWO website.</li> </ul> <p>Other relevant documentation may be added. NWO may request additional information if the above documents are not sufficiently conclusive to determine whether the organisation may act as a national co-applicant.</p> <p>If the organisation of the prospective national co-applicant does not submit the necessary documents for this assessment in time, NWO cannot accept the organisation as a national co-applicant. If the addition of new co-applicants to the consortium is allowed in the full proposal and these new co-applicants are not affiliated to a research organisation listed above, these conditions will also be checked for this organisation/these organisations. The documents listed above as a requirement in the pre-proposal stage must then be submitted by email no less than 10 working days before the submission deadline for full proposals (meaning no later than 10 April 2026, 14:00:00 CEST).</p> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <p>CUE 1 - Resilient green and social infrastructure<br/>         CUE 3 - Public procurement to foster urban greening and circularity</p> <p>15mC 2 - Reimagining parking – transforming urban parking policies<br/>         15mC 3 - Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation</p> <p>PED 1 - Driving a just transition: PED strategies in social and subsidised housing<br/>         PED 2 - Ensuring positive socio-economic impact: PEDs in local economies and energy markets<br/>         PED 3 - PEDs in urban heating and cooling strategies</p>   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | Strategic research  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | This is not necessary, however please note applicants are required to submit a mandatory NWO budget form to <a href="mailto:dufp@nwo.nl">dufp@nwo.nl</a> by the submission deadline in the full proposal stage.   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for scientific and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed.  |



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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A researcher may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals, either as main applicant or co-applicant within an application for NWO funding.</li> <li>Researchers employed at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 may not apply for a scientific or post-doc position for themselves.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p>The available budget modules are listed below:</p> <p><i>Personnel</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personnel at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 salary costs can be claimed for the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Postdoc: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates, a benchfee is available;</li> <li>Research leave: max. 5% of the grant amount, according to UNL or NFU rates.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Personnel of TO2 institutes and other research organisations using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 'average total salary cost per salary scale', column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT';</li> <li>Students: according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates, may be added to material costs</li> </ul> <p><i>Material:</i> for project-specific material costs, up to 25% of the grant amount. Subsequently, up to 50% of the material budget can be used for work by third parties;</p> <p><i>Knowledge utilisation:</i> for activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research following the Impact Plan approach, mandatory 5-20% of the grant amount;</p> <p><i>Project management:</i> up to 5% of the grant amount.</p> <p>Please note the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.</li> <li>NWO funds project-related costs. Therefore overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding.</li> </ul> <p>A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and eligible costs can be found on the funding page on the NWO website.</p> <p>It is <u>recommended</u> to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items. For full proposals, it is <u>mandatory</u> to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO at the time of the transnational deadline. Please submit it to <a href="mailto:dutp@nwo.nl">dutp@nwo.nl</a>.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions via the aforementioned email address.</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="http://www.nwo.nl/dut">www.nwo.nl/dut</a>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>The <a href="#">NWO Grant Rules 2024</a> and the <a href="#">Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research</a> are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid.</p> <p>As stipulated in the NWO Grant Rules, Article 3.2, paragraph 2, the project cannot start until the conditions set out in the grant award decision regarding the start of the project are met. Please note, these conditions will include a signed Consortium agreement by all partners in the transnational project.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website: <a href="https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection">https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection</a>.</p> <p>NWO will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The UNL/NFU/HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose.</p>  |

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|  | <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. Granted consortia will be informed in due time.</p> <p>Once proposals are selected for funding, the consortia will be notified by the DUT Call Secretariat and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO.</p> |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
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| Large Enterprises                              | N/A            | N/A                              | N/A                                      |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | N/A                              | N/A                                      |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | N/A                              | N/A                                      |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                             | N/A                                      |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | N/A                              | N/A                                      |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | N/A                              | N/A                                      |

## The Netherlands - Taskforce for Applied Research SIA (Regieorgaan SIA)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Taskforce for Applied Research SIA (Regieorgaan SIA)   |
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| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | € 900.000  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 3 - 5  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | € 300.000  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Universities of applied sciences<br>Specifications : as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW)<br><br>NB For Dutch research organisations other than UAS, please refer to the annex provided by NWO.  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | PED – topics 1,2,3<br>15mC - topics 1,2,3<br>CUE – topic 1,2,3   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Applied research, practice-oriented research.  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | This is not necessary, however please note applicants are required to submit a mandatory SIA budget form in the Full Proposal stage, as well as a de-minimis form for each partner receiving funding if applicable. This budget form and the de-minimis form will be made available on the <a href="#">callpage of Regieorgaan SIA</a> before the full proposal phase. The forms can be submitted by e-mail to <a href="mailto:dutp@regieorgaan-sia.nl">dutp@regieorgaan-sia.nl</a> by the submission deadline.  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | The board of the UAS has to be informed about the submission of this proposal and needs to agree with its content.<br><br>Participation of a Dutch cooperation partner in the transnational consortium is mandatory.<br><br>As a researcher, you may only be involved as contact person for your University of Applied Sciences once in this Call for proposals.<br><br>All consortium partners that are to receive the grant from SIA through the main applicant, are subject to the de minimis regulation (Regulation (EU) no. 1407/2013 of the European Commission of 18 December 2013). Based on the de minimis regulation, consortium partners may receive a maximum of €300,000 in government support over a period of three years. By completing the de minimis statement, consortium partners declare that in the event of the award of a grant by SIA, they will not exceed the de minimis threshold. If a consortium partner finds |

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|                       | <p>that the de minimis threshold will be exceeded with the grant from SIA (and other possible de minimis aid), this consortium partner cannot receive funding from SIA through the main applicant. The main applicant must take this into account when drawing up the application budget, and must therefore check for each consortium partner that will be involved as a co-applicant whether the subsidy amount applied for does not exceed the de minimis threshold. The de minimis statement, completed separately by each consortium partner, forms part of the full proposal.</p> <p>A minimum of 20% in-kind contribution of the requested subsidy, by the UAS or its partners, is required.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b> | <p>Funding for Universities of Applied Sciences: no limit on number of positions, rates based on the most recent version of <i>Handleiding Overheidstarieven</i> (HOT), Table 2 under 2.2 "Gemiddelde totale kosten per salarisschaal CAO Rijk in 2025", column "Uurtarief productieve uren, ex btw", costs for the participation of students and material costs. The most recent HOT tariffs must be applied for the entire duration of the project. Higher tariffs than HOT are not allowed.</p> <p><b>Other partners</b></p> <p>Other partners (than UAS), like SMEs, public authorities and/or NGO's based in The Netherlands may be funded within the project. Maximum funding percentage for these partners is 50% of their costs.</p> <p>For other educational institutions, TO2 institutions, governments and other government-funded institutions, the same rates apply as for universities of applied sciences.</p> <p>For organisations that do not use a comparable collective agreement (cao), the following salary scales from HOT table 2 under 2.2, columns productive hours apply. Project assistant scale 6. Junior scale 10. Medior scale 12. Senior scale 13. Director scale 16.</p> <p>In total the maximum allowed funding for other consortium partners, excluding the universities of applied sciences, is 25% of the funding by SIA.</p> <p><b>Participation of students</b></p> <p>It is allowed for students, connected to the university of applied sciences, to work within the project. If the students contribute as part of their curriculum, the rate according to the usual internship fee of the college or university applies.</p> <p>For students employed as student assistants, the rate according to Handbook of Government Rates (HOT), Table 2 under 2.2 "Gemiddelde totale kosten per salarisschaal CAO Rijk in 2025", column "Uurtarief productieve uren, ex btw", scale 1, applies.</p> <p><b>Material Costs</b></p> <p>Material costs include consumables, test setups, open access publications, hiring third parties, citizen science, (inter)national travel and accommodation costs (economy class), access to major (inter)national facilities and costs for permits, software licenses, conferences, fieldwork, guest researchers and data management.</p> <p>Equipment purchases (investments) are not included in project costs. For equipment, only depreciation costs attributable to the project can be claimed. Depreciation rates are calculated based on the historical purchase price excluding financing costs, a</p> |

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|  | <p>straight-line depreciation method and an actual useful life. Inclusion of costs for use of equipment older than five years is therefore not possible.</p> <p>Not eligible are costs that fall under organizational infrastructure and overhead, such as a fully functioning workstation, office automation, depreciation other than those mentioned above, housing, insurance, administration and provisions for archiving.</p> <p><b><i>In-kind contribution</i></b></p> <p>A minimum in-kind contribution of 20% is required. The in-kind contribution may be delivered by the UAS or its Dutch partners. The in-kind contribution may exist of either personnel or material costs.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</p>            |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p>More information about this call for Universities of Applied Sciences can be found at the website of Regieorgaan SIA: <a href="http://www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/dut">www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/dut</a>.</p>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>The NWO Grant Rules 2024 are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by Regieorgaan SIA.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by Regieorgaan SIA, within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the SIA website: <a href="https://regieorgaan-sia.nl/financiering/bezwaar-maken/">https://regieorgaan-sia.nl/financiering/bezwaar-maken/</a></p> <p>Regieorgaan SIA will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose.</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**

**Maximum funding percentages for Applied Research:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | N/A            | N/A                           | N/A                                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N/A            | 50%                           | N/A                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | N/A            | 50%                           | N/A                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | N/A            | 100%                          | N/A                                   |
| Public authorities                             | N/A            | 50%                           | N/A                                   |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | N/A            | 50%                           | N/A                                   |

## Poland – The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)–

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 2 300 000 EUR  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | approx. 5 to 9   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>up to 250 000 EUR per project if a single applicant from Poland (a research organisation or an enterprise) applies for funding</li> <li>up to 450 000 EUR per project if a group of entities from Poland applies for funding</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations);</li> <li>Enterprises - SME and Large;</li> <li>Groups of enterprises composed of at least two enterprises;</li> <li>Groups of entities composed of at least two research organisations or research organisation and enterprise. Aforementioned group of entities may additionally include other types of entities established as legal persons in Poland (other than enterprises) such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>local government units,</li> <li>non-governmental organisations,</li> <li>inter-municipal cooperations,</li> <li>associations of local government units.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Other types of entities than enterprises and research organisations may apply for funding only as a part of group of entities composed of at least two research organisations or at least one research organisation and one enterprise from Poland. The leader of the group of entities is research organisation or enterprise.</b></p> <p>A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</p> <p>Entities must conduct its business, R&amp;D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register (if applicable).</p> <p>For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large).</p> <p><b>Definitions:</b></p> <p><b>Research organisations</b> is defined as in the Article 2 (83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014").</p> <p><b>Enterprise</b> is defined as in Article 1 of Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.</p> <p><b>Local government units</b> shall mean "commune" ("gmina") or "district" ("powiat") in accordance with Polish local government acts: Act of 8 March 1990 on commune local - government (ustawa z dnia 8 marca 1990 r. o samorządzie gminnym) or Act of 5 June 1998 on district - local government (ustawa z dnia 5 czerwca 1998 r. o samorządzie powiatowym).</p> |

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|   | <p><b>Inter-municipal cooperation</b> refers to a legally established framework for voluntary collaboration among local government units such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <b>inter-communal union</b> ("związek międzygminny") established under Article 64 (1) of act of 8 March 1990 on commune local government (ustawa z dnia 8 marca 1990 r. o samorządzie gminnym),</li> <li>b) <b>inter-district union</b> ("związek międzypowiatowy") established under Article 65 (1) of act of 5 June 1998 on district local government (ustawa z dnia 5 czerwca 1998 r. o samorządzie powiatowym),</li> <li>c) <b>commune-district union</b> ("związek powiatowo-gminny") established under Article 72a (1-2) of act of 5 June 1998 on district local government (ustawa z dnia 5 czerwca 1998 r. o samorządzie powiatowym).</li> </ul> <p><b>Association of local government units</b> ("stowarzyszenie jednostek samorządu terytorialnego") refers to a Polish association registered in the Polish National Court Register (KRS) established under Article 84 of Act of 8 March 1990 on commune local government (ustawa z dnia 8 marca 1990 r. o samorządzie gminnym) or Article 75 of Act of 5 June 1998 on district local government (ustawa z dnia 5 czerwca 1998 r. o samorządzie powiatowym) in conjunction with relevant provisions of Act of 7 April 1989 on associations law (ustawa z dnia 7 kwietnia 1989 r. Prawo o stowarzyszeniach).</p> <p><b>Non-governmental organisation</b> refers to a Polish legal person established under provisions of act of 24 April 2003 on public benefit and volunteer activities (ustawa z dnia 24 kwietnia 2003 r. o działalności pożytku publicznego i o wolontariacie).</p> <p><b>Legal person</b> – a legal entity that is capable of having and amend legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons.</p> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <p>Type of research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic research (the eligible costs of fundamental research may comprise a maximum of 10% of total eligible costs of the project)</li> <li>• Industrial/Applied research,</li> <li>• Experimental development,</li> </ul> <p>TRL: 1-9</p> <p>We advise potential applicants to read and use 'A Guide To The Classification of Tasks In Socio-Economic R&amp;D Projects': <a href="#">A GUIDE TO THE CLASSIFICATION OF TASKS IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC R&amp;D PROJECTS - The National Centre for Research and Development - Gov.pl website</a> (English version) or <a href="#">Podręcznik kwalifikowania zadań w projektach B+R o charakterze społeczno-ekonomicznym - Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju - Portal Gov.pl</a> (Polish version)</p>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | <p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish full proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list of full proposals will be established.</p> <p>Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form.</p> <p>All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish full proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.</p> <p>If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities.</p> <p>Polish participants shall submit to NCBR a copy of signed international consortium agreement before signing the grant agreement with NCBR.</p>  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | n/a  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>personnel costs</b> (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff employed</li> </ol>  |

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|  | <p>on the research project);</p> <p><b>2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services</b> used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project; subcontracting a consortium partner is allowed only in justified cases, which shall be verified by a national panel of experts</p> <p><b>3. operating costs including</b> (depending on the type of eligible institution):</p> <p><b><u>Research Organisations</u></b> and other types of entities other than enterprises (i.e. local government units, non-governmental organisations, inter-municipal cooperations, associations of local government units):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents are eligible only to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; if such instruments or pieces of equipment are not used for their entire useful life within the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;</li> <li>• costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible;</li> <li>• other operating costs including: costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage);</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Enterprises:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; if such instruments or pieces of equipment are not used for their entire useful life within the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;</li> <li>• costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible.</li> </ul> <p><b>4. additional overheads</b> incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution):</p> <p><b><u>Research Organisations</u></b> and other types of entities other than enterprises (i.e. local government units, non-governmental organisations, inter-municipal cooperations, associations of local government units):</p> <p>additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means <math>4 = (1+3) \cdot 25\%</math>.</p> <p><b><u>Enterprises:</u></b></p> <p>additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, e.g. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means <math>4 = (1+2+3) \cdot 20\%</math>.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="http://www.ncbr.gov.pl">www.ncbr.gov.pl</a>  |



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| <b>Additional information</b> | <p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation);</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development.</li> </ul> |
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**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research  | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | not eligible   | Up to 50+5/15/25 (max. 75%)    | Up to 25+5/15/25 (max. 50%)           |
| Medium Enterprises                             | not eligible   | Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max. 80%) | Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max. 60%)        |
| Small Enterprises                              | not eligible   | Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max. 80%) | Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max. 70%)        |
| Universities, public research organisations    | Up to 100%     | Up to 100%                     | Up to 100%                            |
| Public authorities                             | Up to 100%     | Up to 100%                     | Up to 100%                            |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | Up to 100%     | Up to 100%                     | Up to 100%                            |

Funding quota of Polish participants may be up to 100% for research organisations and other types of entities (as defined in point 'Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution') other than enterprises (i.e. local government units, non-governmental organisations, inter-municipal cooperations, associations of local government units).

In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under Section 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.

In any case only Industrial Research, Experimental Development and Basic Research will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separated task.

The eligible costs of **basic research** may comprise **a maximum of 10% of total eligible costs of the Project. Funding for basic research may be granted only to research organisations and other types of entities than enterprises (i.e. local government units, non-governmental organisations, inter-municipal cooperations, associations of local government units) in cases justified by the specificity of the Project.**

For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations.

**Portugal / Centro Region of Portugal – Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro, I.P. (CCDRC)**

**(a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:**

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Sophie Patrício // Carlos Silveira<br>E-mail: ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt<br>Tel: +351 239 400 100   |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 500 000 €  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 3 - 5  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum requested funding for a consortium <b>with a regional main applicant: 200 000€</b></li> <li>Maximum requested funding for a consortium <b>with regional project applicants: 100 000€</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Additional information:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>If more than one regional applicant participate in the same consortium</u> applying for CCDRC's funding, the combined funding demanded by all the regional applicants must not exceed the maximum financial threshold established above: for projects with a regional main applicant (200 000,00 €); for projects with regional applicants (100 000,00 €). <b>Regional Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by CCDRC.</b></li> <li><u>If two or more Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium</u> apply for funding from the Portuguese agencies CCDRC and FCT, the <b>total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium</b> of 100.000 € (Portuguese participation) or 200.000 € (Portuguese coordination) per consortium.</li> <li>CCDRC and FCT, as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the <b>possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency</b> if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>If CCDRC or FCT reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p><b><u>Eligible entities</u> – Regional non-entrepreneurial entities from the Research and Innovation System (ENESII), namely:</b></p> <p>a) Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&amp;D units;<br/> b) State laboratories, associated or international laboratories based in Centro Region;<br/> c) Private non-profit institutions whose main purpose is R&amp;D activities, including Collaborative Laboratories (CoLab) and Technology and Innovation Centres (CTI);<br/> d) Other public and private non-profit institutions that carry out or take part in research activities. <u>These are eligible only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above.</u></p> <p><b><u>Enterprises will not be considered eligible in the context of this call.</u></b></p>   |

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|   | <p>To be considered an eligible partner, all applicants must comply with the requirements established in articles 123.º to 133.º, 138.º, 139.º (number 1) 141.º, 142.º, 144.º and 145.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.</p> <p><b>Only entities from NUTS II Centro or the ones that can assure that the investment will be made in Centro Region can apply to CCDRC's funding.</b></p> <p>The maximum funding rate to be considered is 85%.</p> <p><b>All applicants must get in touch with CCDRC before applying.</b></p>   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <b>All topics</b>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <b>All types of research and innovation.</b>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | There will be no need to submit a pre-proposal at regional level. However, if the project is selected to be funded, an application to a regional call (from Centro2030) must be submitted.   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>The <b>activities performed by regional stakeholders</b>, within the projects, must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. <u>Incorporate at least one activity of experimental development or industrial research</u>, according to the concepts presented in r) and y) of article 3.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital;</li> <li>II. Fit the scope of the following types of operations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scientific Research and Technological Development (R&amp;D);</li> <li>- Proofs of Concept;</li> </ul> according to a) and b) of article 136.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.</li> </ul> <p>To all other criteria and conditions not explicit in this annex, please consult Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital (<a href="https://data.dre.pt/eli/port/103-a/2023/p/cons/20240808/pt/html">https://data.dre.pt/eli/port/103-a/2023/p/cons/20240808/pt/html</a>).</p> |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | For <b>eligible costs</b> verify articles 9 and 143 (for the operation tipology "IC&DT" and "Provas de Conceito") of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                    |  |
| <b>Additional information</b>                                 | <p>When applying to the transnational call, <b>all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Declaration:</b></p> <p><a href="https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-de-compromisso-saccct/viewdocument">https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-de-compromisso-saccct/viewdocument</a></p> <p>The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the proposal to <a href="mailto:ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt">ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt</a>.</p>  |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | N.A.           | N.A.                          | N.A.                                  |
| Medium Enterprises                             | N.A.           | N.A.                          | N.A.                                  |
| Small Enterprises                              | N.A.           | N.A.                          | N.A.                                  |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 85%*           | 85%*                          | 85%*                                  |
| Public authorities                             | 85%*           | 85%*                          | 85%*                                  |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 85%*           | 85%*                          | 85%*                                  |

\* **Maximum** values; for detailed information about the funding rates see article 138 (for individual or collaborative projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities) of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.

## Portugal – FCT

Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to [Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds](#), published in Regulation No. 999/2016, in its current wording, that is, as amended and republished by Regulation No. 5/2024 of 3 January, and corrected by Rectification Statement No. 366/2024/2, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, No. 100, of 23 May 2024, and by all other applicable national and European Union legislation.

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Alexandre Maurício / Joana Pinheiro<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:alexandre.mauricio@fct.pt">alexandre.mauricio@fct.pt</a> // <a href="mailto:joana.pinheiro@fct.pt">joana.pinheiro@fct.pt</a><br>Tel: [+351] 213 917 648 // [+351] 213 911 567  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 500,000 euros (five hundred thousand euros)   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 4/5   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum requested funding for a consortium with a Portuguese Main Applicant [<i>coordenador/a de consórcio</i>]: <b>200.000,00€</b>.</li> <li>Maximum requested funding for a consortium with a Portuguese Project Applicant [<i>participante em consórcio</i>]: <b>100.000,00€</b>.</li> <li>If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the <b>same consortium</b> applies for funding by FCT, the <b>combined funding</b> demanded by all the Portuguese applicants <b>may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for projects with a Portuguese Main Applicant</b> (200.000,00€) or <b>Project Applicant</b> (100.000,00€). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</li> <li>If two or more Portuguese Proposing Institutions (PI) <b>from the same international consortium</b> apply for funding from the Portuguese agencies <b>FCT</b> and <b>CCDR</b>, the <b>total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of 100.000,00€</b> (Portuguese participation) <b>or 200.000,00€</b> (Portuguese coordination) <b>per consortium</b>.</li> <li>FCT and CCDR Centro, as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the <b>possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency</b> if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the MoU signed between the parties.</li> <li>If FCT or CCDR Centro reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | For eligibility of a partner as beneficiary please consult Article 3 of FCT Regulation.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | <b>FCT WILL FUND:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Circular Urban Economies Transition Pathway (CUE TP)</b>, all topics.</li> <li><b>15-minute City Transition Pathway (15mC TP)</b>, namely topic: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>15mC Topic #1: Next steps for multimodal urban mobility, building on the travel experience</b></li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Positive Energy Districts Transition Pathway (PED TP)</b>, all topics.</li> <li>Types of research and innovation (R&amp;I) activities to be supported: <b>Research-Oriented Approach (ROA)</b></li> <li>Project type of partner contribution to be supported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A – Applied Research</b></li> <li><b>F – Fundamental Research</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |

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|   | <p><b>FCT WILL NOT FUND:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>15-minute City Transition Pathway (15mC TP) Topic #2:</b> <i>Reimagining parking – transforming urban parking policies, as the proposal will be deemed ineligible.</i></li> <li>• <b>15-minute City Transition Pathway (15mC TP) Topic #3:</b> <i>Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation, as the proposal will be deemed ineligible.</i></li> <li>• <b>Innovation-Oriented Approach (IOA)</b> as types of research and innovation (R&amp;I) activities to be supported, <u>as the proposal will be deemed ineligible.</u></li> <li>• <b>Innovation typologies of project type of partner contribution</b>, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>I</b> – Innovation / implementation</li> <li>◦ <b>I-A</b> – Innovation / implementation and applied research</li> <li>◦ <b>I-A-F</b> – Innovation / implementation, applied and fundamental</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Proposals that choose innovation typologies of project type of partner contribution will be deemed ineligible even if the applicant has selected ROA as type of R&amp;I activity to be supported.</u></p>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research-Oriented Approach (ROA)</li> <li>• Project type of partner contribution: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ A -- Applied Research</li> <li>◦ F -- Fundamental Research</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | Not applicable  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | For eligibility criteria of beneficiaries and projects please consult articles 5 and 6 of FCT Regulation.   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to <b>eligible expenses</b> and in article 9 to <b>non-eligible expenses</b>.</li> <li>• Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the <b>salaries and other remuneration supplements</b> of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</li> <li>• Expenditure on <b>adapting buildings and facilities</b> is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</li> <li>• The <b>project's indirect costs</b> are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.</li> <li>• In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on <b>real costs</b>. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation.</li> <li>• For eligible costs, please also consult FCT's <a href="#">Normas de Execução Financeira</a>.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                    | <a href="https://www.fct.pt/concursos/concurso-2025-da-parceria-europeia-driving-urban-transitions-dut-">https://www.fct.pt/concursos/concurso-2025-da-parceria-europeia-driving-urban-transitions-dut-</a><br><a href="https://www.fct.pt/en/concursos/concurso-2025-da-parceria-europeia-driving-urban-transitions-dut-">https://www.fct.pt/en/concursos/concurso-2025-da-parceria-europeia-driving-urban-transitions-dut-</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>                                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For additional information please check FCT Regulation.</li> <li>• The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</li> <li>• Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a <b>Statement of Commitment</b> (SoC, <i>Declaração de Compromisso</i>) duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to alexandre.mauricio@fct.pt and joana.pinheiro@fct.pt. <b>Unjustified failure to submit the SoC by the specified deadline will render the proposal ineligible.</b></li> <li>• The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment.</li> <li>• Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</li> </ul>   |

**(b) Funding rates:**



| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              | 50%*           | 50%*                             | Not fundable                             |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 50%*           | 50%*                             | Not fundable                             |
| Small Enterprises                              | 50%*           | 50%*                             | Not fundable                             |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                             | Not fundable                             |
| Public authorities                             | 100%           | 100%                             | Not fundable                             |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 100%           | 100%                             | Not fundable                             |

\* Please check Article 7 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds for form of support and funding rate

## Romania – UEFISCDI

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Elena Simion<br><a href="mailto:elena.simion@uefiscdi.ro">elena.simion@uefiscdi.ro</a><br>+4021 307 19 93  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 1,000,000  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 4-5  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | 200.000 EUR for Romanian participant(s) as partner(s) in a consortium;<br>250.000 for the Romanian participant(s) – if the project is coordinated by a Romanian entity   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding – public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organisations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises, according to the national requirements.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | UEFISCDI will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Not required   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | N/A  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p>The following categories of expenses are eligible:</p> <p>A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);</p> <p>B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);</p> <p>C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;</p> <p>D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);</p> <p>E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members);</p> <p>F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed max. 25% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.</p> <p>To EU countries: no</p> <p>To Non-EU countries: no</p> <p>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work.</p> |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | <a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   | It is strongly advised to contact UEFISCDI before submission, in order to verify the eligibility of the researchers and avoid ineligible projects/research consortia.  |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                               | Basic research | Industrial/Applied Research | Experimental development/Innovation |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises*                              | 100%           | up to 65%                   | up to 40%                           |
| Medium Enterprises*                             | 100%           | up to 75%                   | up to 50%                           |
| Small Enterprises*                              | 100%           | up to 80%                   | up to 60%                           |
| Universities, public research organisations*    | 100%           | 100%                        | 100%                                |
| Public authorities*                             | up to 100%     |                             |                                     |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs* |                |                             |                                     |



## Slovakia – Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (CVTI SR)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details   |
|--|---|
| Contact Point  | <p>Juraj Fukatsch<br/>juraj.fukatsch@cvtisr.sk</p> <p>Magdaléna Švorcová<br/>+421 917 733 493<br/><a href="mailto:magdalena.svorcova@cvtisr.sk">magdalena.svorcova@cvtisr.sk</a></p> <p>Erika Jankajová<br/>+421 904 859 228<br/>erika.jankajova@cvtisr.sk</p>  |
| Funding commitment   | 1 800 000€  |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 3-6   |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | <p>The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 300,000 € (if the Slovak partner is the main applicant – 400 000€). The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 600,000 €.</p> <p>Contact CVTI SR, if higher allocation is needed.</p>   |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | <p>Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector)</li> <li>- Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes)</li> <li>- Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions)</li> <li>- Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities</li> <li>- Non-governmental non-profit organizations</li> <li>- Cluster organizations</li> </ul> |
| Eligible topics  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 15minC Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> <li>• Circular Urban Economies Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> <li>• Positive Energy Districts Transition Pathway: all topics (1-3)</li> </ul> <p>The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments in Slovakia.</p> <p>All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.</p>  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | All Slovak applicants must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the: Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | Proposals are to be submitted according to the regulations of both DUT and CVTI SR, including the specific requirements of Programme Slovakia and other applicable national rules.  |

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|   | Submission of full proposal: After having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform.  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>General eligibility rule:</p> <p>All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation</li> <li>- The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia;</li> <li>- Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project;</li> <li>- Costs of instruments and equipment</li> <li>- Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project;</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                    | <a href="http://www.cvtisr.sk">www.cvtisr.sk</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>                                 | <p>All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals.</p> <p>As previously mentioned, after having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform.</p> <p>The final formal funding decision is made by CVTI SR and only after the project was recommended for funding by the Partnership.</p> <p>All funded Slovak entities must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.</p> <p>Relevant national documents:</p> <p>Programme Slovakia, Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia.</p> <p>Useful links:</p> <p>Programme Slovakia</p> <p>SK RIS3 2021+</p> <p>Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**



| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              |                |                                  |  |
| Medium Enterprises                             |                |                                  |  |
| Small Enterprises                              |                |                                  |  |
| Universities, public research organisations    |                |                                  |  |
| Public authorities                             |                |                                  |  |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs |                |                                  |  |

\* The funding rates are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the: [Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021-2027](#)

## Slovenia – Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <p>Name: Dr. Suzana Seaptefrati</p> <p>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:suzana.seaptefrati@aris-rs.si">suzana.seaptefrati@aris-rs.si</a></p> <p>Tel: +386 1 400 59 11</p>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 0.4 M€  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 2-3   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | 0.15 M€ per project   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <p>Eligible beneficiary institutions (higher education institutions and research institutes) need to be registered at the ARIS register of research organizations and shall not be business sector entities. Business sector entities may apply; however, they need to ensure their own funding for participation. Eligible beneficiary institutions may participate in the consortium as Main Applicant or Co-Applicant.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (i.e. project leader of the Slovenian team) shall be a researcher holding a PhD degree who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- meets the ARIS requirements for a project leader of a basic or applied research project;</li> <li>- is registered at the ARIS register of researchers;</li> <li>- is employed at the Slovenian research organization (applicant) or will be employed when signing the grant contract at the latest.</li> </ul> <p>All participating researchers have to be registered at the ARIS register of researchers and must have available research hours according to the applicable ARIS rules.</p>   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All topics within all three Transition Pathways are eligible.   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | ARIS will only fund strategic (basic) research.   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | <i>All Slovenian applicants at the pre-proposal and full proposal stage are invited to contact ARIS as the applicant eligibility and proposed budget should be examined by ARIS prior to official submission.</i>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | /   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <p>Eligible costs for Slovenian partners are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- personnel costs (including social security, health, pension and other contributions according to national legislation);</li> <li>- material costs (travel and meeting costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs);</li> <li>- depreciation costs.</li> </ul> <p>Slovenian teams will be financed as price category A, B, C or D projects. The total sum of research hours is calculated by dividing the total grant sum by the value of research full time equivalent for the chosen price category of the project (A, B, C or D) in accordance with the national regulation concerning the funding of research activities from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia.</p> <p>Overhead is calculated up to 25% of all eligible costs calculated at the level of the chosen project category (without subcontracting costs) being a consistent part of the total grant sum. The calculation of overhead thus lowers individual category of eligible costs in a proportional manner. Overhead costs are used for covering the running costs of the research organisation related to the implementation of the project.</p> |

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| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/medn/">http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/medn/</a><br><br><a href="http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/">http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/</a>                  |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | Financial reporting is carried out on an annual basis according to the national rules. Mid-term and final progress reports are to be submitted according to the national rules. |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              |                |                                  |  |
| Medium Enterprises                             |                |                                  |  |
| Small Enterprises                              |                |                                  |  |
| Universities and research organisations        | 100%           |                                  |  |
| Public authorities                             |                |                                  |  |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs |                |                                  |  |

## Spain – Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
|--|--|-----------------------------|-----------------|--|--|--|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|--|---------|--------|---------|
| Contact Point  | Severino Falcón, Irene Carlos<br><a href="mailto:urban@aei.gob.es">urban@aei.gob.es</a>  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Funding commitment   | 1.000.000 €  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 7-8  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | <p>The following <b>funding limits for a three-year project</b> are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <table><tr><th colspan="4">Maximum funding per project</th></tr><tr><th></th><th>Direct costs (€)</th><th>Indirect costs (€)*</th><th>Total costs (€)</th></tr><tr><td>One AEI applicant</td><td>140.000</td><td>35.000</td><td>175.000</td></tr><tr><td>One AEI applicant - coordinator</td><td>220.000</td><td>55.000</td><td>275.000</td></tr><tr><td>Two AEI applicants – one of the as coordinator</td><td>260.000</td><td>65.000</td><td>325.000</td></tr></table> <p>* Indirect costs calculated as 25% of direct costs requested</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Up to additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget.</li></ul> <p>The previous table shows that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI is allowed per proposal as partner,</li><li>Two AEI applicants are allowed in the same proposal if one of them is acting as coordinator</li><li>These amounts refer to 3 years projects. In case of shorter projects, the amount will be adjusted accordingly</li></ul> <p>To establish the final funding amount, the AEI will consider the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration and the financial resources available.</p> | Maximum funding per project |                 |  |  |  | Direct costs (€) | Indirect costs (€)* | Total costs (€) | One AEI applicant | 140.000 | 35.000 | 175.000 | One AEI applicant - coordinator | 220.000 | 55.000 | 275.000 | Two AEI applicants – one of the as coordinator | 260.000 | 65.000 | 325.000 |
| Maximum funding per project  |  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
|  | Direct costs (€)   | Indirect costs (€)*         | Total costs (€) |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| One AEI applicant  | 140.000  | 35.000                      | 175.000         |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| One AEI applicant - coordinator                                    | 220.000  | 55.000                      | 275.000         |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Two AEI applicants – one of the as coordinator                     | 260.000  | 65.000                      | 325.000         |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | <p>The eligible beneficiaries are non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain) which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" and the <a href="#">PCI requirements document</a>.</p> <p>The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Spanish legal entities which are part of mixed centres will be considered as a unique beneficiary, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above.</p> <p>AEI's applicants are strongly encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. Spanish Industrial partners can apply to CDTI according to their eligibility rules.</p>   |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |
| Eligible topics  | <p>Only 6 topics are funded by the AEI:</p> <p>TP 15mC – 15-minute Cities</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Next steps for multimodal urban mobility, building on travel experience</li><li>Mobility policymaking in context of radical contestation</li></ol> <p>TP CUE – Circular Urban Economies</p>  |                             |                 |  |  |  |                  |                     |                 |                   |         |        |         |                                 |         |        |         |  |         |        |         |

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|   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Resilient green and social infrastructure</li> <li>2. Sustainable tourism – circular benefits and challenges</li> </ol> <p>TP PED – Positive Energy Districts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Driving a just transition: PED strategies in social and subsidised housing</li> <li>2. Ensuring positive socio-economic impact: PEDs in local economies and energy markets</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                      | <p>Basic/Applied research &amp; Innovation. AEI funds are intended to support excellent research and innovation developments and those tasks necessary to accomplish them. Management costs in case of project coordination can be also supported.</p> <p>Applicants mainly participating in tasks not directly involving research and innovation, such as entire communication work packages for the consortium not involving actual research activities, can be considered ineligible. <u>Mere diffusion, communication or other activities <b>will not be eligible</b> for funding.</u></p> <p>TRL: no constraints</p> <p>Duration of the projects: 36 months</p>   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>  | <p>The projects granted by the AEI must be aligned with the main objectives described in the <a href="#">Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación</a>.</p> <p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (Projects of International Collaboration, PCI). Applicants are encouraged to consult the <a href="#">PCI 2024-2</a> call text and especially the <a href="#">PCI requirements document</a> on the national call website, as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Important.</b></p> <p>Submission of proposals at the AEI. Within one week after the DUT proposal submission (until <u>Nov 24 at the latest</u>), the Spanish PI must submit the Spanish proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of the international joint proposal, the CV and the “Declaración responsable del investigador principal” (see Word document on the AEI website).</p> <p>You can find in the following link the documents and link to the AEI application system: <a href="https://www.aei.gob.es/driving-urban-transitions-sustainable-future-partnership">https://www.aei.gob.es/driving-urban-transitions-sustainable-future-partnership</a></p> </div>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b> | <p>Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Be eligible to the corresponding PCI (see <a href="#">PCI 2025-1</a> as an example) call and <a href="#">PCI requirements document</a></li> <li>○ Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</li> <li>○ Spanish PIs <u>must</u> have a contractual relation with the beneficiary covering the <u>expected total length of the project</u>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Incompatibilities</b> (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIs are not allowed to apply for funding in (i) more than one proposal of this transnational call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and (iii) in PCI calls in consecutive years.</li> <li>• If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI.</li> <li>• PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal to this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.</li> <li>• A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.</li> </ul> <p><b>Further requirements:</b> In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.</p> <p><b>Important and mandatory acknowledgement:</b> Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the AEI: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call (or its equivalent)”.</p> |

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| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</li> <li>Only personnel costs for new temporary employment dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will <u>not be</u> considered eligible costs.</li> <li>Direct costs such as current costs, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</li> <li>Overheads (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs).</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <a href="https://www.aei.gob.es/driving-urban-transitions-sustainable-future-partnership">https://www.aei.gob.es/driving-urban-transitions-sustainable-future-partnership</a>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p><b>Data Protection:</b> By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.</p> <p><b>Open Access and Open Data policy</b></p> <p>Applicants should comply with Open Access/Open Data specified in the respective PCI call or equivalent. The results of the funded research actions, including both the results disseminated through scientific publications and the data generated in the research, must be available in open access, with the exceptions indicated in the PCI call or equivalent.</p> <p><b>Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle:</b></p> <p>The projects granted under this call must comply with the DNSH criteria (see Article 6.5 of the <a href="#">PCI 2022-2</a>).</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research                             | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              |  |                               |                                       |
| Medium Enterprises                             |  |                               |                                       |
| Small Enterprises                              |  |                               |                                       |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100% of eligible costs                     | 100% of eligible costs        | 100% of eligible costs                |
| Public authorities                             | Check eligibility with the contact persons |                               |                                       |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | Check eligibility with the contact persons |                               |                                       |



## Spain – Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details  |
|--|--|
| Contact Point  | Milvia Soumbounou<br>Tel: +34 91 581 0579 /55 00<br>E-Mail: milvia.soumbounou@cdti.es; partenariadosHE@cdti.es   |
| Funding commitment   | 600.000€   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 3-6  |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | n/a  |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.  |
| Eligible topics  | All  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | Applied research TRL: 4-7  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI 's electronic submission system. CDTI 's application process consists of an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities and associated budget that the company will undertake in the project (please check Type of research funded and Eligible costs sections in this table). Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.  |
| Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency             | Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.  |
| Eligible costs   | Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs. Eligible costs: <input type="checkbox"/> Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) <input type="checkbox"/> Instrument and equipment costs <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price. <input type="checkbox"/> Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max EUR 2,000 per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (EUR 8,000 max. for the duration of the project). <input type="checkbox"/> Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI 's electronic submission system. |
| Website with additional information                                | CDTI Website   |
| Additional information   | CDTI will only fund technology-based activities classed as industrial research and/or experimental development (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. Please note that non-technological activities, e.g. communication, carrying out consumer/market studies, or developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding. R&D activities to be financed must be within the TRL 4-7 range and be carried out in Spain  |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type  | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises  | n/a            | 40%*                             | 40%*                                     |
| Medium Enterprises   | n/a            | 50%*                             | 50%*                                     |
| Small Enterprises  | n/a            | 60%*                             | 60%*                                     |
| Universities, public research organisations  | n/a            | n/a                              | n/a                                      |
| Public authorities   | n/a            | n/a                              | n/a                                      |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs                                       | n/a            | n/a                              | n/a                                      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subject to availability of funds</li> </ul> |                |                                  |  |

## Sweden - The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria: Information type

| Information type   | Details   |
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| Contact Points   | <p>Name: Celina Dahl<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:celina.dahl@formas.se">celina.dahl@formas.se</a><br/>Tel: +46 (0)73 020 81 63</p> <p>Name: Ann Maudsley<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:ann.maudsley@formas.se">ann.maudsley@formas.se</a><br/>Tel: +46 (0)73 056 48 07</p> <p>Name: Björn Wallsten<br/>E-mail: <a href="mailto:bjorn.wallsten@formas.se">bjorn.wallsten@formas.se</a><br/>Tel: +46 (0)72 216 99 52</p>  |
| Funding commitment   | 2.5 MEuro   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | 6-8 projects  |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | 300k Euro per project (400k Euro per project if the Main Applicant is Swedish).   |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | <p>Universities, research institutes, private companies (small, medium and large), private and public organisations that engage in economic activity<sup>2</sup>, public authorities, and NGOs.</p> <p>The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity (have a Swedish organisational number).</p>   |
| Eligible topics  | Formas funds activities by Swedish partners in projects that address any of the three CUE topics.   |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | Basic research, Industrial research/Applied research, Experimental development/Innovation (in accordance with Article 25 in GBER).  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | <p>Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the DUT Call 2025 and are invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage, will be invited to submit their proposal to Formas' system Prisma after stage 2, i.e. after the evaluation process has ended.</p> <p>Swedish applicants in the same project consortium who are invited to submit a full proposal, must make one single project application in Prisma.</p> <p>If a Swedish applicant must submit a "Model Declaration" or a "De Minimis Declaration", this document shall be submitted to Formas via Prisma as part of the full proposal (see further information regarding these declarations below).</p> |

<sup>2</sup> Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting of offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply. More here: [State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity - Formas](#)

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| <p><b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b></p> | <p><b>Companies (both privately and publicly owned) that want to be classified as small or medium sized companies</b> need to submit a "Model Declaration" certifying their size. This declaration can be found here: <a href="#">Model Declaration relating to the qualification of an enterprise as an SME</a>.</p> <p><b>Applicants for de minimis aid</b> must provide proof of how much aid of this type they have received over a specific period of time, here: <a href="#">Formas intyg om försumbart stöd.docx</a> (only in Swedish).</p> <p><b>For multi-party projects</b>, the project parties must certify that they will carry out the project according to Formas' decision: <a href="#">Projektparts godkännande</a> (only in Swedish).</p> <p><b>Research institutes and so-called research organisations, which carry out both economic and non-economic activities</b>, may be asked to provide a separate certificate: <a href="#">Intyg gällande separerad verksamhet eller underordnad ekonomisk verksamhet.docx</a> (only in Swedish).</p>   |
| <p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>   | <p>Formas funding is limited to costs eligible under the applicable legal basis for the aid. Within this scope, the following categories of costs are typically considered eligible for research and innovation projects:</p> <p><b>Personnel costs:</b> Salaries (plus statutory social contributions) for staff and PhD students directly working on the project.</p> <p><b>Equipment, land and buildings:</b> Purchase and depreciation of equipment, as well as premises costs, to the extent used for the project.</p> <p><b>Other direct costs:</b> Expenses such as consultant/contractor fees, software licenses, consumables, travel and conferences, publication costs, etc.</p> <p><b>Indirect costs:</b> Overhead costs according to Formas' rules (see below).</p> <p><b>Note:</b> As of 2025 Formas has updated our General Terms. For example, the previous SEK 500,000 cap on equipment has been removed. Indirect costs are now tiered by organisation type: for example, higher education institutions use their full cost rates as before, state linked research organisations may claim up to 45% of eligible personnel costs (for non-economic projects), and all other beneficiaries may claim up to 30%.</p> <p><b>For complete rules on eligible costs and overheads</b>, consult Formas updated <a href="#">Terms and Conditions for Grants</a>.</p> <p><b>For additional terms and conditions for multi-party projects</b>, see: <a href="#">Additional terms and conditions for multi-party projects</a>.</p> <p>Note that <b>VAT should not be included</b> in the budget figure.</p> <p>All costs must be reported in <b>EUR</b> in the international platform (UDiManager) and in <b>SEK</b> in Formas' national system (Prisma), if invited after the evaluation has ended. Use the historical EUR/SEK</p> |

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|  | exchange rate from the pre-proposal deadline, <a href="#">as published by Sveriges Riksbank</a> .   |
| <b>Information on state aid rules and websites with additional information</b> | <p>Formas can grant state aid and de minimis aid according to a number of legal bases in the EU's state aid rules.</p> <p>The provisions enabling Formas to provide funding to organisations are contained in the Swedish Government's Ordinance (2017:195) on state aid for research and development and innovation in the environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. This is based on the European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) 651/2014 Article 25 and De Minimis Regulation 2023/2832.</p> <p>Further information is provided via the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Terms and Conditions for Grants</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">State aid rules</a></li> </ul> |
| <b>Additional information</b>  | <p>All scientific publications resulting from projects funded by Formas must be published using immediate open access (OA): <a href="#">Formas requirements for immediate open-access publication</a></p> <p>Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both the DUT Partnership and Formas.</p>   |

#### (b) Funding rates according to GBER Article 25 and Non-State Funding

**Please note that these numbers do not include Formas' terms for overhead costs**, which were updated in January 2025.

| Organisation type   | Basic research | Industrial Research / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|---|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises (GBER) Article 25                         | 100%           | 50% (65%)                              | 25% (40%)                             |
| Medium Enterprises (GBER) Article 25                        | 100%           | 60% (75%)                              | 35% (50%)                             |
| Small Enterprises (GBER) Article 25                         | 100%           | 70% (80%)                              | 45% (60%)                             |
| Universities and public research organisations <sup>3</sup> | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |
| Public authorities  | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |
| Associations without economic activities                    | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |

<sup>3</sup> In order for Formas to grant a research organisation a grant with the support basis "Not State aid" (i.e. 100% funding), the research organisation as a general rule needs to submit a certificate to this effect. For more information, please contact Formas contact person.

**c) Funding rates according to De Minimis**

| Organisation type  | Basic research | Industrial Research / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--------------------|----------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises  | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |
| Medium Enterprises | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |
| Small Enterprises  | 100%           | 100%                                   | 100%                                  |

The funding rates above reflect the aid percentages permitted under Article 25 of the General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), the de minimis regulation and non-state funding for non-economic activities. In individual cases, the applicable rate will depend on the type of activity and the relevant funding basis. This includes whether the conditions for increased aid percentages under GBER are fulfilled as well as Formas' [Terms and conditions](#), which may specify lower rates or impose additional requirements. In case of any discrepancy, the applicable [State aid rules](#) shall prevail over this summary.

## Sweden – Swedish Energy Agency - Energimyndigheten (SWEA)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details  |
|---|--|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Emina Pasic<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:emina.pasic@energimyndigheten.se">emina.pasic@energimyndigheten.se</a><br>Mob: +46 165 442 189  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 1.5 MEUR   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 5-6  |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | N/A  |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | Universities, research institutes, SME's and large companies, public authorities, NGOs, civil sector.<br><br>Specifications: The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity.   |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | PED Transition Pathway, topics 1, 2, 3;  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Industrial/Applied research, Experimental development/Innovation   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Swedish applicants involved in awarded PED (1,2,3) projects will be invited to submit a national application to SWEA (via Mina sidor). Information about the submission will be provided in the invitation and by the contact person.  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | N/A  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | For information regarding eligible costs and the Swedish Energy Agency legislation see the Swedish national call text. <input type="checkbox"/> See Instruction in EU Regulation, GBER, 651/2014 CL2014R0651SV0020010.0001_cp 1..1 (europa.eu), and also <input type="checkbox"/> Swedish legislation – Förordning 2018:761 Förordning (2018:761) om statligt stöd till forskning och utveckling samt innovation inom energiområdet Svensk författningssamling 2018:2018:761 t.o.m. SFS 2018:1036 - Riksdagen The proportion of a company's level of support is determined partly based on which research category the various activities in the project are deemed to correspond to and partly based on the size of the company in receipt of the support.<br><br>Viable Cities criteria: |

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|  | <p>Co-financing rate for innovation projects should be at least 50% of the total project costs. The co-financing rate for demonstration projects should be at least 75% of the total project costs.</p> <p>The project consortium shall consist of at least three independent organisations from at least two of the following stakeholder groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> universities or research institutes;</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> companies</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> public sector</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> civil society organisations</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p>For full information see the Swedish national call information for this call at the webpages:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SWEA webpage: Utlysningar</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">SWEA website</a></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <a href="#">Hem - Viable Cities</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p>The Swedish Energy Agency is leading the energy transition into a modern and sustainable, fossil-free welfare society – applying our credibility, a comprehensive approach and courage. The Swedish Energy Agency funds research and innovation on new and renewable energy technologies, smart grids, vehicles and transport fuels of the future as well as smart, sustainable cities receives funding from us. We also support business development that allows commercialisation of energy-related innovations, and ensure that promising clean-tech solutions can be exported.</p> <p>Viable Cities is a Swedish Strategic Innovation Programme with a focus on climateneutral and sustainable cities. The programme's mission is to speed up the transition to climate-neutral cities by 2030 with a good life for everyone within the planet's boundaries. The programme is supported by Vinnova, the Swedish Energy Agency and Formas, where the Swedish Energy Agency is the principal authority. The Viable Cities programme brings together about 130 members in business, academia, civil society and public organisations. The Viable Cities Programme is affiliated partner to SWEA in the DUT Partnerships Programme.</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**





| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development<br>/ Innovation |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Large Enterprises                              | 100 %          | 50 %                             | 25%                                      |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 100%           | 60%                              | 35%                                      |
| Small Enterprises                              | 100%           | 70%                              | 45%                                      |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                             | 100%                                     |
| Public authorities                             | 100%           | 100%                             | 100%                                     |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | 100%           | 100%                             | 100%                                     |

## Switzerland – SNSF

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type   | Details  |
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| Contact Point  | Clémence Le Cornec & Delphine Konrad / email: dut@snf.ch   |
| Funding commitment   | 1'100'000 CHF + 250'000 CHF (approx. 1'350'000 EUR) -> tbc   |
| Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner | <b>3 - 5</b>   |
| Maximum funding per awarded project                                | The SNSF provides a <b>minimum grant of 100 000 Swiss francs per project</b> . The SNSF provides a maximum of 400,000 Swiss francs per applicant for a 3-years project (or maximum of 266'667 CHF per applicant for a 2-years project).  |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution              | Applicants must comply with the <a href="#">SNSF Funding Regulations</a> and be eligible to <a href="#">SNSF project funding</a> .   |
| Eligible topics  | All  |
| Eligible type of research and TRL                                  | <p><b>The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial.</b> Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act (RIPA) and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work are not scientifically independent.</p> <p>TRL: 1 to maximum 4</p>  |
| Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level              | <p><b>Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via mySNF</b></p> <p>Swiss partners must submit pre-proposals and full proposals <b>via mySNF</b> at the same submission deadline of the consortium application. These submissions are mandatory and do not replace the submission of the consortium application to the Call Secretariat.</p> <p><b>Pre-proposal</b> forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: DUT: Pre-proposal".</p> <p><b>Full-proposal</b> forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: DUT: Full proposal" and are to be linked to the pre-proposal by selecting its number in the data container "Relation to pre-proposal".</p> <p><b>In case of multiple Swiss partners participating in the same consortium</b>, only one application is to be submitted on mySNF, whereby one Swiss partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss partners are to be listed as "other applicants".</p> <p><b>International partners of the consortium</b> applying for funding at different funding agencies from the SNSF cannot be declared as "project partners" in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. For the submission via mySNF, they are to be declared as "consortium partners" instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.</p> |
| Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency             | <p><b>Participation of Swiss partners requesting financial support from the SNSF is restricted to one project</b> (Art.7.3, <a href="#">SNSF Regulations on project funding</a>). They may, however, participate in other consortia projects as self-financed partners.</p> <p>The maximum number of grants in the project funding scheme for the same funding period from the SNSF is limited to three grants, provided at least one grant is for an EU consortium project or has been granted on the basis of a lead agency, Weave or International Con-investigator scheme evaluation. <b>Swiss-based investigators who</b></p>   |

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|  | <p><b>already hold three SNSF grants in project funding cannot request financial support from the SNSF to participate in this call.</b></p> <p><b>Proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF projects</b> are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals (Article 17 of <a href="#">the SNSF Funding Regulations</a>).</p>  |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>                      | <p><b>Eligible costs</b> are outlined in the <a href="#">SNSF Funding Regulations</a> (Art. 28) and the <a href="#">SNSF General Implementation Regulations</a> (Section 2).</p> <p><b>Project overhead costs</b> cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Overhead contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate to the institutions of the SNSF awardees.</p>   |
| <b>Website with additional information</b> | <p>Information available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">SNSF Funding regulations</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">General Implementation Regulations</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">SNSF Regulations on Project Funding</a></li> </ul>   |
| <b>Additional information</b>              | <p><b>Data management plan (DMP)</b></p> <p>Applicants will have to complete the DMP on mySNF once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP has to cover the research data, which are collected, observed, generated or reused in the Swiss part of the project and has to comply with the <a href="#">SNSF Open Research Data Policy</a>.</p> <p><b>Consortium agreement</b></p> <p>Before the release of the funds, the SNSF requests the submission of a copy of the consortium agreement signed by all the partners.</p> <p><b>Grant management</b></p> <p>Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules described in <a href="#">SNSF Funding Regulations</a>. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds must be submitted via <i>mySNF</i>. As a final scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the final scientific report submitted to the DUT Call Secretariat. No other scientific report is requested.</p> |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research                         | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | n/a            | n/a   | n/a                                   |
| Medium Enterprises                             | n/a            | n/a   | n/a                                   |
| Small Enterprises                              | n/a            | n/a   | n/a                                   |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100% for applied research, 0% for industrial research | n/a                                   |
| Public authorities                             | n/a            | n/a   | n/a                                   |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | n/a            | n/a   | n/a                                   |

## Tunisia – Ministry Of Higher Education And Scientific Research (MHESR)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
|---|---|
| <b>Contact Point</b>  | <b>Hayet Souai: Hayet.Souai@mes.rnu.tn</b><br><b>Saida RAFRAFI FARHAT : saida.rafrafi@mesrs.tn</b>  |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | 0.5 M Euro  |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | 5   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | •   |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tunisian public institutions of higher education and scientific research and public research centers.</li> <li>- The coordinator/ Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférences).</li> <li>- The coordinator or Principal Investigator (PI) must be affiliated with a public research laboratory that is part of the partner institution involved in the project.</li> <li>- The critical mass of each research team involved must be composed of a minimum of five (5) statutory researchers (corps A and B), including at least two members with the rank of professor, associate professor, or equivalent rank.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All Call Topics of DUT are eligible for the MHESR: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Positive Energy District (PED)</li> <li>- 15-minute City (15minC)</li> <li>- Circular Urban Economy (CUE)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | TRL 3-7   |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | • NO  |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | •   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Travel and daily allowances,</li> <li>- Small equipment, logistics, and consumables,</li> <li>- service Contracts and research contracts (only for non-permanent staff),</li> <li>- Organization and participation in scientific events and meetings.</li> <li>- Publication and filing fees (required for scientific publications and patent filing),</li> <li>- Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | www.mes.tn  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   |   |

### (b) Funding rates:

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial / Applied Research | Experimental development / Innovation |
|--|----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              |                |                               |                                       |
| Medium Enterprises                             |                |                               |                                       |
| Small Enterprises                              |                |                               |                                       |
| Universities, public research organisations    |                | x                             | x                                     |
| Public authorities                             |                |                               |                                       |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs |                |                               |                                       |

## Türkiye – The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

### (a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria:

| Information type  | Details   |
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| <b>Contact Point</b>  | Name: Serhat MELİK / Arzu İpek YILMAZ<br>E-mail: <a href="mailto:dut@tubitak.gov.tr">dut@tubitak.gov.tr</a><br>Tel: +903122981863 / +903122981787   |
| <b>Funding commitment</b>   | EUR 600.000   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded by the funding partner</b> | -   |
| <b>Maximum funding per awarded project</b>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EUR 230.000 per project (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs),</li> <li>• Per partner <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-EUR 100.000 (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs)</li> <li>- EUR 125.000 (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs) if the Turkish partner is the project coordinator</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Private entities: EUR 230.000</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education institutions,</li> <li>• Training and research hospitals,</li> <li>• Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities),</li> <li>• SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Eligible topics</b>  | All topics of all transition pathways   |
| <b>Eligible type of research and TRL</b>                                  | Type of research: strategic (basic) research, applied research, experimental development<br>TRL: 1-8  |
| <b>Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level</b>              | Electronic application is required via: <a href="https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/">https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/</a>   |
| <b>Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency</b>             | National "1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation" Programme will be implemented. Further information will be announced on <a href="https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/">https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/</a>   |
| <b>Eligible costs</b>   | Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.  |
| <b>Website with additional information</b>                                | Further information will be announced on <a href="https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/">https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/</a>  |
| <b>Additional information</b>   |   |

**(b) Funding rates:**

| Organisation type                              | Basic research | Industrial /<br>Applied Research | Experimental development |
|--|----------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Large Enterprises                              | 60%            | 60%                              | 60%                      |
| Medium Enterprises                             | 75%            | 75%                              | 75%                      |
| Small Enterprises                              | 75%            | 75%                              | 75%                      |
| Universities, public research organisations    | 100%           | 100%                             | 100%                     |
| Public authorities                             | 100%           | 100%                             | 100%                     |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | -              | -                                | -                        |

\*Not Funded