



Joint Call for Proposals for Research and Innovation Projects

EUROPEAN PARTNERSHIP  
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DUT Call 2025

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## **INCLUSION PROCEDURE**

Adding partners to your proposal in the Second  
Stage - Frequently Asked Questions

### **IMPORTANT DEADLINES**

Submission deadline full-proposals: April 23, 2026 at 13:00 (CEST)

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## Revisions

If this document has been updated, the changes are tracked in the table below.

| <b>Date</b>         | <b>Update</b>  |
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| <b>March 3 2026</b> | Information regarding cooperation with Xjenza Malta has been added |
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### **Who can add new partners to their proposal?**

Any consortium invited to the Second Stage can invite **one or more** additional Co-Applicants from the following list of Funding Agencies and Ministries only:

- ARIS
- BF
- CCDRC
- FIO / VLAIO (university colleges only)
- HRZZ
- KAIA
- MHESR

As long as:

- The new Co-Applicant **was not declared ineligible** in the First Stage and was **not already part** of the initial consortium
- You, as Main-Applicant and your new Co-Applicant **contact** the Funding Agency and **the Funding Agency agrees**
- You inform the Call Secretariat (call@dutpartnership.eu) **14 days before the Second Stage closes** (9<sup>th</sup> of April) and attach the approval (email, letter,..) from the Funding Agency
- The additional Co-Applicant **may not effect a significant change** to the proposal's original aims, impact and main tasks, but should enhance the original focus of the proposal

### **Additionally, DUT's Cooperation with Xjenza Malta is also valid in Stage 2**

This year, the DUT Partnership is cooperating with the Funding Agency Xjenza Malta – as part of their A2P scheme, Malta-based researchers can join the DUT Call as **cooperation partners** and be reimbursed up to €300,000 for their participation in a successfully funded DUT project, provided that also the national application is successful. More information can be found [here](#).

As this cooperation is still valid, new Malta-based cooperation partners can join in Stage 2 as well.

### **Where can we find additional information on the conditions and contacts of these Funding Agencies?**

You may find all relevant information in **Annex A in the Call Text**.

### **Do you provide help in finding additional partners and projects one may join?**

We strongly suggest you use the matchmaking platform provided by DUT.

Additionally, Applicants of the 2025 DUT Call had the choice to give the Call Secretariat permission to publish their Abstracts on the website, so that they can easily be accessed in the context of this Inclusion Procedure. These Abstracts are uploaded [here](#) on the DUT 2025 website.

Please note that there are also proposals who did not give their permission – **therefore the list of abstracts is non-exhaustive**. Please check out the matchmaking platform as well!

### **Can we add more than one Co-Applicant to our proposal?**

Yes, **if the responsible Funding Agencies agree**. The additional Co-Applicants can be from the same country/region or from different countries/regions.

Additionally, you may add Cooperation Partners (project partners that do not apply for funding) at will, without needing the approval of any Funding Agencies.

**Can we add additional Cooperation Partners?**

Cooperation Partners (project partners that do not apply for funding) may be added to your proposal as long as their addition does not effect a significant change to the proposal's original aims, impact and main tasks, but rather enhances the original focus of the proposal. There is no limit on how many you may add.

**How do I add the additional Co-Applicant?**

You can add and invite the additional Co-Applicant directly in UdiManager, similar to the First Stage.

Please note that you first need the approval of the responsible Funding Agency, and must contact the Call Secretariat as outlined above.

**Can I delete partners who were declared ineligible or opted to leave the project?**

Yes, you may do so in UdiManager. Please note that, once deleted, project partners cannot be added back to your proposal.

**How do I add the additional Cooperation Partners?**

You can add the additional Cooperation Partners directly in UdiManager, similar to the First Stage.

**Can I add additional Co-Applicants funded by an Agency or Ministry who is not on the list above?**

This is not possible.

**Can new Malta-based partners be co-applicants?**

No, only cooperation partners may be added; cooperation partners can then be reimbursed up to €300,000 for their participation in a successfully funded DUT project, provided that the national application is also successful. More information can be found [here](#).