

E-Rare Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2018

"Transnational research projects on hypothesis-driven use of multi-omic integrated approaches for discovery of disease causes and/or functional validation in the context of rare diseases."

Guidelines for applicants

Submission deadlines

Pre-proposals: February 6, 2018

Full proposals: June 19, 2018

Useful links

The links to pre-proposal template, electronic proposal submission, call text and further information including "Looking for collaborations module" and Interactive FAQ can be found on the E-Rare website

www.e-rare.eu

Further information

<http://www.e-rare.eu>

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BACKGROUND

Under the umbrella of E-Rare-3 (ERA-Net for research programmes on rare diseases), the funding organisations mentioned in the call text have agreed to fund the tenth E-Rare Joint Transnational Call (JTC 2018) for collaborative research projects on Rare Diseases. The E-Rare funding organisations particularly wish to promote interdisciplinary collaboration and to encourage translational research proposals.

REGISTRATION

Research consortia who intend to submit a transnational project proposal should register at the electronic proposal system as soon as possible via the link:

<https://secure.pt-dlr.de/ptoutline/app/erare18>

The system will be opened in the first week of January 2018 latest. To register, please fill in the data sheet of the system. The same data sheet can be used for the final electronic proposal submission.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

There will be a **two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: pre-proposals and full proposals**. In both cases, one joint proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational proposal, and must be submitted to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) by one spokesperson, the coordinator.

Electronic pre-proposal submission is mandatory. To apply, please use the pre-proposal template provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu). Joint pre-proposals (in English) must be received by the JCS in an electronic version not later than **6st February 2018 at 05 p.m. CET**.

Electronic full proposals submission is mandatory. Please note that joint full proposals will be only accepted from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them. Full proposals (in English) must be received by the JCS in an electronic version no later than **19 June 2018 at 05 p.m. CEST**.

Please note that project coordinators will be provided with the opportunity of studying the assessments of external reviewers and commenting on their evaluations of full proposals (for details see point 5.3.3. *Rebuttal stage* in the “Call text”). The applicants will have up to one week (**between third and fourth week of July**) for this **optional response to the reviewers’ comments**.

Please note that a signed paper version of your proposal will not be solicited. However, both the electronic pre-proposals and full proposals need to be signed (electronic signature or a scan of the paper containing the signature will be accepted)

Please take into account that the online data entry may be overloaded on the days of the deadlines. It is therefore recommended to transfer all obligatory data in good time.

PRE-PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

One joint pre-proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational proposal, and must be submitted to the JCS by one spokesperson, the coordinator. Only transnational projects will be funded (please see consortium properties described in the “Call text”).

Please note that only the **pre-proposal templates** provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. The pre-proposal document must respect the format (DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced) and the length indicated. **Pre-proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.**

Pre-proposals must include the following information:

1. Project title and project acronym
2. Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator designated by the consortium to act as its representative
3. Names and full affiliations of the principal investigators participating in the joint transnational project
4. Duration of the project (months)
5. Total funding applied for (€)
6. Budget from associated research partners (in cash or in kind) (€)
7. Funding by Patients Organizations
8. Keywords (between three and seven keywords representing the scientific content)
9. Lay summary (max. 1600 characters including spaces)
10. Description of the project (once converted into Pdf document: max. 5 pages DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced, and margins of 1.27 cm). The summary must contain:
 - Background and present state of the art in the research field and preliminary results obtained by the consortium members;
 - Description of the working program including the objectives, the rationale and the methodology, highlighting the novelty, originality and feasibility of the project;
 - Description how the new research data in this project will be findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable (what data will be collected, processed and/or generated and/or reused; which methodology & standards will be applied; will the data be shared/made open access; how will the data be curated & preserved);
 - Unmet medical and patient need that is addressed by the proposed work and the potential health impact that the results of your proposed work will have;
 - Added value of the proposed transnational collaboration.

If the application concerns a request for extension of a project funded in previous E-Rare calls, add 1 page describing the scientific results achieved in that project so far.

11. Diagrams of the work plan, timeline, work flow and interconnections of work packages (Gantt chart, Pert or similar, max. 1 page)
12. In addition, two more sections can be added to the pre-proposal (optional):
 - a. a page of diagrams, figures, etc. to support the work plan description (max. 1 page)
 - b. a list of references (no page limit)
13. Budget plan of the project (template of the requested table is present in the application form)
14. Brief CV for each principal investigator including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the 5 most relevant publications within the last five years regarding the proposal (once converted into Pdf document: max. 1 page DIN-A4, Arial 11, single-spaced, margins of 1.27 cm per principal investigator)
15. Date and signature of the coordinator.

FULL PROPOSAL STRUCTURE

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any fundamental changes between the pre- and full proposals, e.g. composition of the consortium, objectives of the project, must be communicated to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) under exceptional circumstances¹.

Please note that only the **full-proposal templates** provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. The proposal document must respect the format and the length indicated. **Full-proposals exceeding these limitations will be rejected.**

Full proposals must include the following information:

- Project title and acronym
- Name and full affiliation of the project coordinator
- Names and full affiliations of each principal investigator and other personnel participating in the transnational project
- Duration of project
- Total project cost and total budget requested
- Funding from associated research partners
- Scientific summary (max. ½ page)
- Keywords (5 to 7)
- Background and present state of the art in the research field (max. 2 pages)
- Preliminary / previous results obtained by the consortium members (if the application concerns a request for extension of a project funded in a previous E-Rare Joint Transnational Call, please describe the scientific results achieved in that project so far, including: publications, collaboration, impact on clinical and public health applications and relevance to patients' needs.) (max. 2 pages, only if applicable)
- Work plan (aims, methodology, involvement of participants clearly defining the responsibilities and workloads [expressed in person months] of each participating research partner, time plan, project coordination and management; max. 15 pages. *The references to be included in the work plan are not included in the page limit of 15 pages.*)
- Added value of the proposed transnational project collaboration (max. 1 page)
- Unmet medical and patients' need that are addressed by the proposed work and the potential health impact that the results of your proposed work will have (max ½ page)
- Translatability of the project results: Description of the potential of the expected results for commercial exploitation and for future clinical, public health and/or other socio-economic health relevant applications (including description of the exploitation strategy for project results focussing on the next steps in the therapy development process (e.g. regulatory advice, orphan designation, cooperation with industry partners, business development concept etc.)) (max. ½ page)
- Description of patents and present / future position with regard to intellectual property rights, both within and outside the consortium (e.g. any barriers to sharing materials or translating the results into clinical application) (max. ½ page)
- Description of ongoing or submitted research grants of each participating partner related to the present topic (indicating funding sources [include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency] and possible overlaps with the project proposed) (max. ½ page per research partner)

¹ One of the exceptional circumstances may be that a preproposal has been opened for a research team from a country that joins E-Rare JTC 2018, but was not represented in the chosen preproposals to be elaborated into a full proposal (See "6.2. Opening of pre-proposals after the first evaluation round for involvement of researchers from countries joining E-Rare JTC 2018 but not represented in full proposals" in the Call text).

- Ethical issues of the project proposal. When applicable, ethical and legal issues (e.g. informed consent, ethical permits, data protection, use of animals) according to partner country and/or regional regulations (max. ½ page)
- Concept for sustainability of infrastructures initiated by the project (e.g. registries, cohorts, biobanks, databases, etc.) and their possible interaction with European Infrastructure Initiatives (where applicable, e.g. BBMRI, ELIXIR, INFRAFRONTIER, INSTRUCT, RD-Connect, etc.) (max. 1 page)
- Data management strategy (mandatory): description how the new research data in this project will be findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable: the handling of research data during & after the end of the project; what data will be collected, processed and/or generated and/or reused; which methodology & standards will be applied; whether data will be shared/made open access; how data will be curated & preserved (including after the end of the project) (max 2 pages)²
- Description of participation/engagement of Industry within the proposal, including their role and contribution (max. 1/2 page, only if applicable)
- Description of participation/engagement of patient organizations within the proposal, including their role and contribution (max. 1/2 page, only if applicable)
- Scientific justifications of requested budget (rational distribution of resources in relation to project's activities, partners responsibilities and time frame; when applicable specifying co-funding from other sources necessary for the project (max. ½ page per research partner)
- Financial plan for each consortium member
- Brief CVs for each participating principal investigator with a list of up to five relevant publications within the last five years demonstrating the competence to carry out the project (max. 1 page each)
- When requested by a national's eligibility criteria, additional information must be provided. The information provided will be checked by the corresponding national organisation

Applicants are invited to **name potential experts** suited for the evaluation of their full proposals. These experts should not have any conflict of interest (e.g. co-publication in the past three years or current close collaboration) with the partners involved, otherwise they will not be considered. Experts not suited due to conflict of interest (e.g. direct competition) could be also named in the electronic proposal submission system form.

PLEASE NOTE

Some advice to succeed with your proposal:

- **read several times the Call text**, including the aim of the Call JTC 2018 and the evaluation criteria
- make sure that your proposal falls into the **scope of the call**
- make sure that your proposal fulfills the **eligibility criteria of the joint call**
- make sure that all consortium members have understood the **national eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex 2) and that they fulfill these criteria**
- make sure that all consortium members **contacted their national representative** and confirmed eligibility with their respective funding organisations in advance of submitting an application (see **Annex 2**)
- prepare your proposal in advance
- enter the requested information on the submission site as soon as possible

² For more information on preparing a data management strateg, please consult Annex 1 of http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/oa_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-data-mgt_en.pdf and http://www.snf.ch/en/theSNSF/research-policies/open_research_data/Pages/data-management-plan-dmp-guidelines-for-researchers.aspx

- use the proposal templates provided on the E-Rare web site (www.e-rare.eu)
- respect the length limitations of each section in the proposals

Only the pre-proposal and full proposal templates provided on the E-Rare web page (www.e-rare.eu) will be accepted. Proposals exceeding the length limitations of each section **will be discarded without further review.**

Please note that proposals not meeting the formal criteria or the national eligibility criteria and requirements **will be declined without further review.** Applicants are advised to read the national eligibility criteria and requirements and confirm eligibility with their respective funding organisations in advance of submitting an application (Annex 2).

PROJECT START AND CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT

Consortium members of projects selected for funding **must fix a common project start date**, which would be the reference date for yearly and final reports and extensions. This common project start date must appear in the Consortium Agreement.

It will be the responsibility of the research consortium coordinators to draw up a Consortium Agreement (CA) suitable to their own partner in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, finances, intellectual right properties (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project.

The research consortium is strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date, and in any case the CA has to be signed no later than six months after the official project start date. Please note that national regulations may apply concerning the requirement for a CA. (Please contact your national contact point or check the country-specific information below).

The purpose of this document will be:

- to underpin the research partners' collaboration and provide the research partners with mutual assurance on project management structures and procedures, and their rights and obligations towards one another;
- to assure the CSC that the research consortium has a satisfactory decision making capability and is able to work together in a synergistic manner.

The following subjects (as a minimum) should be addressed by the CA:

- purpose of and definitions used in the CA
- names of organisations involved
- common start date of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of the research consortium coordinator and the research partners: person in charge, their obligations and key tasks, conditions for their change
- deliverables (transnational reports and if relevant requirements for national reports where coordination is required)
- resources and funding
- confidentiality and publishing
- Intellectual Property Rights (how this issue will be handled between research partners)
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes
- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract).

ANNEX 1: Overheads in each country/region

| COUNTRY/REGION | FUNDING AGENCY | OVERHEADS |
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| Austria | The Austrian Science Fund (FWF) | Overheads are not eligible costs for FWF |
| Belgium/Flanders | Research Foundation Flanders (FWO) | Overheads are not eligible costs for FWO |
| Belgium/French speaking community | Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) | Overheads are not eligible costs for FNRS |
| Canada | Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) | Overheads are not eligible costs for CIHR |
| Canada (Quebec) | Fonds de recherche du Québec-Santé (FRQS) | Overheads are not eligible costs for FRQS |
| Czech Republic | Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) | Please note that eligible costs for a Czech participant involved in a project consortium are defined by § 2 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on Amendment to Some Related Acts. The maximum indirect costs set for the present call are 25 % (flat rate) of direct costs without the sub-contracting. |
| Finland | Academy of Finland (AKA) | According to Academy guidelines for full cost model. Draft the application so that the Academy's contribution to funding comes to no more than 70% of the estimated total project costs. |
| France | French National Research Agency (ANR) | Please note that at ANR «overheads» means «frais généraux de gestion – frais de structure», and 8% of the total eligible costs must be applied if the partner belongs to a public research organisation, or 68% of the total personnel costs and 7% of other costs if you belong to another category (cf «Règlement financier ANR – section 4.2.3.5) |
| Germany | German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) | Overheads refer to “Gemeinkosten” (applicable for Helmholtz-centres and Fraunhofer-Society) as well as “Projektpauschale” (applicable for universities and university hospitals). The “Projektpauschale” generally will amount to 20% of the applied total project expenditure. For further information on the “Projektpauschale” please refer to https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/module/easy_formulare/download.php?datei=179 (Pos. 0865) or contact the German national contact point for this E-Rare call |
| Germany | German Research Foundation (DFG) | The “Programmpauschale” generally will amount to 22% of the applied total project expenditure. See www.dfg.de for further details. |

| COUNTRY/REGION | FUNDING AGENCY | OVERHEADS |
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| Greece | General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) | 15% calculated on the basis of the personnel budget of the partner. |
| Hungary | National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH) | 20% of the direct costs of the project. Applicants should consult NKFIH 'NN' call regulations for details. |
| Israel | Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) | 10% of the entire project |
| Italy | Ministry of Health (MoH-IT) | Up to 10% of the direct cost of the project, intended to cover the general cost of the institution that hosts the research team and which cannot be used by the research team |
| Latvia | State Education Development Agency (VIAA) | Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs exempt subcontracting, with justification). Overheads are part of the total budget and therefore must be respected when calculating funding limits. |
| Poland | National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) | That costs cannot account for more than 25% of eligible project costs, and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. |
| Romania | Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development & Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) | Up to 20% of the direct costs (excluding subcontracting) |
| Spain | National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII) | Up to 21% of the direct costs. |
| Switzerland | Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF) | Overheads are not eligible costs as part of the project budget. Overhead contributions are however calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by the Swiss applicants and are paid each year in retrospect at a flat rate. The amount of the flat-rate overhead contribution shall depend on the Federal funds available per year and on the maximum rate set periodically by the Swiss parliament. The percentage rate is 20% at most. |
| The Netherlands | The Netherlands Organisation for Health research and Development (ZonMw) | Overheads are not eligible costs for ZonMw. |
| Turkey | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) | Overheads are eligible costs and subjected to the terms and conditions stated in ARDEB 1001 Programme . |

ANNEX 2: National/regional regulations

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their E-Rare-3 National Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

AUSTRIA, FWF

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| Country | Austria |
| Funding organisation | Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung (FWF) / Austrian Science Fund http://www.fwf.ac.at |
| National contact person | Stephanie Resch Phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8201, E-mail: stephanie.resch@fwf.ac.at Anita Stürtz Phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8206, E-mail: anita.stuertz@fwf.ac.at |
| Funding commitment | 0.7M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 2 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | 400K€ |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organisation: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Only project-specific costs (see rules for FWF stand-alone project) No overhead allowed (according to national regulation there are 5% general costs) |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Proposals reaching a 1 st as well as a 2 nd stage (full proposal) of the call according to national rules. Detailed information may be found under the Internet http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Internationale_Programme/i_infosheet-era-net.pdf |
| Further guidance | http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/application/international-programmes/joint-projects-era-nets/ |

BELGIUM, FWO

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| Country / Region | Belgium, Flanders |
| Funding organisation | Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) http://www.fwo.be/ |
| National contact person | Alain Deleener +32 2 550 15 45 Toon Monbaliu +32 2 550 15 70 eranet@fwo.be |
| Funding commitment | € 200.000 |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 1 |
| Eligibility of project duration | Max. 36 months |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | See “Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member” below. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | <p>Art. 9. of the research project regulation is applicable:</p> <p>§1. The supervisor who is also the responsible spokesperson towards the FWO shall have a remunerated appointment of at least 10% at the relevant host institution, and additionally meet one of the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1° an Independent Academic Staff member with an appointment of at least 10% at a Flemish university; 2° an Independent Academic Staff member of at least 10% with an appointment at the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven and the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, for research related to religious studies or theology; 3° a research director of FWO; 4° a designated beneficiary of an ERC Grant with a Flemish university or the Evangelical Protestant Faculty in Leuven, the Faculty for Protestant Theology in Brussels, the Hogere Zeevaartschool, the Vlerick Management School, the Antwerp Management School or the Institute of Tropical Medicine as host institution; 5° a designated beneficiary of an Odysseus II grant with a Flemish university as host institution; 6° an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% affiliated to the Hogere Zeevaartschool and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in nautical sciences; 7° an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% (or appointed in a position with an equivalent English title) at the Vlerick Management School and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in management sciences; |

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| | <p>8° an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% affiliated to the Antwerp Management School and holder of a PhD, if the application is related to research in management sciences, 9° an (associated) professor or (full) professor of at least 10% at the Institute of Tropical Medicine and holder of a PhD. Or 10° an Independent Academic Staff member with a remunerated appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital;</p> <p>§2. All co-supervisors have to be researchers of at least postdoctoral level. Co-supervisors have a remunerated appointment at a host institution that can act as a main host institution as referred to in art. 3 or at an academic programme of a Flemish School of Arts, or at another Flemish research institution or at a federal scientific institution, where the co-supervisor belongs to the Dutch-speaking community. (Foreign researchers can participate as co-supervisor in the Big Science programme project without FWO funding, provided the collaboration is relevant for the project).</p> <p>§3. If the project involves several institutions that can act as main host institution as referred to in art. 3, at least the supervisor or one co-supervisor of each of these institutions shall meet the requirements set out in §1 of this article, and moreover hold such an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project applied for.</p> <p>§ 4. If the requirements set out in §1 are not met at the time of the application, the applicant needs to prove that this will be the case at the start of the agreement.</p> |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount. |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | No |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Only financial reports. |
| Further guidance | http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/european-programmes/era-net/ http://www.fwo.be/en/fellowships-funding/research-projects/research-project/regulations-for-research-projects/ |

BELGIUM, FNRS

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| Country / Region | Belgium (French Speaking Community) |
| Funding organisation | Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS) |
| National contact person | <p>Florence Quist Phone: +32 2 504 93 51 Email: florence.quist@frs-fnrs.be</p> <p>Joël Groeneveld Phone: +32 2 504 92 70 E-mail: joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be</p> |
| Funding commitment | 200.000 € |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 1 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | 200.000 € |
| Eligibility of project duration | 3 years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to 4 years but should remain within the 200.000 € budget maximum (cf. PINT-Multi regulations , art. III.3, second paragraph). |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-Multi regulations . It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-Multi regulations . It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-Multi regulations . It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria. |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Yes |
| Submission of other information at the national level | N/A |



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| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Financial reporting must be submitted to the FNRS. |
| Further guidance | PINT-MULTI regulations , SEMAPHORE |



CANADA, CIHR-IG

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| Country | Canada |
| Funding organisation | Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Genetics (CIHR-IG) |
| National contact person | Competition Lead, Competition Delivery / Priority Driven Research / Research, Knowledge Translation and Ethics Portfolio Canadian Institutes of Health Research / Government of Canada adrian.puga@cihr-irsc.gc.ca Tel: 613-952-5728 |
| Funding commitment | \$1.5M CAD \$150,000 per year per project. Please note that this is Canadian dollars |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 3-4 projects |
| Eligibility of project duration | 4 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | 3 years |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Academia, Clinical, Public Health |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22630.html#1-D1-1 |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22631.html |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Short application as per CIHR Funding Opportunity (link to follow) |
| Further guidance | «CIHR is pleased to be partnering with Muscular Dystrophy Canada (MDC) once again on this call. Of this \$ 1,800,000, \$ 300,000 is being made available by MDC to fund applications relevant to their mandate. » |

CANADA, FRQS

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| Country | Canada - Québec |
| Funding organisation | Fonds de recherche du Québec – Santé (FRQS) http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca |
| National contact persons | Maxime Beaudoin (514) 873-2114, ext 1369 maxime.beaudoin@frq.gouv.qc.ca Dr. Anne-Cécile Desfaits (514) 873-2114, ext 1368 annececile.desfaits@frq.gouv.qc.ca |
| Funding commitment | Minimum of \$500,000 (Additional funds from provincial partners maybe available) The maximum amount per grant is \$150,000 per year for up to 3 years. The maximum amount that can be requested in support of a Canadian component is \$150,000 (CAD) per year for up to 3 years from all Canadian funding sources CIHR-IG, FRQS and their funding partners. Funds are subject to availability of funds voted annually to FRQS by the National Assembly of Québec and FRQS Board of Directors' approval. |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | FRQS is providing funding for up to 1 to 2 Quebec teams as outlined in the call text. Canadian funders will be working together to maximize participation from the Canadian research community |
| Eligibility of project duration | Up to 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution. Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Quebec applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for FRQS research grants. Eligible institutions are Quebec Universities or Institutions within Quebec's health and social services network. Further information about eligibility are available on FRQS Common Rules and Regulations (section 2) |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Operational costs (research personnel, consumables, animals) Costs related to scientific and ethical evaluation (clinical research projects) Coordination-related cost (project administration and travel expenses for attending joint meetings) Costs related to knowledge translation and translation Conference attendance (up to 3% per year of the grant amount as of the second year) Further information about eligible costs is available in section 8 of FRQS Common Rules and Regulations. h Note: There is <u>NO</u> support for salaries of investigators. |



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| | <p>Overheads means “frais indirects de recherche” and will be managed separately by the FRQS. They should not be included in the requested budget. Please refer to http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/documents/11314/710199/FAQ_FIR_juillet2015.pdf/f8e1a7ea-4543-4462-8a2b-55cb8e2857b6 for further details.</p> <p>Additional requirement: FRQS applicants invited to submit a rebuttal/modified proposal must also submit a budget to FRQS in Canadian dollars. Specific instructions will be sent to investigators.</p> |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | A short proposal, including the budget in Canadian dollars will have to be submitted to CIHR via ResearchNet for all Canadian applicants invited to submit a rebuttal/modified proposal. Instructions will be sent via email to those applicants. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Scientific reports according to E-Rare 3 template and requirements only. Annual financial reporting according to FRQS Common Rules and Regulations. |

CZECH REPUBLIC, MEYS

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| Country | Czech Republic |
| Funding organisation | Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports (MEYS) www.msmt.cz |
| National contact person | RENATA HRUBÁ e-mail: renata.hruba@msmt.cz Phone: +420 234 811 504 Mobile:+420 770 145 082 |
| Funding commitment | 0.5 M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | (2-3) |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | No restriction |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | <p>The participants from the Czech Republic in the projects' consortia must meet the criteria of the research and knowledge-dissemination organisation (hereinafter referred to as "research organisation") in accordance with the Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/03). These might be public universities, public research institutes and/or another entities classified as research organisations.</p> <p>It is obligatory that the Czech participants involved in the projects' consortia prove compliance with the eligibility criteria and fulfilment of the conditions set by § 18 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on Amendment to Some Related Acts by means of a Statutory Declaration.</p> |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | <p>Eligible costs</p> <p>Eligible costs for a Czech participant involved in a project consortium are defined by § 2 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on Amendment to Some Related Acts. The maximum indirect costs set for the present call are 25 % (flat rate) of direct costs without the sub-contracting.</p> <p>The aid intensity for activities carried out by a research organisation might be at the level of 100 % provided that the research organisation complies entirely with requirements stipulated by the Article 2.1.1 "Public funding of non-economic activities" of the Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/03) and proves it by means of the above-mentioned Statutory Declaration.</p> <p>Should the above-stated criteria not be fulfilled by the Czech participant, funding rates will be adjusted appropriately by the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports and will reach the level of 100 % for fundamental/basic research activities, 50 % for applied research activities and 25 % for experimental development activities.</p> <p>For further information on the eligibility cost please see http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/e-rare.</p> |

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| <p>Submission of the proposal at the national level</p> | <p>It is obligatory:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - that the Czech participants involved in the projects' consortia prove compliance with the eligibility criteria and fulfilment of the conditions set by § 18 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds and on Amendment to Some Related Acts by means of a Statutory Declaration. - that each Czech participant in a project consortium is requested to specify the costs related to the envisaged R&D activities in detail by using the Eligible Costs Specification. <p>Template available on websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/era-net-cofund.</p> <p>All of the requested documentation (i.e. Statutory Declaration and Eligible Costs Specification) shall be sent by each Czech participant in a project consortium to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports no later than 6th February 2018, both by electronic correspondence and post.</p> <p>Detail information may be found under the Internet address (http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/era-net-cofund).</p> <p>The electronic version of requested documentation shall be sent to the address of electronic correspondence renata.hruba@msmt.cz.</p> <p>One signed and stamped hard copy (by the statutory representative of research organisation) of requested documentation shall be submitted as well following the instructions stipulated on websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports: (http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/era-net-cofund).</p> |
| <p>Further guidance</p> | <p>http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/e-rare</p> |

FINLAND, AKA

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| Country | Finland |
| Funding organisation | Academy of Finland (AKA) http://www.aka.fi |
| National contact person | Heikki Vilen +358 29 5335 135 heikki.vilen@aka.fi |
| Funding commitment | 600 000 € |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 2-3 Finnish project partners, max. 300 000 € per partner. If there are several Finnish partners in the same consortium, the maximum total commitment from AKA is 300 000 € per consortium. |
| Eligibility of project duration | Maximum 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Host Institution of PI: University, University hospital, Non-university research institute, Industry |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Personnel, Consumables, Animals, Subcontracts, Equipment, Travel, Overheads Full cost model applies; Requested budget from Academy must be no more than 70% of the full costs of a Finnish PI |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Only the submission of the joint proposal is required. There is no need to submit any documents directly to AKA. However applicants are requested to contact AKA's contact point (see above) before submitting the proposal. |
| Submission of other information at the national level | |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Yes, according to AKA guidelines |
| Further guidance | |



FRANCE, ANR

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| Country | France |
| Funding organisation | French National Research Agency (Agence nationale de la recherche –ANR-) http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr |
| National contact person | Health & Biology Department Agence Nationale de la Recherche –ANR- 50 avenue Daumesnil - 75012 Paris, France E-RareCalls@agencerecherche.fr Ingrid Pfeifer - Phone : (33) (0) 1 78 09 80 22 Daria Julkowska - Phone : (33) (0) 1 78 09 80 78 |
| Funding commitment | 2 M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 6 research partners The ANR has a maximum funding per coordinator/partner for this call: Each research team can be funded with a maximum amount of 300 000 € for a French coordinator and 250 000 € for a French partner. There is a minimum amount per partner: 15 000 € |
| Eligibility of project duration | 2-3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Eligible institutions: - Public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, universities, university hospitals, non-university research institutes (max. rate of support: 100% of marginal costs) - Enterprises: large & SMEs (max. rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs & 30% for larger companies) Additional eligibility criteria: - The coordinator (if from a French institution) must belong to a public research organisation. - ANR will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other calls. ANR will cross-check the proposals submitted to ANR through the national and international calls for possible demands of double funding. Furthermore, a French coordinator/partner cannot be involved in more than 3 proposals submitted for funding under ANR's Plan d'Action 2018. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Personnel costs for temporary contracts; small equipment; consumables and animal costs; travel; and sub-contracting, if necessary to carry out the proposed activities (sub-contracting costs of max 50% of requested budget per partner). Please note that at ANR « overheads » means « frais généraux de gestion – frais de structure », and 8% of the total eligible costs must be applied if the partner belongs to a public research organisation, or 68% of the total personnel costs and 7% of other costs if a partner belongs to another category (cf "Règlement financier ANR – section 4.2.3.5) |

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| Submission of the proposal at the national level | No |
| Submission of other information at the national level | Yes. Contacting the ANR national contact point is mandatory. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Yes. Financial reporting is submitted to ANR financial modalities and must be followed according to the contract that will be signed with the future beneficiaries. Scientific reports: individual scientific reports are not required. However, French partners should contribute to the central report to be submitted by the coordinator of the project to E-Rare. This report will be the basis for validation of yearly advancements of the project by ANR. |
| Further guidance | Plan d'Action 2018: http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/PA2018#documents Règlement financier: http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/fileadmin/documents/2017/ANR-Reglement-financier-2017.pdf |

GERMANY, DFG and BMBF/PT-DLR

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| Country | Germany |
| Funding organisation | <p>German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de</p> <p>German Research Foundation (DFG) www.dfg.de</p> |
| Management organisation | <p>For BMBF: German Aerospace Center, DLR Project Management Agency (DLR-PT) www.pt-dlr.de</p> <p>German Research Foundation (DFG) www.dfg.de</p> |
| National contact person | <p>For BMBF: German Aerospace Center DLR Project Management Agency Health Clinical research, structural funding Heinrich-Konen-Straße 1 53227 Bonn Germany</p> <p>Dr. Katarzyna Saedler (+49) (0)228 3821-1947 Katarzyna.Saedler@dlr.de</p> <p>Dr. Michaela Fersch Phone: +49 (0)228 3821 1268 Email: Michaela.Fersch@dlr.de</p> <p>Dr. Ralph Schuster (+49) (228) 3821-1233 Ralph.Schuster@dlr.de</p> <p>For DFG: Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) Kennedyallee 40 53175 Bonn Germany</p> <p>Dr. Katja Grossmann Tel. +49 (228) 885-2565 Fax +49 (228) 885-2777 katja.grossmann@dfg.de</p> |

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| Funding commitment | BMBF: 3 Mio€ DFG: 3 Mio€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | BMBF: 10-15 partners DFG: tbd |
| Eligibility of project duration | Maximum 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry (note for BMBF: industry is funded with a maximum of 50-60% of the total project cost; Note for DFG: industry is not eligible; some restrictions for non-university public research institutes; for further information see http://www.dfg.de/formulare/55_01/ |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation according to national regulations. Overheads : BMBF : Overheads refer to “Gemeinkosten” (applicable for Helmholtz-centres and Fraunhofer-Society) as well as “Projektpauschale” (applicable for universities and university hospitals). The “Projektpauschale” generally will amount to 20% of the applied total project expenditure. For further information on the “Projektpauschale” please refer to https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/module/easy_formulare/download.php?datei=179 (Pos. 0865). DFG: The “Programmpauschale” will generally amount 22% of the total project expenditure. See www.dfg.de |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | BMBF: No; DFG: After proposal submission at the E-RARE-3-portal the proposal will be assigned to DFG and BMBF by the management organisations. Proposals assigned to the DFG will then have to be uploaded at the ELAN-portal of the DFG. |
| Submission of other information at the national level | BMBF, DFG: Yes, for proposal selected for funding |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Yes, according to national regulations. |
| Further guidance | BMBF: tbd DFG: http://www.dfg.de/en/research_funding/programmes/individual/research_grants/index.html |

GREECE, GSRT

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| Country / Region | Greece |
| Funding organisation | General Secretariat for Research and Technology (GSRT) www.gsrt.gr |
| National contact person | DIMITROPOULOU Sofia s.dimitropoulou@gsrt.gr Tel. : 00 30 2107 458 187 |
| Funding commitment | 0.5 M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 2-3 projects tentatively envisaged to be funded |
| Eligibility of project duration | 36 months |
| National Programme | National Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization 2014-2020 http://www.gsrt.gr/News/Files/New1034/Executive%20Summary-2015-09-17-v04.pdf |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | a. All legal entities b. Individual Enterprises |
| Eligibility criteria and funding (Legal/administrative/financial conditions) | <p>Aid for research and development projects (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 article 25)</p> <p>1.Kind of Research. The aided part of the research and development project shall completely fall within one or more of the following categories: (a) industrial research; (b) experimental development;</p> <p>2. The eligible costs of research and development projects shall be allocated to a specific category of research and development and shall be the following: (a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project; (regarding the individual enterprises the contracts should abide by the national legislation and guidelines) (b) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. (c) Costs for of buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible. (d) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project; (e) additional overheads and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products, incurred directly as a result of the project;</p> |

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| | <p>3. The aid intensity for each beneficiary:</p> <p>A. Public Research Institutes and Universities The aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non economical activities in accordance to the point 19 of the article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01)).</p> <p>B. Private Sector (a) 50 % of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25 % of the eligible costs for experimental development; The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 80 % of the eligible costs as follows: (a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises; (b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled: (i) the project involves effective collaboration: — between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or — between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results; (ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software. Further information regarding the categorization of aid intensity and the eligibility of costs is available at the national guide published at GSRT website. For more information please contact the NCP.</p> <p>1. Eligible costs as Indirect Costs Up to 15% calculated on the basis of the personnel budget of the partner. Indirect costs are eligible for all Legal Entities.</p> <p>2. Upper funding limits for the eligible costs Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200 000 € per project (including indirect costs). Please note that this amount can be increased to 250 000 € <u>per project</u> if Greek partner assumes the project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research).</p> |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | After the selection of the projects at European level a national call will be launched for the submission of the approved proposals at national level in order to be funded by GSRT. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Yes, in two phases (interim and final report) |
| Further guidance | For more information please contact the indicated NCP for the current call |

HUNGARY, NKFIH

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| Country | Hungary |
| Funding organisation | National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH) http://nkfi.gov.hu/ ; http://nkfi.gov.hu/english/ |
| National contact person | National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Kéthy Anna tér 1, Budapest, H-1077, Hungary Előd Nemerkenyi Assistant of International Affairs, Department of Research and Development, NKFIH Phone: +36 1 8963987 E-mail: elod.nemerkenyi@nkfi.gov.hu Gábor Tóth head of department, Department of Research and Development, NKFIH Phone: +36 1 8961727 E-mail: gabor.toth@nkfi.gov.hu |
| Funding commitment | 150.000€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 1-2 |
| Eligibility of project duration | Up to 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Universities, academic and public research institutions, public health institutions (university or non-university hospitals and clinics) |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | All research-related costs (the guidelines to the NKFIH NN_17 call should be consulted and followed when preparing the budget plan) |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | The principal investigator must hold a Ph.D., D.Sc., or equivalent degree and be employed by an eligible institution. One researcher can be a principal investigator in maximum two research projects funded by NKFIH (including running OTKA/NKFIH projects). Researchers cannot participate in more than one proposal submitted to the same joint transnational call. |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Prior to submission, researchers will provide information to NKFIH, including applicant name and affiliation, as well as an estimation of the requested budget. Upon the ERA-NET funding decision an NN-type proposal should be formally submitted to NKFIH in its electronic proposal system (EPR). This is necessary for managing the project by NKFIH. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Required annually |

ISRAEL, CSO-MOH

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| Country | Israel |
| Funding organisation | Chief Scientist office, Ministry of Health (CSO/MOH) http://www.health.gov.il/ |
| National contact person | Dr. Irit Allon Phone: +972-2-5082167 Email: irit.allon@moh.health.gov.il |
| Funding commitment | Up to 300.000 euros |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | Up to 2 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | Up to 140000 euros, additional 20000 euros for project coordination |
| Eligibility of project duration | Up to 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Position in a university, research center or hospital. Research authority must approve position prior to submission. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | PI should hold a Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D., D. Sc or equivalent degree and employed by an eligible institution. Research will not be funded simultaneously by CSO-MOH on more than one grant (ERA-NET or national). Researchers can not apply for more than one grant from any ERA-NET funded by CSO-MOH or submit more than one proposal for any programme. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Materials and consumables; Travel (up to 10%); No salaries for applicants; No heavy equipment, Institutional overhead 10% |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Prior to submission, researchers will submit to CSO-MOH an IAbstract approved by their research authority including budget distribution. The IAbstract will contain the project title, acronym and partners and will elaborate the part of the Israeli group in the project. IAbstract is not the abstract of the entire project. No submission of IAbstract can result in declaration of the consortium as ineligible. |
| Submission of other information at the national level | If the application involves human or animal experiments, bioethics approvals must be submitted with the application or up to 4 months later. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Required annually. |



Further guidance

Please see detailed instructions at www.health.gov.il/research-fund

ITALY, MoH-IT

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| Country | Italy |
| Funding organisation | Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute) www.salute.gov.it |
| National contact person | Dr. Giselda Scalera phone: +39 065994 2596 Head Office 5 (Health Research IRCCS), Directorate General for Research and Innovation I Healthcare Ministry of Health, Viale Giorgio Ribotta, 5 -00144 Rome, Italy g.scalera@sanita.it ; research.EU.dgric@sanita.it |
| National programme | Framework National Programme "IRCCS Health Research" of the Ministry of Health. |
| Funding commitment | About 1 Mio Euro |
| Anticipated number of fundable project partners | 4-6 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner | ~ 0.25 M€ |
| Eligibility of project duration | Max 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Scientific Institutes for Research, Hospitalization and Health Care (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico pubblici e privati, IRCCS). |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | The simultaneous participation in proposals submitted to different transnational research calls, funded by the Ministero della Salute, is not allowed to Italian Principal Investigators or other research team members. In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicants prior to the submission of the proposals. To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return a pre-eligibility check form through IRCCS Scientific Directorate using WFR System before submitting their proposals to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent a written notification of their eligibility status. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project can be eligible. Personnel (only ad hoc contracts/consultants/fellowship, max 50% of the requested fund); travel costs and subsistence allowances (max 10% of the requested fund); equipment (rent/leasing only), consumables (no limit), dissemination of results (publications, meetings/workshops etc. - max 1% of the requested fund); data handling and analysis (no limit); overhead (maximum 10% of the requested fund). (All according to national regulations). Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with training activities only linked to the project. |

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| Submission of other information at the national level | After the joint ERAREJTC 2018 peer review has been completed and the final (scientific) ranking list has been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee, the Ministry of Health will invite the principal investigators of the projects approved for funding to enter the formal national negotiations (according to national regulations). The funding of this projects are under the Ricerca Corrente IRCCS rules. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level could be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health Ricerca Corrente IRCCS. |
| Further guidance | Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be found at www.salute.gov.it , on the website page dedicated to the yearly national calls (Bando ricerca finalizzata e giovani Ricercatori and Riecrac Corrente), or requested to the national contact persons. |

LATVIA, VIAA

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| Country / Region | Latvia |
| Funding organisation | State Education Development Agency - VIAA viaa.gov.lv |
| National contact person | <p>Dr. Maija Bundule Division of International Research programmes State Education Development Agency - VIAA Valnu iela 1, Riga, 1050 Latvia Tel: +371- 67785423 E-Mail: Maija.Bundule@viaa.gov.lv</p> <p>Dr. Uldis Berkis Division of International Research programmes State Education Development Agency - VIAA Valnu iela 1, Riga, 1050 Latvia Cell: +371- 29472349 E-mail: Uldis.Berkis@viaa.gov.lv</p> |
| Funding commitment | 0,42 M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 2 research partners |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | Max 70 TEUR/year corresponding for a max 3 year project to 210 TEUR total grant |
| Eligibility of project duration | 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | <p>Teams of researchers, working in active research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research Institutes - Universities <p>Enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity to do the research in Latvia and have their main research activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements. Two previous statements with sworn auditor's approval should be provided and they must reflect the scientific activity.</p> <p>The work carried out should be research.</p> <p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</p> <p>These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected.</p> |

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| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Researcher's team leader, principal investigators, leading researchers should be researchers according to Latvian legislation ("zinātnieks", possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field), and the work carried out should be research. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personnel costs incl. taxes; ○ Consumables; ○ Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; ○ Equipment (only depreciation costs); ○ Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment, materials and animals; ○ Travels (according to travel plan); ○ Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting). ○ |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | There is no special procedure at proposal stage. However, consulting national contact place is highly recommended. |
| Submission of other information at the national level | After selecting the project for funding all information necessary to fulfil the Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers should be submitted. The grant will be awarded if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the submitted project proposal of the partner of Latvia is in accordance with the criteria in the present document; - the submitted project proposal is selected for the award by the Call Steering Committee; - the project Consortium Agreement is signed, it is mandatory. The decision will be made by the State Education Development Agency – VIAA on the base of the project ranking list and/or funding recommendations by the Call Steering Committee. The available budget will be taken into account. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pre-financing 2. Report of scientific progress and justification of expenses submitted to the person responsible for monitoring 3. Interim payments based on the progress reports 4. Comprehensive final report submitted at the end of the project together with auditor's approval of costs |
| Further guidance | http://www.viaa.gov.lv/lat/zinatnes_inovacijas_progr/era_net_proj/par_era_net/ |

POLAND, NCBR

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| Country | Poland |
| Funding organisation | National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) (http://www.ncbr.gov.pl/) |
| National contact person | Marcin Chmielewski , Section for International Programmes, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, phone: +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl |
| Funding commitment | 600 000 EUR |
| Anticipated number of fundable research groups | 1-3 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner | Up to 200 000 EUR per project, regardless of the number of Polish research groups in the project consortium. |
| Eligible institutions | <p>Following entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research organizations • Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprise • Research consortia (according to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010) <p>Organization must be registered in Poland.</p> |
| Additional eligibility criteria | <p>All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws item 2045, 2016 (with amendments); • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1447, 2017 (with amendments); • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 299, 2015. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | <p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for 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; 3. costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration 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; |

| | <p>4. cost of contractual research, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>5. other operating costs including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;</p> <p>6. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of eligible project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means $6=(1+2+3+5)*25\%$.</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| <p>Submission of the proposal at the national level</p> | <p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>National funding rates</p> | <p>Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for universities or research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="591 655 2000 1070"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th>Large Enterprises</th> <th>Medium Enterprises</th> <th>Small Enterprises</th> <th>Universities and research organizations</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental/ Basic Research</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> <td>Not eligible</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial/ Applied Research</td> <td>Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td> <td>Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td> <td>Up to 100 %</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)</td> <td>Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)</td> <td>Up to 100 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.</p> | | Large Enterprises | Medium Enterprises | Small Enterprises | Universities and research organizations | Fundamental/ Basic Research | Not eligible | Not eligible | Not eligible | Not eligible | Industrial/ Applied Research | Up to 50+15 (max 65 %) | Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %) | Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %) | Up to 100 % | Experimental development | Up to 25+15 (max 40 %) | Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %) | Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %) | Up to 100 % |
| | Large Enterprises | Medium Enterprises | Small Enterprises | Universities and research organizations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fundamental/ Basic Research | Not eligible | Not eligible | Not eligible | Not eligible | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Industrial/ Applied Research | Up to 50+15 (max 65 %) | Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %) | Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %) | Up to 100 % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Experimental development | Up to 25+15 (max 40 %) | Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %) | Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %) | Up to 100 % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

ROMANIA, UEFISCDI

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| Country | Romania |
| Funding organisation | Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding |
| National contact person | Mihaela Manole: mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro Nicoleta Dumitrache: nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro |
| Funding commitment | 500.000 € |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 1-2 |
| Eligibility of project duration | Up to 36 months |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Up to 200.000 € per partner Up to 250.000 € per coordinator |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | <p>a. Staff costs;</p> <p>b. Logistics expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capital expenditure ; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - 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>c. Travel expenses;</p> <p>d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs.</p> |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | no |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | no |



Further guidance

<https://ufiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020>

SPAIN, ISCIII

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| Funding Organisation | National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII) www.isciii.es | | |
| National Funding Programme | Acción Estratégica en Salud (AES 2018) http://www.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-investigacion/fd-financiacion/convocatorias-ayudas-accion-estrategica-salud.shtml | | |
| National Contact Point for the 10th call of E-RARE | Maria Druet Email: mdruet@isciii.es Tel: (+34) 9182 22530 | | |
| Initial funding pre-commitment | 0.25 M€ Only 3 years projects 2-3 research groups | | |
| Maximum funding per awarded Spanish project partner | Up to 150.000 € per partner (overheads included) Up to 200.000 € per coordinator (overheads included) | | |
| Eligible institutions | | Coordinator | Partner |
| | Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) ¹ | YES | YES |
| | Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS) ² | YES | NO |
| | CIBER or CIBERNED | YES | NO |
| | In addition to the Spanish entities listed above the following entities could be eligible under some circumstances ³ | | |
| | Universities | YES | YES |
| | Research Performance Organizations recognized as such according to the Act 14/2011, of June 1st, of Science, Technology and Innovation, as well as the other ones hold by Public Administrations | YES | YES |
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted) 2. Accredited according to the RD 339/2004, of February 27th (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th) http://www.eng.isciii.es/ISCIII/es/contenidos/fd-investigacion/fd-institutos-investigacion-sanitaria/listado-de-iis-acreditados.shtml 3. Please note that these entities can only participate if they apply together with Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of the Spanish National Health System (SNS), Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de | | | |

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| | <p>Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS) CIBER or CIBERNED in the same proposal. It is not allowed to apply independently, thus there must be two beneficiary Spanish institutions in the same proposal.</p> <p>Due to administrative and legal regulations, the National Institute of Health Carlos III declares the 22nd of September 2017 as national deadline for the decision on fundable project consortia which include Spanish partners to be funded by ISCIII. Any concerned applicant in a proposal for which no final decision has been made by the deadline, will be declared not fundable by ISCIII.</p> <p>NOTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one partner per beneficiary institution may be funded within the same proposal - SMEs and other private companies are encouraged to participate at their own cost, as subcontractors or funded by other sources including CDTI open calls for internationalization | | |
| <p>Additional eligibility criteria</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only one proposal per Principal Investigator is allowed. Additional submissions will be declined - Researchers with an ongoing E-Rare project in 2019 cannot apply to the current call except if the researcher applies as coordinator <p>NOTE: There is no other incompatibility with AES 2018 Incompatibilities with other calls are subject to their respective specifications*</p> | | |
| <p>Eligibility of PI and team members</p> | <p>The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institution or be affiliated to CIBER, CIBERNED or an IIS.</p> <p>Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR) - Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts) - Researchers contracted by a RETIC or a CONSOLIDER - Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell” or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts) | | |
| <p>Eligible costs</p> | | <p style="text-align: center;">Coordinator</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Partner</p> |
| <p>Personnel Up to 3-year, full-time or part-time contracts (only for additional personnel) Excluded: Students and fellowships</p> | <p>Total cost per annual full-time contract: Technical expert, higher degree: 29.500 € Technical expert, medium degree: 24.500 € Technical expert, FP II: 20.500 €</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Not eligible</p> | |
| <p>Small Equipment</p> | <p>Up to 40.000 €</p> | <p>Up to 20.000 €</p> | |
| <p>Travel and Allowance</p> | <p>Up to 9.000 €</p> | <p>Up to 4.500 €</p> | |
| <p>Consumables</p> | <p>Up to 100% of direct cost</p> | | |
| <p>Subcontracting and other services</p> | <p>Up to 50% of direct cost. Private (bio)companies and SMEs included</p> | | |
| <p>Overheads</p> | <p>Up to 21% of direct cost</p> | | |
| <p>National phase</p> | <p>National applications will be required from applicants officially invited by ISCIII</p> | | |
| <p>Mandatory acknowledgement (1)</p> | <p>Any publication resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge “Award no. XX by ISCIII through AES 2017 and within the E-Rare framework” even after the end of the project.</p> | | |

SWITZERLAND, SNSF

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| Country | Switzerland |
| Funding organisation | Swiss National Science Foundation: www.snf.ch |
| National contact person | Raphael Banz Email: raphael.banz@snf.ch Tel: (+41) 31 308 21 82 |
| Funding commitment | 1 Mio Swiss Francs (equivalent to approx. 0.86 Mio €) |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 3-4 |
| Eligibility of project duration | 3 years |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | The requirements for applicants according to Art. 10 of the SNSF Funding Regulations apply. The applicant must be employed as a researcher at a higher education institution or at a research institution outside the higher education sector that is domiciled in Switzerland and whose basic financing is predominantly Swiss in accordance with Swiss law, or the applicant has been given an assurance of such employment in writing. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Natural persons are eligible to submit applications if they meet the general eligibility requirements for the submission of applications pursuant to Arts. 10 and 12 of the SNSF Funding Regulations , and Arts. 4 and 5 of the Regulations on Project Funding . Each applicant can submit only one proposal to the E-RARE JTC 2018. |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | The rules on eligible research costs according to the Regulations on Project Funding (Art. 8) apply. |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | Swiss applicants will be notified by the SNSF office to submit the full proposals with a detailed budget in Swiss Francs of the research work carried out in Switzerland after the submission of the full proposal to the E-RARE Joint Secretariat. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Yearly financial reports and a scientific report at the end of the project. |
| Further guidance | Collaborative projects including Swiss partners need to submit a DMP which complies with the open research data policy of the SNSF. |

THE NETHERLANDS, ZonMw

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| Country | The Netherlands |
| Funding organisation | ZonMw, The Netherlands organisation for health research and development, PO Box 93245, 2509 AE The Netherlands, http://www.zonmw.nl |
| National contact persons | <p>Dutch applicants are strongly advised to contact Nika Ritsema, MSc, Phone: +31-(0)70 349 54 85 E-mail: ritsema@zonmw.nl</p> <p>Dr. Harald Moonen Phone: +31-(0)70 349 53 49 E-mail: moonen@zonmw.nl</p> <p>Dr. Sonja van Weely E-mail: weely@zonmw.nl</p> |
| Funding commitment | 1.8 M€ maximum |
| Anticipated number of fundable Dutch project partners | ~ 8-12 project partners |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner | Up to 250.000 euro for a project partner for a 3-year project proposal |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project with two national research partners | Up to 250.000 euro for a 3-year project proposal. In case a project consists of two Dutch project partners the total amount of the ZonMw funding for the project is still up to 250 000 euro. |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Dutch universities, research institutes affiliated to universities, university medical centres, research hospitals, health promotion institutes and knowledge institutes, settled in The Netherlands. Max. 1 application as coordinator per person is allowed. Please note that the track record of the PIs is part of the assessment. Collaboration with patient organisations is recommended. Companies are eligible for funding of ZonMw in this call up to 20% (including VAT) of the Dutch budget in the applied project. Cofinancing by companies or in kind contribution of companies is encouraged. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | The principle investigator should have (or get upon granting of the project) an employment contract at the eligible institution for at least the duration of the project; the principle investigator does not need to have a permanent position at the institute. A letter from the department head or other responsible official of the institute has to be submitted at the deadline of application of the full proposal in which information |

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| | <p>on the employment contract of the principle investigator is indicated. Furthermore, in this letter the department head or other responsible official should also guarantee that the applicant will have the time and facilities to perform the research properly and according to plan. The principle investigator should show strong commitment to (the results of) the project.</p> |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | <p>Costs for personnel can be part of the application of the Dutch applicant. Scientific personnel has to be appointed at a scientific institution in The Netherlands. Furthermore, consumables, animals, equipment, travels, costs for dissemination of results (implementation) are eligible (see the ZonMw grant terms and conditions from 1st July 2013: http://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/documenten/Corporate/Grant_Terms_and_Conditions_from_1st_July_2013.pdf. Subcontracting by a SME is allowed up to 20% (including VAT) of the Dutch budget part in the application. In most cases (e.g. in case of university/university medical centers) overhead is not allowed and the salary scales of VSNU (universities; https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/zonmw/documenten/Subsidieoproepen/Tijdelijke_documenten/Berekening-G-posten-met-sal-peil-01-07-2017_VSNU.pdf) or NFU (University Medical Centers; https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/documenten/Corporate/Berekening_G_posten_met_sal_peil_01-08-2017_tbv_NFU.pdf). Please use the ZonMw budget formats as basis for the budget calculations.</p> |
| Eligibility of project duration | <p>Up to 3 years</p> |
| National phase | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Submission of the full proposal to ZonMw will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee. ZonMw will send a letter to invite you to submit the granted full proposal. - The Dutch consortium partners in honoured consortia have to comply with ZonMw procedures for honoured projects (e.g. uploading via ProjectNet - including the ZonMw budget format, and reporting annually). Scientific personnel has to be appointed at a scientific institution in The Netherlands. Honoured consortia with a Dutch partner have to draw up and sign a Consortium Agreement in which also the intellectual property rights are incorporated. - Before the start of the project the Dutch researcher needs to compose a data management plan (DMP) to explain how to make the data collection from the Dutch part of the research project FAIR (https://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/user_upload/Instruction_ZonMw_DMP_Eng-me_i_2017_02_def.pdf). |
| Further guidance | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The ZonMw grant terms and conditions (as of 1st July 2013) apply for Dutch consortium partners (more information: http://www.zonmw.nl/fileadmin/documenten/Corporate/Grant_Terms_and_Conditions_from_1st_July_2013.pdf). |

TURKEY, TUBITAK

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| Country | Turkey |
| Funding organisation | The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) http://www.tubitak.gov.tr |
| National contact person(s) | Jale SAHIN Phone : +90 312 298 1796 E-mail : e-rare@tubitak.gov.tr |
| Funding commitment | 0.6 M€ |
| Anticipated number of fundable research partners | 3-4 |
| Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner | 720000 TL |
| Eligibility of project duration | Up to 36 months |
| Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution | Legal body: university, university hospital, public research institutes, researchers from industry and SMEs. |
| Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member | Subjected to the terms and conditions of ARDEB 1001 Programme |
| Eligibility of costs, types and their caps | Personnel, consumables, subcontracts, equipment, travel. |
| Submission of the proposal at the national level | At both stages of the call, applicants must apply to the national programme. For details please send e-mail to e-rare@tubitak.gov.tr |
| Submission of other information at the national level | Applicants must submit necessary documents (Ethics Approval Certificate, Legal Permission Licences) stated in the ARDEB 1001 Programme at the first stage of the call. |
| Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level | Submission of the documents are subjected to the terms and conditions stated in ARDEB 1001 Programme |



Further guidance

<http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>