



ERA-Net HDHL-INTIMIC

Call for Joint Transnational Research Proposals

**“Prevention of unhealthy weight gain and obesity during crucial phases throughout the lifespan (PREPHOBES)”**

**Submission deadline pre-proposal:**

**7<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 at 16:00 CEST**

Link to: **[“Electronic proposal submission system”](#)**

For further information, please visit the website:

<http://www.healthydietforhealthylife.eu/>

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The promotion of healthy lifestyles with better diets and increased physical activity is of utmost importance for future public health, well-being and prosperity in Europe. Unhealthy lifestyles and the growing proportion of elderly in the population of Europe are accompanied by an increase in the prevalence of chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, cancer, neurodegenerative diseases and diabetes. The Joint Programming Initiative "[A Healthy Diet for a Healthy Life](#)" has been established to coordinate research in the areas of food, diet, physical activity and health in order to tackle the above-mentioned major societal challenges that no single country is capable of tackling on its own. The main aim of the JPI HDHL is to better understand the food-health relationship and subsequently translate this knowledge into programmes, products, tools and services that enable consumers in Europe and beyond to live a healthy life.

This joint transnational call intends to fund dedicated, top-class transnational research consortia to provide insights in innovative strategies to prevent or reduce overweight and obesity in defined target populations based on certain life stages.

This call is the third additional non-cofunded Joint Funding Action implemented in the frame of the ERA-Net Cofund HDHL INTIMIC (HDHL-INtesTInal MICrobiomics). Using this instrument the JPI HDHL aims at coordinating national and regional research programmes in the areas of food, diet, intestinal microbiomics and human health as well as food, nutrition and human health in general.

## 2. BACKGROUND

Overweight (BMI between 25 and 30) and obesity (BMI of 30 or greater) are associated with a range of chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes and certain cancers. The rising prevalence of obesity in Western countries is of particular concern due to the serious adverse psychological, social and health consequences. Overweight is the result of a positive energy balance, with dietary intake and physical activity being the principal health behaviours contributing to it. Similar to the body mass index, dietary and physical activity habits track strongly from youth to adolescence and adulthood. Therefore, it is important to establish healthy behaviours early in the lifespan to prevent overweight and obesity. Determinants (e.g. personal, socio-economics depending on the physical environment, etc.) of healthy behaviours, and targeted prevention strategies to address these determinants, differ across the life span, depending on levels of an individual's independence and autonomy, cognitive function, motivation and education, socio-economic status and competing life commitments. Thus, strategies to prevent unhealthy weight gain targeted to different phases across the life span are urgently needed.



### **3. AIM OF THE CALL**

The aim of this call is to encourage the development, implementation and evaluation of innovative strategies and multi-disciplinary approaches designed to prevent or reduce overweight and obesity, in defined target populations based on certain life stages.

### **4. SCOPE**

For this call, proposals will need to focus on one or more crucial phase(s) throughout the lifespan such as transition periods (for example from prenatal to postnatal phase/infancy, pre-school to school age, adolescence to early adulthood) or critical life events (moving, marriage, period in between pregnancies, diagnosis of a chronic disease, recovering from disease, retirement, migration, etc.).

Proposals should comprise a holistic and multi-disciplinary research approach to investigate determinants of healthy behaviours that contribute to overweight and obesity, and targeted prevention strategies considering individual as well as population-based and environmental factors. Strategies should incorporate policy-based interventions. Demonstration of implementation and impact resulting from the prevention strategies is critical. The design and research methodology should focus on system-level evaluation approach.

The research within this call should be solution-orientated. Different types of studies (e.g. pilot and feasibility studies, intervention studies, etc.) can be used to reach this goal. Strategies/approaches may be novel, or transferred from other fields, countries, target groups and/or cultures, or small existing pilot studies can be up-scaled onto a higher level. Proposals with solely descriptive research approaches are not eligible for this call.

New partnerships with operational stakeholders (e.g. schools, municipalities and local governments, local/national NGO's) should be built. Operational stakeholders should be in a position to influence decision making and change within their organisations and can act to ensure that the findings of the research will be translated to influence decision making and change within their (or other) organisations. They should be engaged in the research process from conception of the study to dissemination and implementation. In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to actively integrate patient and/or consumer organisations or citizen science approaches. Each research consortium should include at least one operational stakeholder as a partner (eligible for funding or participating with its own budget) in order to collaborate across sectors including the academic sector, public health sector, governmental sector, private sector and industrial partners. These new partnerships should increase the impact of research and facilitate its later use in public health practice, contributing to the sustainability of the funded initiative.

In addition, the following conditions apply:

- Each research consortium should involve different disciplines to achieve ambitious and innovative scientific goals. Proposals should clearly demonstrate the added-value from working together and the unique contributions of each partner.

- Proposals should consider potential moderators of effects such as age, sex, gender and ethnic or other demographic features/differences in the respective research approaches.
- JPI HDHL expects proposals to address how the data management following the FAIR principles<sup>1</sup> is applied (FAIR principles guidelines). In particular, proposals should explain how the knowledge/data gathered through their projects will be made available to the wider research community.
- Proposals should make use of existing biobanks and/or cohorts, if applicable. Otherwise, it should be explained why existing biobanks or cohorts are not used.
- Applicants should provide open access to peer-reviewed publications resulting from the projects.
- Proposals focused exclusively on treatment of obesity are not within the scope of this call.

Please note that additional conditions might apply at national level (refer to national regulations).

Funded consortia are expected to:

- participate in the joint projects' kick-off meeting that will take place in spring 2021. During this kick-off meeting, additional stakeholders from different fields will be invited as an umbrella activity to help and advise the projects on how to better connect to the policy level. To be able to attend the kick-off meeting, travel costs for at least the coordinator and 1 other partner of the consortium must be included into the budget plans.
- be actively involved in relevant activities under the umbrella of the JPI HDHL (including workshops, conferences, etc.).

#### **Expected outcome and impact of the call:**

- This call also aims to promote transnational collaboration, which is necessary for establishing multidisciplinary and complementary consortia that will allow the development of ambitious research projects that meet the needs identified by the JPI HDHL. Moreover, the coordination of the transnational research networks will also contribute to important research-related activities such as harmonisation of protocols, establishment and sharing of data and guidelines or/and sharing of research facilities and capacities. This call will contribute to the establishment of such research networks.
- Effective intervention strategies, particularly those targeting crucial transition periods as well as those tailored for individuals or groups in other critical life periods, should have the potential to significantly reduce the obesity burden and the risk of co-morbidities. Progress in the implementation of policy-based obesity prevention strategies, and identification of the ideal mode of delivery of strategies, can produce significant tangible health benefits and prevention of obesity and its co-morbidities.
- Dissemination of existing successful strategies, and upscaling onto a higher (European, global) level and/or to other target groups.
- Results are expected to have a societal and translational impact for future policies on lifestyle interventions and public health.

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<sup>1</sup> FAIR is the abbreviation for: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable

- The overall impact should consider sustainability for the consumer, society and the environment. The use of existing infrastructure and personnel could add value to the sustainability of the proposed project.

## 5. PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

The participating countries, respective funding organisations and their contributions are listed in the table below.

Country	Funding organisation	Acronym	Contribution in €
Austria	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research represented by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft)	BMBWF represented by FFG	385.000
Belgium	Research Foundation – Flanders	FWO	200.000
	The Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS	F.R.S. – FNRS	200.000
Czech Republic	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports Department of Research and Development	MSMT	500.000
France	French National Research Agency	ANR	1.500.000
Germany	Federal Ministry of Education and Research, represented by the Project Management Agency in the German Aerospace Center	BMBF represented by DLR	Up to 2.000.000
Ireland	Health Research Board	HRB	370.000
Italy	National Institute of Health - Istituto Superiore di Sanità	ISS	250.000
Latvia	Ministry of Education and Science	IZM	300.000
Spain	Spanish State Research Agency	AEI	300.000
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development	ZonMw	750.000 to 1.000.000



## 6. MANAGEMENT OF THE CALL

The call will be coordinated by the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS); set up at the Flanders Research Institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO, Belgium). The JCS will act as the primary contact point for interested researchers and research groups for information on general issues of the Joint Action and its technical aspects. For questions regarding the national regulations, please contact the national contact person (Annex).

Two boards, the Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC), will manage the evaluation and the selection process of the call. SEC and CSC members will not submit or participate in proposals within this call. The process includes the evaluation of pre- and full proposals and the final selection and award of research projects.

The CSC is composed of one single representative from each national/regional funding organisation participating in this call. The CSC will supervise the progress of the call and the evaluation of proposals. The CSC will make the final funding recommendation to the national/regional funding organisations based on the final ranking list provided by the SEC. All decisions concerning the call procedures will be taken by the CSC.

The SEC is a panel of internationally recognised, independent scientific experts responsible for the evaluation of submitted proposals. SEC members must sign a confidentiality form and a statement to confirm that they do not have any conflicts of interest. In addition to the SEC members, external experts chosen for their knowledge in specific fields covered by the proposals and in the absence of conflicts of interest with the evaluated proposals might also contribute to the evaluation.

## 7. APPLICATION

### 7.1 Eligibility

In general, joint research proposals may be submitted by applicants working in universities or other higher education institutions, non-university public or private research institutions, hospitals and other health care settings, commercial companies (in particular small and medium-size enterprises) or other types of stakeholder organisations.

**The eligibility of the afore-mentioned institutions, together with details of eligible costs (personnel, material, consumables, equipment, travel money, etc.), are subject to the individual administrative requirements of individual funding organisations and may therefore vary. Details of the national/regional eligibility criteria from individual funding agencies are provided in the Annex.**

Only transnational projects will be funded: each consortium must involve a **minimum of three** partners eligible for the participating funding organisation (see paragraph 5) and a **maximum of six** partners eligible for funding by the participating funding organisation from **at least three different countries**. No more than **two eligible partners from the same country** will be accepted in one consortium. Each research consortium must include at least one operational stakeholder as a partner/collaborator (eligible for funding or participating with its own budget) in order to collaborate across sectors including the academic sector, public health sector, governmental sector, private sector and industrial partners.



Additional participants -called **collaborators**- may participate in projects if they clearly demonstrate an added value and are able to secure their own funding. Collaborators can be researcher(s) or stakeholders from countries/funding organisations that are not participating in this call or researcher(s) or stakeholders from countries/funding organisations who are participating in this call but do not ask for funding. Collaborators must clearly state in the proposal that funds are secured at full proposal stage.

**Please note** that the majority of partners in a consortium and the project coordinator must be eligible for funding by the participating funding organisations in this call (see paragraph 5). A maximum of two collaborators is allowed per consortium and the total of number of partners and collaborators in the consortium must not exceed eight (including stakeholders).

Each consortium must nominate a coordinator. The project coordinator will be responsible for the scientific management of the project and for the communication of project results by all consortium partners. The project coordinator will act as the interface between the JCS and the consortium and represent the consortium externally. Each project partner will be represented by a single principal investigator who will be the contact person for the relevant funding organisation.

**Please note:** Inclusion of non-eligible partners (i.e., a partner applying for funding, who cannot be funded by their national funding organization according to the regulations outlined in Annex) in a proposal will result in the rejection of the entire proposal without further review. **Applicants are therefore strongly advised to contact their national funding organization and confirm eligibility before the submission of a proposal.**

## 7.2 Submission of joint proposals

There will be a **two-stage submission procedure**: pre-proposals and full proposals. Both pre- and full proposals must be written in English and must be submitted to the JCS by the project coordinator through the JPI HDHL electronic submitting system exclusively. The project coordinator and all principle investigators in the consortium should be registered at the [Meta Data Base of the JPI HDHL](#) before a proposal can be submitted. In addition, it is mandatory that they complete their profile information.

**Pre-proposals** must be submitted by the project coordinator before the **7<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 at 16:00 CEST**. The structure and content of the pre-proposal should strictly follow the “Guidelines for applicants”.

The decision on selection of applications for invitation to submit a full proposal will be communicated presumably half of June, 2020.

**Full proposals** must be submitted by the project coordinator before the **31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020 at 16:00 CEST**. Please note that full proposals will only be accepted from applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit a full proposal. The decision on the results of the full proposals evaluation meeting will be communicated to all project coordinators presumably in October/November 2020.



### 7.3 Changes between pre-proposals and full proposals

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Thus, any changes between pre- and full proposals concerning the composition of the consortium, objectives of the project or requested budget must be communicated to the JCS with detailed justifications and will only be allowed by the CSC under exceptional circumstances.

As an exception to the above-mentioned conditions, the following changes are allowed:

- Adding an eligible partner to the consortium from underrepresented countries that are participating in this call. In this call, countries will be considered as underrepresented when their available budget is significantly higher than the requested budget by successful applicants in the pre-proposal stage. The CSC will make the final decision on which countries will be considered as underrepresented and the JCS will communicate this to the applicants that will be invited to the full proposal stage.

This change will only be allowed under recommendation by the CSC and under the following conditions:

- 1) The project coordinator has to inform the JCS in case the consortium would like to add an eligible partner from an underrepresented country.
  - 2) The total number of partners and collaborators in the consortium must not exceed eight.
  - 3) The applicants have to clearly explain the added value of this additional partner in the full proposal.
- The work plan might be adapted according to the recommendations of the SEC.

Further information on how to submit pre-proposals and full proposals electronically and the application templates can be found in the "[Guidelines for applicants](#)". Applicants should take note of individual national/regional regulations, as adherence to these national/regional regulations is mandatory. Applicants are strongly advised to contact their national/regional contact person for more details or any questions regarding these regulations.

## 8. EVALUATION AND DECISION

Pre-proposals and full proposals will be assessed according to specific evaluation criteria (see below), using a common form. A scoring system from 0 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposals with respect to the different evaluation criteria.

### 8.1 Eligibility check

The JCS will check the proposals to ensure that they meet the call formal conditions (date of submission; number of participating countries and groups; inclusion of all necessary information in English; adherence to the proposal template). Proposals not meeting the formal conditions will be rejected. In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the national/regional funding organisations that will check the compliance with their respective regulations. Proposals fulfilling eligibility rules will be forwarded to the peer review process.

## 8.2 Evaluation of pre-proposals

All eligible pre-proposals will be forwarded to the SEC for a first evaluation. Each proposal will receive at least two expert review reports on a written basis from the SEC.

The evaluation criteria 1a-c, 2a-c and 3a-d (see paragraph 8.4) will be used for the evaluation.

SEC members will meet for a plenary discussion to jointly evaluate pre-proposals and recommend on those that should be invited to submit a full proposal. The CSC will meet to decide which proposals will be invited for full proposal submission based on the SEC recommendations. The JCS will communicate to each project coordinator the final decision with respect to their application.

## 8.3 Evaluation of full proposals

The JCS will check the full proposals to ensure that they meet the call formal criteria and have not changed substantially from the respective pre-proposals before sending them to SEC members.

Each full proposal will be allocated to at least three SEC members for written review. All evaluation criteria cited in paragraph 8.4 will be used for the evaluation of the full proposals.

During this second SEC meeting, each full proposal will be discussed by the SEC members based on the written evaluation reports so as to reach consensus scoring. As a result of these discussions and as an outcome of the SEC meeting, a ranking list of the full proposals recommended for funding will be established.

## 8.4 Evaluation criteria

### 1. EXCELLENCE

- a. Relevance of the project to the topic and objectives of the call.
- b. Novelty of proposed research and/or excellence in transferring or scaling-up of existing knowledge/research.
- c. Scientific quality of the proposal:
  - Significance of the research question and appropriateness of the proposed work to address this research question.
  - Clarity of the objectives.
  - Credibility of the proposed approach and methodology in relation to the objectives.
  - Expected progress beyond the state-of-the-art, innovation potential.
  - Competence and experience/expertise of participating research partners in the field(s) of the proposal.
  - Consideration of possible moderators of effects such as ethnicity, age, gender, socio-economic status and/or on other social aspects.

## 2. IMPACT

- a. Potential to translate expected results into public health policies and/or practice.
- b. Added-value of transnational collaboration: sharing of resources (biological material, models, databases, etc.), harmonization of data, sharing of specific know-how and/or innovative technologies, etc.
- c. Participation/engagement with relevant stakeholders including patient/consumer organisations.
- d. For *full proposals*: effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of intellectual property rights), to communicate the project results and to transfer them into public health policy and/or practice, and to manage research data where relevant.

## 3. QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THE IMPLEMENTATION

- a. Feasibility of proposal and likelihood of successful completion of proposed research within the anticipated timeline.
- b. Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (for *full proposals*: including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and time-frame).
- c. Complementarity of the participants in the consortium and their experience/expertise.
- d. Adequacy of the budget (for full proposals: appropriate distribution of resources in relation to project activities).
- e. For *full proposals*: Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management.
- f. For *full proposals*: Sustainability of the research capacities initiated by the project (e.g. FAIR data management).

### 8.5 Scoring system

**5 = Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.

**4 = Very good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but small improvements are possible.

**3 = Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion in question well but certain improvements are necessary.

**2 = Fair.** The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses that need corrections.

**1 = Poor.** The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.

**0 = Failure.** The proposal fails to address the criterion in question or cannot be judged because of missing or incomplete information.



Evaluation scores will be awarded for the three main criteria, and not singularly for the different aspects listed below the criteria. Each criterion will be scored out of five. A proposal is not fundable if one of the main criteria is scored below three. The maximum score that can be reached from all three criteria together is 15 points.

## **8.6 Decision**

Based on the ranking list established by the SEC and on available funding, the CSC will recommend to national/regional funding organisations/authorities the projects to be funded. Based on these recommendations, final decisions will be made by national/regional funding organisations/authorities and will be subject to budgetary considerations.

The JCS will communicate the final decisions to all project coordinators.

## **9. FINANCIAL AND LEGAL ISSUES**

### **9.1 Funding model**

The funding partners listed in paragraph 5 have agreed to launch a joint call using the virtual common pot mode. That means national/regional funding will be made available through national/regional funding organisations according to national/regional funding regulations. Each country/region funds only its national/regional component of the transnational research project.

### **9.2 Financial modalities**

Projects can be funded for a period of up to three years. Project partners will be funded by their national/regional funding organizations according to the respective rules and regulations.

The eligibility of costs (e.g., personnel, material, consumables, equipment, and travel expenses) is subject to the national regulations of individual funding organisations and may therefore vary. Each partner is responsible for providing financial reports to its national funding organisation. Prior to submitting a proposal, applicants should verify their eligibility and financial support and are advised to contact their national/regional contact person (see Annex for national/regional contact details).

In order to minimize the variability in the project starting dates between partners of one consortium, the project coordinator will be requested to seek a common starting date for all the partners of the consortium. Each partner will then be in charge of communicating the common starting date to its respective funding organisation. The goal should be to start the consortia of one call as similarly as possible.



### **9.3 Legal modalities**

#### **CONSORTIUM AGREEMENT**

Successful consortia should negotiate and sign a consortium agreement within the first 6 months from the start of the project. However, depending on the national/regional funding regulations, a consortium agreement between all partners must exist already prior to the start of the projects.

The consortium agreement will specify at least the following issues: decision making, monitoring, reporting, intellectual property rights, open access and sharing data/knowledge and (financial) resources. The exact content of the project consortium agreement will vary according to the nature and scope of the specific project. It is therefore recommended that each project partner thoroughly assesses the content of the consortium agreement. Further guidance and model consortium agreements can be found at the European IPR Helpdesk and DESCA websites. There is a shared responsibility between all partners of the consortium for progress of the project.

Upon request, this consortium agreement must be made available to the concerned funding organisations. In some countries, the consortium agreement might be required for release of the funds. Applicants have to comply with national/organizational regulations regarding this aspect.

Project coordinators having submitted an eligible proposal will be informed about the funding decision regarding their proposal by the JCS. They are responsible to communicate this information to their project partners. After a positive funding decision, project partners must directly contact their respective national/regional funder in order to start contract negotiations and accomplish the remaining steps until the research project can start.

## **10. RESPONSIBILITIES AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **10.1 Progress report**

The project coordinator is required to submit a mid-term scientific progress report on behalf of the project consortium to the JCS, detailing how the project is progressing in relation to planned objectives.

In case of a projects' runtime of three years, a mid-term report should be delivered after 18 months. Furthermore, a final scientific report should be sent to the JCS within a period of three months after the project ends. National funding organizations may also request annual progress reports and a final report on the project from the different partners from their respective country.

In addition, project coordinators may be asked to present two progress updates during an intermediate and final status symposium.



## 10.2 Communication

The project coordinator represents the consortium externally and is responsible for all communication with HDHL-INTIMIC and the JPI HDHL. For the effective contribution of the project to the objectives of the JPI HDHL and this HDHL-INTIMIC call, the project coordinator should be available to participate in meetings with the aim to:

- Exchange project results within the network of funded projects by the “Prevention of unhealthy weight gain and obesity during crucial phases throughout the life span” call and with other funded networks by the JPI HDHL.
- Develop a joint strategy to coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities of the JPI HDHL.

## 10.3 Utilisation of knowledge

The JPI HDHL supports an open access policy. Therefore, funded researchers should consider open access publication of their results. Due consideration should be given to consistency with similar policies that are already in place at national level. Further details are laid down in the “Quick guide for dissemination of the JPI HDHL research project results”. Researchers funded under the umbrella of JPI HDHL are requested to adhere to these JPI HDHL guidelines.

Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational JPI HDHL projects include a proper acknowledgement of JPI HDHL and the respective funding partner organisations. National/regional funding organisations may request additional statements regarding the national funding. In addition, it should include the following text:

“This project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the ERA-NET Cofund action N° 727565.”

## 11. ETHICAL ISSUES

Research supported by HDHL-INTIMIC must respect fundamental ethical principles. Applicants have to describe any potential ethical aspects of the work to be carried out, and how the project will fulfil applicable requirements in institutional, national and European Union legislation (including the ethical standards and guidelines of Horizon 2020). It is the responsibility of the applicants to identify if their proposed research requires ethical approval to be obtained from the relevant national or local ethics committee prior to the start of the projects.

## 12. CONFIDENTIALITY

The HDHL-INTIMIC JCS takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information provided in the application is treated as confidential.



### 13. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION

The following Data Privacy Notice applies:

By submitting an application, the applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their personal data<sup>2</sup>, in accordance with article 6.1 (e) and (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679) and for the purposes of

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- administering any subsequent funding award;
- managing the Funding Organisations relationship with them;
- analysing and evaluating the call;
- providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses on the funded projects;
- and complying with audits that may be initiated by the funding organisations and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may share applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may link the data that applicants provide in the application with national, bibliographic or external research funding data which is available through public subscription based databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other national / open datasets.

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<sup>2</sup> Last name, first name of the researchers, date of birth, professional contact information, degree(s), position (current and previous), fields of activity, place of work, organisation, address(es), curriculum vitae, ORCID number, name and reference of projects, pre-proposals, project proposals (scientific document, administrative and financial appendix).

## 14. TIME SCHEDULE

<b>When</b>	<b>What</b>
27 <sup>th</sup> of January 2020	Publication of the call
<b>7<sup>th</sup> of May 2020</b>	<b>Submission deadline pre-proposals</b>
19 <sup>th</sup> of June 2020	Communication selection pre-proposals
<b>31<sup>st</sup> of July 2020</b>	<b>Submission deadline full proposals</b>
October/November 2020	Announcement of the results
November 2020 – April 2021	Start projects
Spring 2021	Research projects' joint kick-off meeting



**ANNEX: Contact information of the national/regional funding organisations participating in the “Prevention of unhealthy weight gain and obesity during crucial phases throughout the lifespan (PREPHOBES)” Call.**

<b>Country</b>	<b>Austria</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Research (BMBWF) represented by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft)
<b>National contact person</b>	Name: Susanne Meissner-Dragosits E-mail: <a href="mailto:susanne.dragosits@ffg.at">susanne.dragosits@ffg.at</a> Phone: +43 57755 4406 Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG – Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft)
<b>Funding commitment</b>	€ 385.000,0
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	n.n.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	FFG will fund up to EUR 385.000,- per project.
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	<b>Max.</b> 36 months

<p><b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b></p>	<p>Research organisations from Austria, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– universities</li> <li>– universities for applied sciences (Fachhochschulen)</li> <li>– non-university research institutes/organisations</li> </ul> <p>All other organisations or stakeholders from Austria (e.g. SMEs, schools, municipalities, etc) may participate but do not receive funding.</p> <p>All details like organisations being eligible for funding or funding rates are listed in the <b>FFG Funding Instrument Guidelines</b> available on the FFG Call website:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes</a></p>
<p><b>Eligibility of PIs</b></p>	<p>See above.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>Eligible costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Personnel costs</li> <li>– Use of R&amp;D infrastructure</li> <li>– Costs of materials and supplies</li> <li>– Travel costs</li> <li>– Subcontracting</li> </ul> <p>Overheads are 25% of eligible costs (except subcontracting costs).</p> <p>The <b>national rules on eligible costs</b> for Austrian applicants can be found here:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-21">https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden/version-21</a></p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>In addition to the submission of the transnational proposal by the coordinator via the JPI HDHL electronic submission system, all Austrian applicants <b>are obligated to submit a national proposal via the FFG eCall</b> (pre-proposal and full proposal; <a href="http://ecall.ffg.at">http://ecall.ffg.at</a>).</p> <p>For detailed information please consult the FFG Call website:  <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– The national call for the first application stage (pre-proposal stage) closes on <b>08.05.2020, 16:00 CEST</b> (one day after closure of the transnational call).</li> <li>– The national call for the second application stage (full proposal stage) closes on <b>03.08.2020, 16:00 CEST</b> (three days after closure of the transnational call).</li> </ul> <p>After the deadlines, FFG will conduct a formal eligibility check of all Austrian project proposals.  The “Checklist for the national eligibility check“ can be found here:</p>

	<p><a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes</a></p> <p>Failing to comply with the detailed requirements of the eCall application procedure, the abovementioned deadlines and/or the eligibility criteria will result in the formal rejection of the national proposal!</p> <p>The national proposals will not be scientifically evaluated separately.</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p>The following FFG Funding Instrument is available for applicants from Austria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– <b>Transnational Projects of Oriented Basic Research</b> (Projekte der orientierten Grundlagenforschung -Transnationale Ausschreibungen)</li></ul> <p><b>Applicants from Austria are strongly advised</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– to contact their National Contact Person (Susanne Meissner-Dragosits)</li><li>– to consult the FFG Call website: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes">https://www.ffg.at/europa/ausschreibungen/hdhl_intimic_call2020_prephobes</a></li></ul> <p><b>before starting to prepare proposals for application.</b></p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Belgium (Flanders)</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
<b>National contact person</b>	<p>Toon Monbaliu +32 2 550 15 70</p> <p>Alain Deleener + 32 2 550 15 90</p> <p><a href="mailto:eranet@fwo.be">eranet@fwo.be</a></p>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	Up to 0,20 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	The 0,20 M€ commitment should allow for 6-7 projects to receive a top-up of max. 30.000 EUR.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	The FWO only participates with a so-called ‘top-up model’. This implies that applicants can only apply for <b>30.000 EUR maximum per project</b> , and max. 10.000 EUR per budgetary year, for the entire project duration.
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Max. 36 months.
<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	See ‘Eligibility of PIs’.
<b>Eligibility of PIs</b>	<p>In order to be eligible for FWO funding the researcher applying for the top-up should have a ‘running’ FWO project, that is fit to be integrated in/linked to a research consortium. In other words, a project that is ongoing at the moment the call opens, regardless of the remaining project term, and even if the runtime of the FWO project is expired at the moment the consortium in which the project is integrated starts.</p> <p>This condition should automatically imply that a researcher applying for FWO funding will respect the eligibility criteria for participation, according to the FWO research project funding channel, <a href="#">as stated in articles 9-12 of the respective regulation</a>, and which is a mandatory requirement.</p>

<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>The 30.000 EUR top-up amount, or max. 10.000 EUR per budgetary year, can be spent on all cost categories provided for by the regulations for research projects of the FWO.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>No</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points, in order not to jeopardize the eligibility of research consortia.</p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Funds for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
<b>National contact person</b>	<p>Florence Quist +32 2 504 93 51 <a href="mailto:Florence.quist@frs-fnrs.be">Florence.quist@frs-fnrs.be</a></p> <p>Joël Groeneveld + 32 2 504 92 70 <a href="mailto:Joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be">Joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be</a></p>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0,20 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	1
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	200.000 € maximum per project
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Max. 36 months.
<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-Multi regulations</a> .
<b>Eligibility of PIs</b>	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-Multi regulations</a> .
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-Multi regulations</a> .



<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	<p><b><u>Yes</u></b></p> <p>Applicants must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on <a href="#">E-SPACE</a> <b><u>for the same deadline as the consortium application is submitted.</u></b> Please select the “PINT-Multi” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p> <p>General rules and regulations of FNRS apply: <a href="http://www.frs-fnrs.be">www.frs-fnrs.be</a>.</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p>It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission.</p> <p>See also: <a href="http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets">http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets</a></p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Czech Republic</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports Department of Research and Development (MSMT)
<b>National contact person</b>	Daniel Hanšpach tel: +420 234 811 360 e-mail: Daniel.Hanspach@msmt.cz
<b>Funding commitment</b>	€ 500.000
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	1-2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	None
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to four years
<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	<p>The participants from the Czech Republic in the projects' consortia must meet the criteria of <b>research and knowledge-dissemination organisation</b> (hereinafter referred to as the "research organisation") in accordance with the <a href="#">Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/03)</a>. 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 <b>§ 18 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds</b> and on Amendment to Some Related Acts by means of a <b>Statutory Declaration</b>. The required procedure is described and the Statutory Declaration template is available on the websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports.</p>
<b>Eligibility of PIs</b>	



<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>costs for a Czech participant involved in a project consortium are defined by <b>§ 2 of the Act No. 130/2002 Coll. on Support of Research, Experimental Development and Innovation from Public Funds</b> and on Amendment to Some Related Acts. The maximum indirect costs set for the present call are <b>25 % (flat rate)</b> of direct costs without the sub-contracting.</p> <p>The <b>aid intensity</b> for activities carried out by a research organisation might be at the level of <b>100 %</b> provided that the research organisation complies entirely with requirements stipulated by the Article 2.1.1 “Public funding of non-economic activities” of the <a href="#">Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/03)</a> and proves it by means of the above-mentioned <b>Statutory Declaration</b>.</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 <b>100 % for fundamental/basic research</b> activities, <b>50 % for applied research</b> activities and <b>25 % for experimental development</b> activities.</p> <p>Each Czech participant in a project consortium is requested to specify the costs related to the envisaged R&amp;D activities in detail by using the national <b>Eligible Costs Specification</b> template available on websites of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports:  <a href="http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-1-1">http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-1-1</a>.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>All of the requested documentation for pre-proposals (<b>Statutory Declaration and Eligible Costs Specification</b>) shall be sent by each Czech participant in a project consortium to the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports both by <b>electronic correspondence</b> and <b>post</b>.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-1-1">http://www.msmt.cz/vyzkum-a-vyvoj-2/spolecne-programovani-1-1</a></p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>France</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	French National Research Agency (ANR)
<b>National contact person</b>	Dr. Martine Batoux Phone number : +33 1 73 54 81 40 E-mail: <a href="mailto:JPI-HDHLCalls@agencerecherche.fr">JPI-HDHLCalls@agencerecherche.fr</a> Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) 50 avenue Daumesnil, 75012 Paris France
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1,50 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	4 to 8
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	The ANR has a maximum funding per partner for this call: each partner can be funded with a maximum amount of 200 000 €. This amount is increased to 250 000 € for coordinator partner. Minimum amount per partner: 15 000 €
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	1 to 3 years
<b>Eligibility of partners</b>	ANR's funding regulations apply. Please refer to <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a> for more details.  ANR may finance Partners that have their primary establishment in France and/or Partners established in the EU and that can prove that they have a secondary establishment in France.  Within this framework, public research institutions such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, University hospitals as well as most French public interest foundations can apply, in general for up to 100% of direct costs. This list is not comprehensive and funding rates vary. Please consult <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a> for more details.  Private sectors may also apply. Funding rates vary based on types of research and sizes of entity.  Please refer to <a href="http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF">http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF</a> for more details.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of partners. Among others, eligible costs may include the following: personnel costs; equipment costs; consumables and animal costs; travel and

	subsistence costs; sub-contracting costs. Please refer to ANR's financial regulations (" <i>Règlement financier</i> " ANR) for full details.
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of other information at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	<p>ANR is not requiring additional scientific reports and will use the scientific reports submitted to the JPI HDHL/HDHL-INTIMIC by the project coordinator.</p> <p>For the public sector and the private sector, financial reports will be asked at the end of the project and annually, respectively.</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p>ANR will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts 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.</p> <p><b>More details in</b> the Annex for the participation of French partners ("<i>Modalités de participation</i>") at <a href="https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2020/aap-hdh2-2020-annexe-fr.pdf">https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap/2020/aap-hdh2-2020-annexe-fr.pdf</a> for further guidance on ANR's conditions and funding rules.</p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Germany</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) represented by the Programme Management Agency in the German Aerospace Centre (DLR-PT)
<b>National contact person</b>	Name : Dr. Svenja Finck Dr. Bärbel Edelmann-Stephan  Phone: +49 228 3821 1877 +49 228 3821 1639  E-mail: nutrition-HDHL@dlr.de Address: DLR PT, on behalf of the BMBF Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn Germany
<b>Funding commitment</b>	Up to 2,00 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	5-6
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	up to 400.000€ per partner*  *If there is only one German partner in a proposal up to 400.000€ can be requested; Two German partners in one proposal can apply for up to 700.000€ collectively
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to three years
<b>Eligibility of partners</b>	Eligible applicants are researchers or research groups from German universities, German university hospitals, German non-university research institutes and industry/SMEs registered in Germany (subject to certain conditions). German stakeholders (e.g. local governments/administration, non-governmental organisations, non-profit organisations, educational institutions) with proven competence in health promotion and prevention are generally also eligible for funding. For specific conditions see also German version of the call below
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	The following costs are eligible for funding (details see German version of the call): - Research costs (e.g. personnel, consumables) - Travel & networking costs - Communication & dissemination costs - Overhead costs ("Projektpauschale")

	Overheads are eligible according to standard BMBF regulations. Funding rates for universities, university hospitals and non-university research institutes can be up to 100% of their costs. Industry can be funded with a maximum of 50% of their cost.
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
<b>Submission of other information at the national level</b>	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
<b>Further guidance</b>	See also German version of the call: <a href="https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/richtlinie-zur-forderung-von-zuwendungen-fur-transnationale-forschungsprojekte-zur-9923.php">https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/richtlinie-zur-forderung-von-zuwendungen-fur-transnationale-forschungsprojekte-zur-9923.php</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Ireland</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Health Research Board (HRB)
<b>National contact person</b>	Name: Louise Drudy, ldrudy@hrb.ie
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0,37 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	Anticipated number of funded research groups: 1-2 projects
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	0,37 M€
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	36 months
<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	All eligible HRB Host Institutions, <a href="https://www.hrb.ie/funding/funding-schemes/before-you-apply/all-grantpolicies/hrb-policy-on-approval-of-host-institutions/">https://www.hrb.ie/funding/funding-schemes/before-you-apply/all-grantpolicies/hrb-policy-on-approval-of-host-institutions/</a>
<b>Eligibility of PIs</b>	<p>The Lead Applicant must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold a post (permanent or a contract that covers the duration of the award) in a recognised research institution in the Republic of Ireland (the “Host Institution”) as an independent investigator, or</li> <li>• Be a contract researcher recognised by the Host institution as an independent investigator who will have a dedicated office and research space for the duration of award, for which they will be fully responsible, or</li> <li>• Be an individual who will be recognised by the Host Institution upon receipt of the JPI-HDHL award as a contract researcher as defined above. The Lead applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Host Institution at the time of the application submission.</li> </ul> <p>The Lead Applicant must:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Show appropriate evidence of expertise matched to the nature and context of the project;</li> <li>ii. Show evidence of achievement as an independent researcher in their chosen research field by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Demonstrating a record of research output, with at least three publications of original research in peer reviewed journals. Where</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

	<p>appropriate, they should also provide evidence of other outputs such as published book chapters, reports to government and/or any other relevant outputs that have resulted in a significant impact in their field.</p> <p>b) Demonstrating record of independence by showing that they have secured at least one peer-reviewed research grant for a research project/s, as either the lead applicant or a co-applicant. Funding received for travel to seminars/conferences and/or small personal bursaries will not be considered in this regard.</p> <p>iii. Show evidence that they possess the capability and authority to mentor, manage and supervise less experienced researchers and to manage relationships with co-applicants, collaborators and the host institution.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>Funding available is inclusive of overheads and pension contributions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary related costs</li> <li>• small equipment costs</li> <li>• travel</li> <li>• direct running costs</li> <li>• FAIR data management costs</li> <li>• dissemination costs</li> <li>• overheads</li> </ul> <p>(in accordance with the HRB Policy on Overhead Usage, the HRB will contribute to the indirect costs of the research through an overhead payment of 30% of Total Direct Modified Costs (TDMC excludes student fees, equipment and capital building costs) for laboratory or clinically-based research and 25% of Total Direct Modified Costs if desk-based research.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>For full proposal stage: Irish partners are asked to provide a copy of the submitted full proposal to the HRB following submission to the European Portal. In addition, Irish partners will be requested to provide a list of <b>deliverables and supplementary budget information requested to the HRB</b>. This will expedite contract negotiations with HRB in the case of successful consortia with applicants from Ireland. Relevant templates will be provided by the HRB.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>Proposals from Irish institutions that include human Embryonic Stem Cell Research will be deemed ineligible</p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Italy</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Institute of Health - Istituto Superiore di Sanità (ISS)
<b>National contact person</b>	Name: Marco Silano Phone: +39 0649906001 E-mail: marco.silano@iss.it Address: Istituto Superiore di Sanità Viale Regina Elena 299, 00161 Rome, IT
<b>Funding commitment</b>	250.000 euros
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	1 (funding additional project/units will be considered if necessary)
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	250.000
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	36 months
<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	<p>Research groups belonging to National Institute of Health / Istituto Superiore di Sanità, ISS) with an excellent expertise in thematic areas relevant for the call are eligible to participate *.</p> <p>Applicants that belong to national public and private research institutions, that among their institutional and statutory scopes are “performing research activities” and not only are “promoting or supporting research activities”, can participate as project partner if they can provide their own financial resources to carry out the work. It is mandatory for all the private research bodies defined above that they state in the official documents (statute and/or articles of incorporation, memorandum of association) their non-profit’s purpose.</p> <p>SMEs, industries and organisms with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the network is proven and if they are willing to share data and results within the OBESITY PREVENTION initiative. They must be able to provide their own financial resources to carry out the work. A short description of the Enterprise involved in a proposal, its role and the added value brought to the project with its participation must be included together with a declaration on own-funding.</p> <p>* ISS contribution will be available for supporting ISS researchers only.</p>



<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>Personnel– Only non-permanent scientific staff (including foreign visiting scientists, post docs, PhD students, fellowships and grants).</p> <p>Travel expenses-for permanent and non-permanent staff.</p> <p>Consumables</p> <p>External activity costs – expenditures for activity carried out externally to the research applicant (Consultancy services, agreements, material transportation when needed for the project implementation).</p> <p>Overheads – no more than 10% of the total amount of the above mentioned costs.</p> <p>Coordination – if ISS is playing a role of coordinator, non-permanent administrative staff can be included in the coordination cost.</p> <p>Subcontractors are not allowed</p> <p>ISS in cash contribution will be available for supporting ISS researchers only by up to 100% of the approved eligible project costs.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p>Once the Project has been approved for funding and during the negotiation, each research unit will have to fill in the forms provided by the ISS and present it to the funding bodies to apply for contribution.</p> <p>In case of a research unit acting as coordinator, the description of the general plan of activities must also be presented to the funding bodies, including the activity of all partners and the financial sheet of the Italian research participants.</p>
<p><b>Submission of other information at the national level</b></p>	<p>On request in case of a positive funding recommendation</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b></p>	<p>On request in case of a positive funding recommendation</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>The criteria and provisions herewith are intended for informative purpose and refer to this specific call.</p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Latvia</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia (IZM)
<b>National contact person</b>	Kaspars Karolis, Senior Expert on International Initiatives ( Kaspars.karolis@izm.gov.lv , +37167047996)
<b>Funding commitment</b>	300.000€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	1-2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<p>€210,000 for partners, €300,000 for LPs – Max. LV Total budget requested by ALL Latvian partners within the one proposal: €300,000.</p> <p>The maximum amount that a Latvian PI can request is 70 000 EURO per year or LPI 100 000 per year. In case of two Latvian partners in a consortium, the maximum total funding available for a project is 100 000 EUR/year.</p>
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Attention! Latvian partners have to end all activities until the 1.11.2023, and submit a report in 1 month thereafter!
<b>Eligibility of a partners</b>	<p>R&amp;D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) that are listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. Entity must apply to Research Organization definitions according to regulation 651/2014.</p> <p>Any other type of participants can participate on their own costs and are not covered by the Ministry.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligible costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project) and relevant personnel taxes. Other direct costs such as consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), materials, reagents.</li> <li>○ Travels and allowances according to travel plan.</li> <li>○ Indirect costs can reach a maximum of 25% of the total direct costs. The activities must correspond to “research” according to Latvian Law on Scientific Activity. Only non-commercial activities can be comprised in projects with Latvian participation.</li> <li>○</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Subcontracting: Expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution's normal area of activity. The amount may not exceed 20% of the total direct costs allocated to the Latvian partner.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	No additional documents should be submitted to IZM during the submission phase
<b>Submission of other information at the national level</b>	No additional documents should be submitted to IZM during the submission phase
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	No additional documents should be submitted to IZM during the submission phase
<b>Further guidance</b>	In case a project is selected for funding, Latvian partners will have to contact IZM contact person for further guidelines

<b>Country</b>	<b>The Netherlands</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMw)
<b>National contact person</b>	Name : Wilke van Ansem Phone: 0031-70-3495164 E-mail: <a href="mailto:jpihdhlprojects@zonmw.nl">jpihdhlprojects@zonmw.nl</a>  <b>Please note:</b> Dutch applicants should contact ZonMw to discuss the Dutch rules and regulation for this call before submitting an application.
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1,00 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	ZonMw aims to fund around 3 proposals in this call.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	ZonMw expects Dutch researchers to ask for no more than €330.000,- (as - the total cost for the Dutch component per proposal).
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to three years
<b>Eligibility of a partners</b>	The standard ZonMw Grants Conditions for eligibility of partners applies. In addition, the following specific regulations applies for this call: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Dutch consortium should be formed. The consortium should included (a <u>minimum of 2</u>) different research organisations, such as universities (or other higher education institutions), academic hospitals and non-university public research institutes.</li> <li>• Dutch organisations can act as operational stakeholder.</li> <li>• Excluded for funding in this call are private companies such as SME's and multinationals.</li> </ul> <p><b>State aid</b> In case it appears that funding of your organisation can be qualified as <a href="#">state aid</a>, additional conditions may be imposed.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Relevant project expenses, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Salary-related costs</li> <li>- Travel costs</li> <li>- Direct running costs</li> <li>- Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We expect successful projects with 2 Dutch partners to nominate one project leader to manage the award on behalf of the successful Dutch applicants.</li> </ul>

	To complete the JPI HDHL budgetary tables, please use the output gathered by completing the ZonMw format for budgetary tables and the terms and financial conditions stated at the following website: <a href="http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/voorwaarden-en-financien/">http://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/voorwaarden-en-financien/</a>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Only successful Dutch project partners will have to submit a formal application through ZonMw ProjectNet.
<b>Submission of other information at the national level</b>	No
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level</b>	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
<b>Further guidance</b>	Awards will be subject to standard ZonMw Grants Conditions.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Spain</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Spanish State Research Agency (AEI)
<b>National contact person</b>	Ana Barra (Administrative and technical issues) Telephone: (+34) 916038398 Contact e-mail: <a href="mailto:hdhl@aei.gob.es">hdhl@aei.gob.es</a> Representative: Esther Chacón Campollo
<b>Funding commitment</b>	Maximum of funding for the ERA-NET Cofund HDHL-INTIMIC: 300.000€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable proposals</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<p>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria by State Research Agency. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding is 100,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 30,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium). Only one legal entity (eligible for funding by AEI) is allowed to apply in each proposal.</p> <p>Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as one unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed 100,000 € per proposal (for example, mixed centres).</p> <p>The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.</p>
<b>Eligibility of project duration</b>	Up to 3 years

<b>Eligibility of beneficiary institutions</b>	<p>The eligible entities for AEI funding are not-profit research organisations according to the PCI call 2020 (Acciones de programación conjunta internacional 2020).</p> <p>Although private enterprises will not be funded through the PCI Call, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds.</p> <p>Spanish participation must involve the execution of research actions properly. Proposals consisting of the mere dissemination of results and/or tasks of a similar nature related to research but that do not constitute proper investigation are excluded of funding.</p> <p>Final rules on eligibility will be defined in the PCI 2020 (or its equivalent), to be published here</p>
<b>Eligibility of PIs</b>	<p><u>Mandatory:</u> Spanish Principal Investigators must be eligible according to the PCI 2020 (or its equivalent) and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.</p> <p><u>Incompatibilities:</u> These must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this ERA-NET NEURON call.</li> <li>- Principal Investigators will not be allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in the same PCI call or in two PCI calls in consecutive years.</li> <li>- Principal Investigators must remain unchanged between the proposal to this transnational call and the PCI 2020 call.</li> </ul> <p>The State Research Agency will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p><u>Eligible Costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).</li> <li>- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</li> </ul> <p><u>Ineligible Costs:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical trials (proofs of concept, proofs of principle) are not eligible for funding in the PCI call.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at</b>	<p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming or equivalent. Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the last call <i>PCI 2019</i>.</p>



<b>the national level</b>	The call will be managed by the <i>Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia</i> . The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this <i>PCI</i> call, by the funding limits specified and by the specific regulations of the HDHL-INTIMIC call.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="mailto:hdhl@aei.gob.es">hdhl@aei.gob.es</a>