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Call Text

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Glossary

Associated partner	Entity that does not request funding from any of the participating Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs); they are self-funded.
Call Steering Committee (CSC)	Body composed of the Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) participating in a given Joint Transnational Call (JTC). It acts as a decision-making body for the implementation of the calls for proposals. The CSC is responsible for all decision taking in the call.
Consortium	Group of partners submitting a proposal together to the call. The consortium must be represented by a Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI) chosen amongst the different partners.
Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI)	Project coordinator who is expected to submit the proposal on the electronic submission platform (EPSS), and takes primary responsibility for the design, conduct and reporting of the project. The Lead PI is responsible for the overall project coordination.
Partner	Organisation eligible for requesting funding from one of the Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) participating to the call. Host organisation of the Lead Principal Investigator (Lead PI)/Principal Investigator (PI).
Principal Investigator (PI)	Each organisation participating in a consortium is represented by a single Principal Investigator (PI).
Pre-/Full proposal template	These templates are indicative models of pre-proposal and full proposal application forms. Content should be filled in directly online through the electronic submission platform (EPSS) with the exception of the annexes that need to be uploaded as a single PDF on the EPSS. The pre-proposal template is available on the Joint Transnational Calls of the RCH Partnership website. The full proposal template will be sent directly to the consortia invited to the 2nd stage of the call.

List of acronyms

CA	Consortium Agreement
CoI	Conflict of Interest
CSC	Call Steering Committee
EPSS	Electronic Proposal Submission System
GA	Grant Agreement
FPO	Funding Partner Organisation
IPR	Intellectual Property Rights
JCS	Joint Call Secretariat
JTC	Joint Transnational Call
Lead PI	Lead Principal Investigator
PI	Principal Investigator
PIC	Participant Identification Code
PRP	Peer Review Panel
RCH	Resilient Cultural Heritage

1. Introduction

The Resilient Cultural Heritage (RCH) initiative (January 2026 – December 2035) has been established as a European Partnership under Horizon Europe, co-funded by the European Union. Co-funded European Partnerships[1] [2] are instruments implemented in Horizon Europe as Programme Co-fund Actions. These Partnerships involve EU Member States and Horizon Europe Associated Countries, with research and innovation funders and other public authorities at the core of the delivery consortium.

To align regional and national research strategies and funding activities, promote excellence, reinforce the competitiveness of European players while fostering EU cooperation and enhance European collaboration with non-EU countries, 34 funding organisations from 30 countries have agreed to launch the first Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2027 for collaborative, innovative research projects to build societal resilience through cultural heritage[3] in the framework of climate change in Europe and beyond, co-funded by the European Union. The funding organisations participating in this call particularly aim to promote innovative, interdisciplinary research and support transnational collaboration. Accordingly, the JTCs provide funding opportunities for institutions and research teams in the participating countries that intend to engage in collaborative European research activities on Resilient Cultural Heritage.

By launching this co-funded Partnership, the European Commission acknowledges the critical impact of climate change on all types of cultural heritage and aims to foster collaborative efforts to safeguard cultural heritage, leverage heritage as a resource for societal resilience and align with key EU initiatives such as the European Green Deal and the New European Bauhaus.

At the same time, heritage management strategies can inform policy making and guide implementation measures, which call for innovative, sustainable, and interdisciplinary approaches. In this context, the European co-funded RCH Partnership provides a collaborative framework for Member States and Associated Countries to pool resources, align strategies and support joint actions.

[1] https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe_en
[2] https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/european-partnerships-horizon-europe/culture-creativity-inclusive-societies_en
[3] https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52014XG0614(08)

This Joint Transnational Call (JTC) and future calls within the RCH Partnership[4] address, from different standpoints and from a European and transnational perspective, the two following main research strands:

1. Impact of climate and environmental change on cultural heritage and corresponding adaptation strategies;
2. Inform policies and guide implementation measures towards a more resilient cultural heritage and climate-resilient society, including the role of traditional and local knowledge and skills.

2. Participating countries and funding organisations

The following participating Funding Partner Organisations (FPOs) are jointly launching the JTC 2027.

The JTC 2027 is managed by the RCH Joint Call Secretariat (JCS).

Country	Funding Partner Organisation (FPO)	Acronym	Indicative funding commitment	Total call budget (with EC top up)
Austria	Austrian Science Fund	FWF	2 000 000 €	2 584 555 €
Belgium	Belgian Science Policy Office	BELSPO	575 000 €	743 059 €
Belgium/Flanders	The Research Foundation – Flanders	FWO	700 000 €	904 594 €
Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS	F.R.S.-FNRS	300 000 €	387 683 €
Bulgaria	Bulgarian National Science Fund	BNSF	900 000 €	1 163 050 €
Croatia	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth	MSEY	500 000 €	646 139 €
Czech Republic	Czech Academy of Sciences	AVCR (CAS)	400 000 €	516 911 €
Denmark	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science	DAFSHE	1 000 000 €	1 292 277 €
Egypt	Science, Technology & Innovation Funding Authority	STDF	1 000 000 €	1 292 277 €

[4] ARCHE-D2.6-ARCHE-SRIA-and-its-Synthesis.pdf

Estonia	Estonian Research Council	ETAG	300 000 €	387 683 €
Finland	Research Council of Finland	AKA	1 500 000 €	1 938 416 €
France	Agence Nationale de la Recherche	ANR	1 700 000 €	2 196 872 €
Germany	DLR Projektträger appointed by Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt	DLR-PT/BMFTR	3 500 000 €	4 522 971 €
Ireland	Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland	Research Ireland	550 000 €	710 753 €
Kingdom of the Netherlands	Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek (Dutch Research Council)	NWO	2 000 000 €	2 584 555 €
Latvia	Latvijas Zinātnes padome (Latvian Council of Science)	LZP	600 000 €	775 366 €
Lithuania	Lietuvos mokslo taryba	LMT	300 000 €	387 683 €
Malta	Xjenza Malta	XM	500 000 €	646 139 €
Moldova	Agenția Națională pentru Cercetare și Dezvoltare (National Agency for Research and Development)	ANCD	100 000 €	129 228 €
Norway	The Research Council of Norway	RCN	1 500 000 €	1 938 416 €
Poland	National Science Centre	NCN	1 000 000 €	1 292 277 €
Romania	Ministry of Culture – Project Management Unit	MC-UMP	2 000 000 €	2 584 555 €
Slovakia	Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky	CVTI SR	800 000 €	1 033 822 €
Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences	SAS	120 000 €	155 073 €
Spain	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (Research State Agency)	AEI	1 000 000 €	1 292 277 €
Sweden	Swedish Research Council	SRC	909 469 €	1 175 286 €
Türkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye	TÜBİTAK	500 000 €	646 139 €
United Kingdom	Arts and Humanities Research Council/United Kingdom Research and Innovation	AHRC/UKRI	2 000 000 €	2 584 555 €
		TOTAL	28 254 469 €	36 512 611 €

3. Timeline of the call

Time	Activity
2026	
October 19th 2026	Pre-announcement of the call
November 4th 2026	Launch of the call
November 17th 2026	JTC 2027 Information Webinar
2027	
January 11th 2027	Deadline for submission of pre-proposals
March 15-16-17th 2027	Peer review panel meeting
April 21th 2027	Invitation to submit full proposals
June 16th 2027	Deadline for submission of full proposals
August 27th – September 3rd 2027	Rebuttal stage
September 8-9-10th 2027	Peer review panel meeting
October 15th 2027	Publication of the selected projects for funding
December 2027	Earliest start of funded projects
2028	
End of June 2028	Latest possible start date of funded projects
Early July 2028	Kick-off webinar for the funded projects

4. Scope and sub-themes of the Call

Climate and environmental change pose significant and growing risks to cultural heritage, practices and tradition. Global warming, heat waves, wildfires, sea level rise, land use changes and the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, to mention just some of the pressing climate change-based hazards, are damaging and destroying cultural heritage in a wide variety of landscapes and geographic regions, including urban, coastal and inland areas, and mountainous and polar regions. At the same time, climate mitigation and adaptation measures may have unintended positive as well as negative effects on heritage or vice versa, certain heritage protection rules might hinder climate adaptations measures. A lack of common methodologies and coordination of climate awareness in heritage conservation, management, and monitoring also hinders its possible positive contribution to climate mitigation efforts. Integrated research on cultural heritage, climate and environment will bring together research and strategic approaches from diverse national and regional perspectives, facilitate joint action and inform innovative mitigation and adaptation strategies both for cultural heritage management as well as climate change policy. These strategies can help to respond to threats to and destruction of cultural heritage caused by climate

change and climate action, to let go or adapt climate-negative practices and traditions, and to promote societal acceptance of imperative climate action.

This first JTC within the RCH Partnership invites research proposals that address the question of risks, damages, impacts and losses of cultural heritage caused by climate and environmental change. Proposals must draw upon stakeholders' experience and build on existing research and initiatives. Proposals that include scientific research, innovative technological solutions and community-based approaches are especially encouraged. Joint research must work towards integrated risk assessment methodologies that inform long-term planning for resilience, management, and governance of cultural heritage, and cultural heritage informed climate action.

Aim of the call

The objective of this call for proposals is to lay the foundations for research on climate-resilient cultural heritage by connecting cultural heritage and climate and environmental change research with integrated, inclusive preparedness management, and governance strategies, considering the societal importance of both cultural heritage and climate and environmental action. By building on multiple (local, traditional and scientific) knowledge systems, this call for proposals embraces inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, creating an effective framework for collaboration and participation in the fields of cultural heritage resilience and climate and environmental change. The call also aims to firmly embed the framework to be developed within society and business by integrating not only scientific knowledge but also knowledge from traditions and local communities, and by doing so, investigate how civil society can effectively contribute to cultural heritage's preparedness and resilience against the impact of climate change. Therefore, project proposals should include relevant participation from researchers from different disciplines (including social sciences, humanities and climate change), practitioners, policymakers, decision-makers, community stakeholders and/or other knowledge holders. Other partners may be found in the cultural and creative industries (CCIs), and cultural and education institutions, including galleries, libraries, archives and museums (GLAMs).. Projects are also encouraged to make use of existing datasets and research infrastructures in both the cultural heritage, and climate and environmental domains.

Theme background

Cultural heritage is a living process, which continuously evolves as communities interpret, reinterpret, adapt, and pass down objects, traditions, and knowledge to meet present and future needs. Some of these evolutions are in response to environmental changes, as climate change can also generate new forms of cultural heritage and

stimulate innovation, contributing to societal resilience. Moreover, cultural heritage can be directly impacted by the effects of climate change, for instance wildfires, floods, and other natural events. Enhanced understanding of cultural heritage and recognition of its variety of tangible and intangible values, as well as traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge and skills, can inform policies and guide implementation measures with respect to climate adaptation and mitigation, and the (societal) consequences of climate and environmental change. Proven effective strategies and practices for preparedness and response can further allow concerned actors to mitigate the impact of natural hazards on cultural heritage. Their understanding, investigation and dissemination is fundamental towards cultural heritage resilience.

Cultural heritage can be locally specific and at the same time be part of broader, regional, national or even trans-national cultural heritage contexts. As a result, it may be subjected to different policy sectors and multi-level decision-making and authoritative structures. Research on the effectiveness of existing strategies and practices to prepare ahead of threatening events, and to be able to respond to them in a whole-of-governments and whole-of-society approach, is crucial in the current changing environmental circumstances.

The inclusion of local and Indigenous knowledge, traditional techniques and materials, and innovative practices has the potential to improve the social acceptance of climate action while strengthening the preservation and epistemic integrity of different traditional knowledge systems. An important aspect of this is skills conservation and transmission, intergenerational training, education, and climate literacy.

Digital technologies, such as those used for monitoring, modelling, simulation and prediction, as well as for developing simulation-based decision support systems, can play a key role in addressing the research themes in this call for proposals, alongside technologies for documenting, preserving, and reimagining vulnerable cultural heritage, for example through AI or virtual reality. Climate, environment and cultural heritage damage modelling and simulation may prove helpful to project risks, visualise damages and imagine impacts due to slow onset climate changes, natural heritage management and specific local circumstances that may otherwise not be recognised. Projects should demonstrate how research practices will be environmentally responsible, taken into account the indirect impact of high quantities of stored digital items on environmental resources.

Research scope

Applicants should recognise the multidimensional relationships to cultural heritage and contemplate the possibilities and limitations of different innovative and conventional research approaches, and tailor the research and intended outcomes accordingly.

Aspects to consider are, for example, socio-political realities and socio-economic inequalities, equitable representation of diverse geographic and demographic contexts, and available administrative capacity. The research does not have to be focussed in one of the participating countries and therefore equitable partnership principles should be demonstrated in the proposal.

Proposals should focus on transdisciplinary co-creation of knowledge for climate adaptation strategies and address environmental impact for cultural heritage. Proposals should when relevant include meaningful participation by local communities, Indigenous Peoples, heritage custodians, business actors, citizens, and/or other stakeholders as co-creators and co-designers. Their participation will support equitable decision-making and help to ensure the appropriate accessibility to and usability of (digital) technologies, data, repositories, and assessment and management tools. Applicants should consider how their results can be scaled beyond the specific contexts of their proposals. Thus, research findings should extend beyond the local context, to ensure that the research does not result solely in local solutions, or to ensure that findings resulting from research on broader level can be translated back to local situations.

Results and insights resulting from the research projects funded under this call should contribute to the mutual knowledge basis that is needed for developing new and robust tools and policies, for example:

- tools to assess and monitor climate change risks and environmental impact to cultural heritage, to project and visualise potential impacts of climate action measures, and tools to evaluate different risk management options;
- decision-support systems and effective strategies and practices that can be used by public authorities and local communities to prepare ahead of natural hazards to protect cultural heritage at risk, as well as to set priorities and operational frameworks for managing loss and damage to cultural heritage;
- scalable and transferable innovative climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies, derived from integrated cultural heritage and climate research, including also traditional and local knowledge, stakeholder and citizen science generated data, taking cultural heritage into account as a resource and framework for societal and environmental resilience;
- policy recommendations and effective strategies and practices that can be used for the management, governance and protection of cultural heritage at risk of climate and environmental change, grounded in quantitative design data, standardized methodologies, and robust impact assessment procedures.

Research priorities and knowledge gaps

Research proposals are invited to address aspects from at least one of the four complementary and strongly connected sub-themes, and should address at least one of the sub-themes: (1) Risk and impact assessment and cultural heritage risk preparedness and management; (2) Managing loss and damage of cultural heritage impacted by climate change-induced natural hazards; (3) Traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge systems and practices as resources and frameworks for societal resilience in the context of climate change; (4) Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector.

The points listed under each sub-theme offer a (non-exhaustive) overview of the various possible research perspectives and potential outcomes that could be explored in research projects.

Sub-theme 1: Risk and impact assessment and cultural heritage risk preparedness and management

Climate and environmental change directly threaten tangible and intangible cultural heritage, exposing it to increased risks. In addition to these destructive impacts, measures for climate mitigation and adaptation can also affect cultural heritage, both positively and negatively. It is, therefore, necessary to integrate cultural heritage awareness into climate mitigation and adaptation strategies and risk management plans to maximise co-benefits and avoid maladaptation. This requires a comprehensive evaluation of direct and indirect climate change risks for cultural heritage, considering IPCC[5]'s definitions of the dimensions of climate risk (hazard, exposure, and vulnerability) which apply to both impacts of and responses to climate change, to build evidence for place-based solutions and inform long-term planning for responsive and resilient cultural heritage.

This theme aims to, for example:

- Assess the potential for unavoidable loss, change and damage to cultural heritage as a result of the likely effects of climate change and climate action in different geographical contexts, evaluating aspects of hazard, exposure and vulnerability.
- Investigate compound, cascading, and systemic climate risks, resulting from the interactions between different and multiple environmental, social, economic, and governance factors affecting cultural heritage.
- Develop interoperable, flexible, and context-sensitive approaches for vulnerability ranking and effective risk and impact assessment methodologies that can be adapted to risk preparedness and management frameworks for

[5] IPCC — Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

different heritage contexts, taking into account different regional vulnerabilities, socio-political, economic, and cultural realities, and local priorities.

- Find ways to combine digital technologies with stakeholder-generated data related to specific local and regional vulnerabilities, socio-political economic and cultural realities, and local priorities.

- Develop methodologies, including digital tools, that are able to project risks and visualise impacts, and allow assessment of probable (both positive and unintended negative) responses to different preventive and cultural heritage protection measures and other management options.

  Identify effective strategies and practices used at governmental, local and civil society level to prepare cultural heritage ahead of climate risks and threats, and evaluate their applicability depending on different geographical contexts, exposure and vulnerability.

Sub-theme 2: Managing the loss and damage of cultural heritage impacted by climate change-induced natural hazards

Cultural heritage has always suffered damage and loss, from violent destruction to slow inevitable decay, and fallen into oblivion due to the passing of time and accelerated due to climate change. Managing inevitable loss and damage is crucial and requires collective input from all relevant stakeholders on how to define, perceive and accept, manage, and document loss of cultural heritage resulting from climate change-induced emergencies. This process also involves determining what to protect and save, to prevent local knowledge, skills and traditions from being lost from our collective memory. It is essential to also address grief and to reimagine heritage care. At the same time, adapting to new climate realities and environmental challenges can give rise to new forms of heritage and trigger creative and innovative responses, ultimately enhancing societal resilience.

This theme aims to, for example:

- Identify and disseminate effective strategies and practices for cultural heritage emergency response during and after a climate change-induced hazard, involving local authorities, relevant stakeholders, and local communities.

- Develop innovative approaches for managing unavoidable loss, change or damage to cultural heritage due to climate change and climate action, and assess the cultural, societal, political, and geopolitical implications of such loss at local, regional, national, and international levels.

- Develop different ways to support and actively engage communities in building their preparedness and resilience to preserve the richness and diversity of their

cultural heritage landscapes, addressing also the social, cultural and emotional dimensions of difficult management choices and dealing with loss, including implications for identity, belonging, and social justice.

- Develop ways to improve decision-making and management of change, particularly for heritage at risk, and for the cultural heritage sector in general, involving local communities, Indigenous Peoples, heritage custodians, citizens, and other stakeholders as co-creators and co-designers.
- Investigate the possibilities of, for instance, virtual reality, digitization, relocating, replicating, adjusting, (selective) letting go, and managed retreat, as different options for managing loss and damage of cultural heritage, (taking into account the indirect impact of high quantities of stored digital items on environmental resources) and develop ways to engage GLAMs, CCIs and other cultural organisations in addressing various management options.

Sub-theme 3: Traditional, local and Indigenous knowledge systems and practices as resources and frameworks for societal resilience in the context of climate change

Many societies are witnessing the worldwide disappearance of languages, traditional skills and knowledge, and oral traditions, particularly those of local and indigenous origin. Intangible heritage, such as traditional knowledge, practices and expressions, and traditional knowledge systems, remains critically under-explored as a resource and framework for societal resilience and is too often absent from policies intended to build resilience in the face of major crises such as climate and environmental change. Urgent action is needed to halt this loss and transmit the rich living cultural heritage of their ancestry and descent to future generations, and to further its use to strengthen societal resilience in the face of present and future climate, environmental and societal challenges. This requires active participation of community stakeholders and actors with lived experience (including Indigenous communities) throughout the research process.

This theme aims to, for example:

- Identify local, regional, Indigenous, minority or endangered languages and traditions, and support their continuity and role as vehicles for preserving intangible cultural heritage, cultural identities and traditional knowledge relevant to societal resilience practices in the context of climate change.
- Develop ways to make traditional knowledge explicit so that policymakers and heritage managers can take note of it and integrate it into their cultural heritage and climate change policies and management strategies.
- Develop options for training and education in traditional knowledge and crafts, ensuring skill continuity and increasing climate literacy.

- Identify and recognise local and Indigenous (ecological) practices as cultural heritage and assess their relevance to current day social sustainability and climate adaptation.

Sub-theme 4: Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector

The development of adaptive use, management and governance practices that take into account the environmental impact of cultural heritage, is crucial for ensuring the sustainability and durability of the cultural heritage sector. At the same time, it is essential to strengthen the commitment of the cultural heritage sector to addressing the climate emergency, by demonstrating the positive contribution of cultural heritage to climate change mitigation and adaptation strategies and solutions, and to let go or adapt, climate-negative practices and traditions. It is also crucial to ensure that the impact of climate change-induced threats on cultural heritage is minimized, and that cultural heritage is prepared to potential hazards, at national and local, community level. This requires the engagement of all stakeholders to guarantee durability and long-term credibility, particularly where cultural heritage values and climate adaptation priorities diverge among stakeholders.

This theme aims to, for example:

- Explore the environmental impacts of cultural heritage, and cultural heritage management, conservation and maintenance.
- Identify, further develop, and disseminate effective strategies and practices for cultural heritage governance and management plans and practices, risk assessment and preparedness frameworks, and standards in the cultural heritage sector, including curated decay and adaptation to attain climate neutrality.
- Document and critically address the climate and environmental sustainability of cultural heritage traditions and practices, including digital heritage, and their implications for other relevant sectors (such as natural heritage management, tourism, spatial planning and project development, food production, forestry, culture and creative industry).
- Evidence the role of cultural heritage as a basis for new solutions in climate and environmental change management and policy, and address questions of power, representation, legitimacy, and conflicts in climate adaptation decision-making.
- Address cases where cultural heritage hinders climate adaptation measures, and explore possible solutions.

Fostering multidisciplinary teams & intersectoral collaboration toward implementation

Projects funded under these calls are expected to integrate diverse disciplinary perspectives (i.e SSH and climate sciences), foster collaboration between academic institutions and heritage stakeholders, and contribute to the development of innovative methodologies, tools, and strategies for the protection, adaptation, and sustainable management of cultural heritage in the context of climate and environmental change.

In line with Horizon Europe principles, the co-funded projects will promote the co-creation of knowledge between researchers, practitioners, policymakers, and civil society, ensuring that research outcomes generate tangible societal impact. Particular emphasis is placed on strengthening European research capacity, enhancing knowledge exchange across countries and sectors, and supporting evidence-based policy development that contributes to climate resilience, cultural sustainability, and the long-term safeguarding and promotion of heritage across Europe.

Consortia funded in this RCH call for proposals are required to be interdisciplinary and trans-sectoral. Research teams forming a consortium should include investigators from a broad range of relevant scientific disciplines, research fields or sectors, and bring together the necessary expertise to achieve the objectives as well as expected impact of the research proposed.

5. Eligibility

5.1. Funding recipients

Joint research proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to one of the following categories (according to national/regional regulations; certain categories may not be eligible for funding by a specific funding organisation, please see Annex I).

- **Non-profit organisations and legal entities which have research missions:** research organisations, higher education institutions, scientific cooperation foundations;
- **Other non-profit legal entities:** public bodies, NGOs, other non-profit private associations;
- **Private companies**.

Consortia submitting applications under this call are encouraged to include partners from different categories, where the aim is to integrate expertise from a variety of fields and sectors to reach transformative impact. The number of participants in the research teams, the category of partner organisations and their research contribution

should be appropriate for the aims of the call, the aims of the foreseen project, and should be reasonably balanced in terms of international participation (the different points are reflected in the three evaluation criteria). Each collaborative project should represent the critical mass necessary to achieve the ambitious goals and should clearly demonstrate the added value for the cooperation.

Each national team within a consortium has to be represented by one Principal Investigator (PI). Within a joint proposal, each Principal Investigator will be the contact person for the relevant national/regional funding organisation. Each PI can submit up to two (2) proposals as partner including one (1) as Lead PI (i.e. the Lead PI of a proposal can only be partner in another proposal). Exceptions may apply: for some funding organisations, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is limited to one. For some funders, the number of proposals that each PI can submit in one call can also be limited to one (1) (see details in Annex I for individual funding rules). **Applicants are, consequently, strongly encouraged to contact their national/regional contact points to check their national/regional eligibility rules before submission (see Annex I).**

Each consortium must nominate one Lead PI among the participating partners eligible for funding (NOT an associated partner[6]). The Lead PI will represent the consortium externally, will act as contact person for the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) and will be responsible during the entire process for the internal scientific management, such as the application procedure, coordination of Consortium Agreement drafting, Data Management Plan, and reporting.

Partners not eligible for funding by one of the organisations participating in this call (e.g. from non-funding countries or not fundable according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations, including partners who would be eligible *per se* but choose to participate with own funding) may participate as associated partners, if they secure their own funding (see footnote N°6). They are treated as full partners. An associated partner must nominate a PI. A letter of commitment must be included as an

[6] *Entities that do not request funding or are not eligible for funding may participate in this Call as associated partners, for example out of interest in contributing to the objectives of the action, gaining visibility, or participating due to ongoing (R&D) cooperation with a beneficiary* (cf. AGA – Annotated Grant Agreement aga_en.pdf, p.14, paragraph 6).
EU restrictive measures: Entities subject to EU restrictive measures under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main) as well as Article 75 TFEU https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main, are not eligible to participate in any capacity, including as beneficiaries, affiliated entities, associated partners, third parties giving in-kind contributions, subcontractors or recipients of financial support to third parties (if any).
Special rules also apply to entities covered by Commission Guidelines No 2013/C 205/05 Commission guidelines No 2013/C 205/05 LexUriServ.do on the eligibility of Israeli entities and their activities in the territories occupied by Israel since June 1967 for grants, prizes and financial instruments funded by the EU from 2014 onwards (OJEU C 205 of 19.07.2013, pp. 9-11).

annex to the full proposal, summarising the commitment of the partner(s) participating in the project with own funding and demonstrating the secured source of funding. An associated partner cannot be Lead PI of a consortium.

Applicants are subject to the eligibility criteria of the respective funding organisations (see also Annex I). They should therefore read the funding rules and eligibility criteria of their funding organisations carefully.

The eligibility of the consortium will be confirmed by individual FPO's and the Call Steering Committee (CSC).

Every partner in the consortium, including associated partner(s), must already have or create a Participant Identification Code[7] (PIC) from the EC to be included in the submission. Partners are strongly advised to ensure they have a valid PIC well in advance of submission.

A researcher, representing his/her Party at the Executive Board or the Partnership Assembly, may answer a Joint Transnational Call but, in that case, must declare himself/herself in a situation of Conflict of Interest and no longer take part in the Partnership Assembly or the Executive Board until the results of the Joint Transnational Call are published or until the end of his/her project if it has been selected for funding.
Experts who contributed to a call preparation, as well as members of the scientific evaluation committee (i.e. PRP) and ethics committee of RCH, who would have access to confidential information about a call, the evaluation process, or who may be involved in the evaluation of applications, are not eligible.

5.2. Eligibility criteria

- Only transnational projects will be funded. The consortium must include partners from at least three (3) different countries, requesting funding from three (3) different Funding Partner Organisations (FPO). Each of these partners must be eligible for the FPO from which it seeks funding.
- All three (3) legal entities requesting funding from three (3) different Funding Partner Organisations must be independent of each other.
- Maximum number of partners eligible for funding is seven (7).
- Maximum two (2) eligible partners requesting funding from the same country.
- The Lead PI and PIs (and their host organisation), except PIs from associated partners, must be eligible for funding by a national/regional funding organisation participating in the call. The Lead PI (and its host institution) cannot be changed during the application process.

[7] All partners can create a PIC. Please check first whether your institution has already a PIC. The PIC of your institution will be the same unless your institution has legally changed. For more information, see https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/participant-register.

- The participation of associated partners in the consortia is permitted. Associated partners[8] do not request funds from one of the participating FPOs (including partners who would be eligible *per se* but choose to participate with own funding, partners from non-funding countries or partners who are not eligible according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations). Associated partners do not count towards the maximum number of partners.
- Legal entities from Member States and Associated Countries that are public bodies, research organisations or higher education establishments (including private research organisations and private higher education establishments) applying as beneficiaries or affiliated entities must have at the moment of grant signature and during the duration of the grant a gender equality plan in line with the requirements set out in the General Annexes to the Horizon Europe work programmes.[9]

Applicants must declare during pre-proposal submission whether the submitted project is subject to other evaluation processes, such as other Joint Transnational Calls and/or national/regional calls. Applicants must not apply to different calls for the same research activities. Double funding is not allowed.

Widening measure[10] (optional): To promote inclusiveness, ensure broader participation, relevance and impact of the submitted projects in and outside Europe, as well as to maximise the use of committed funding resources, the call may apply, at the full proposal stage, a measure to reduce undersubscription: consortia invited to submit a full proposal and comprising fewer than seven (7) partners eligible for funding may add one (1) additional partner eligible for funding from a Funding Organisation. Lead PIs will be notified of the widening measure in their invitation letter to submit a full proposal and will receive a list of the Funding Organisations, that agree to participate in the widening measure, and corresponding countries/regions from which an additional partner may be included. Only partners included in this list are able to be included in the consortium as part of this measure.

Project Duration: from 24 months to 36 months in accordance with national/regional regulations.

[8] See footnote N°6

[9] https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/wp-call/2025/wp-14-general-annexes_horizon-2025_en.pdf.

[10] Widening measure: Consortia are allowed to include in the 2nd stage (full proposal stage) a new project partner that is eligible to receive funding from a funding organisation that is underrepresented in the 1st stage (pre-proposal stage) of the Call and that agrees to participate in the widening option.

5.3. Financial and legal aspects

The JCS will check all pre- and full proposals to ensure that they meet the call's transnational criteria (date of submission; composition of the consortium: number of participating countries, number of partners and associated partners and category of partners; inclusion of all necessary information in English; appropriate number of character limits). In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the national/regional funders, which will perform a formal check for compliance with their respective rules.

Eligible costs, submitted in euros, (e.g. personnel, material, consumables, travel, subcontracting, other direct costs, overheads) and funding rules and provisions may vary according to the respective funding organisation's regulations. Partners must refer and adhere to their own national/regional regulations and scientific remits (see Annex I).

In accordance with national/regional regulations, the minimum project duration is 24 months and projects must be designed to be achievable during a maximum funding period of 36 months (national limits outlined in Annex I).

6. Call procedures

The co-funded call is conducted as a two-step submission and evaluation procedure. In the first stage of the call, a pre-proposal has to be submitted and following an invitation, a full proposal can be submitted in a second stage. In both phases, one (1) scientific proposal and annexes shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational consortium.

Deadline for pre-proposals is at **January 11th 2027 at 14:00 CET.**

Deadline for full proposals is at **June 16th 2027 at 14:00 CEST.**

Proposals not submitted through the electronic submission system by the submission deadline will be deemed ineligible, rejected without further consideration, and excluded from the evaluation process. Applicants to some FPO's must also submit the pre-/full proposal and administrative information on their national/regional e-grant system (see Annex I).

Details of each stage are explained in the following sections.

6.1. Pre-proposal stage

6.1.1. Submission of pre-proposals

Pre-proposals must be submitted by the Lead PI to the JCS via the electronic submission system https://epss.proposals.ee/rch/ no later than **January 11th 2027 at 14:00 CET**.

The pre-proposals must be written in English and completed online.

The decision on which consortia are selected to submit a full proposal will be communicated to the Lead PIs through email and the EPSS platform by the JCS, and is expected from **April 21st 2027**.

Please keep in mind that the templates provide indications for the online section limits. The different sections of the proposal should not exceed the prescribed maximum space (any exceeding characters will be redacted).

For any technical questions regarding the submission procedure using the electronic submission system, please contact the technical helpdesk: epss.rch@proposals.ee.

Applicants from some countries/regions may be required to submit an additional national/regional proposal and/or other information (in some cases before the deadline of this call) directly to their relevant national/regional funding organisations. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to check their funding organisation's specific regulations (see Annex I for more details).

The CSC will take all lawful steps to ensure the confidentiality of the information and documents obtained during the joint call evaluation and selection procedure.

An online Information Webinar for applicants will be held **November 17th 2026 14:00-16:00 CET**. The registration link for the webinar will be made available through the website of RCH Partnership. The webinar will cover general information about the RCH Partnership, explanation of the call sub-themes and call procedure. The webinar will conclude with a questions and answers session.

6.1.2. Formal check of pre-proposals

The JCS will check all pre-proposals to ensure that they meet the call's transnational eligibility criteria (see also *5.2. Eligibility criteria*). In parallel, the JCS will forward the pre-proposal to the national/regional funding organisations which will perform a check for compliance with their national/regional regulations.

If a partner is found to be ineligible by one of the funding organisations after the formal check, the entire proposal will be rejected without further review:

- if the composition of the consortium no longer meets the call's transnational eligibility criteria (see Section 5.2),
- if the ineligible partner is the Lead PI, or
- in any other circumstances that render the proposal ineligible under the call rules or applicable national/regional funding regulations.

6.1.3. Evaluation and selection of pre-proposals

The selection of projects is based on the principle of peer review. Experts in the field(s), hereinafter referred to as reviewers, carry out written evaluations at two (2) stages of evaluation: the pre-proposal and full proposal stages. The reviewers will participate in a Peer Review Panel (PRP) meeting at both the pre-proposal and full proposal stage. Proposals for all the sub-themes will be evaluated in the same PRP and compete for the same funding. Reviewers operate independently and confidentially, without exchange with third parties. They only have at their disposal the information included in the submitted proposal on the closing date and time of the call.

After passing the eligibility check (performed by the JCS and the participating funding organisations), pre-proposals will be sent to at least three (3) reviewers, nominated by the funding organisations, with qualifying expertise fitting the sub-theme(s) of the submitted application, for the first evaluation.

The reviewers will assess the proposals and provide a written evaluation form with scores and comments for each evaluation criterion (see *7.2. Evaluation criteria and scoring system*).

The reviewers will assess whether the projects described in the pre-proposal documents fit the aim and scope of the call. Pre-proposals not fitting the call sub-themes and objectives will not be invited to submit a full proposal, regardless of their scientific quality.

The reviewers will meet in a Peer Review Panel (PRP) to discuss all pre-proposals, to produce a consensus report for each pre-proposal and a ranking list of the pre-proposals. An Independent Observer will observe the PRP meeting, so as to provide an assessment on the peer review procedure and ranking list development process, in the form of a confidential report for the European Commission. The CSC members will meet to decide which pre-proposals will be invited for full proposal submission based on the PRP's ranking list considering the available national/regional budgets. Applicants will receive the consensus report on their proposal.

6.2. Full proposal stage

6.2.1. Request for changes in the full proposal stage

The information given in the pre-proposal stage regarding the research sub-theme(s) and objectives of a proposed project is considered binding.

Based on feedback in the consensus reports, changes to a proposal's content may be possible in order to improve the proposal, provided that the proposal's overall objectives, scope and core concept remain unchanged. Applicants must explicitly

indicate in their full proposal and on the electronic submission system the changes made as compared to the pre-proposal.

Minor changes to the budget can be allowed by the relevant FPOs. Applicants need to check them with the relevant FPOs; there is no need to inform the JCS. The change(s) will have to be declared on the electronic submission system in the dedicated section.

Regarding changes to the composition of the consortium i.e. addition, removal or replacement of Partners: composition of the consortium should not be modified between the pre-proposal and full proposal stage, except in case of *"force majeure"* or upon recommendation of the Peer Review Panel in the consensus report or request of the CSC for the particular cases of (i) ineligibility of a partner and/or (ii) invitation to add a partner that will request funds to an undersubscribed FPO (widening measure). Requests of changes to the composition of the consortium must be communicated to the JCS and to the national/regional funding organisations at least one (1) week before the deadline set for the submission of full proposals. Requests will be discussed on a case-by-case basis with the involved FPOs. The eligibility of the new partners must be verified with the relevant FPOs before submitting the full proposal. Any change in the composition of the consortium must comply with the general eligibility rules of the call and the national/regional regulations of the relevant FPOs. Changes must be approved by the respective FPOs ahead of the submission of the full proposal.

The Lead PI and its host organisation cannot be changed between pre- and full proposal stages. This rule applies except in the event of "*force majeure*". A specific authorisation request must be sent to the JCS to explain the *"force majeure"* requiring a change of Lead PI or a change of the host institution. Changes to the consortium, project's content or requested budget communicated to the JCS and to the national/regional funding organisations after the deadline of submission of the full proposals will not be accepted.

6.2.2. Submission of full proposals

Full proposals must be submitted by the Lead PI to the JCS via the electronic submission system (https://epss.proposals.ee/rch/) no later than **June 16th 2027 at 14:00 CEST**.

Please note that joint full proposals will only be accepted from consortia explicitly invited by the JCS to submit full proposals.

The decision on which consortia are selected to submit a full proposal will be communicated to the Lead PIs through email and the EPSS submission platform by the JCS, and can be expected from **April 21st 2027**.

The full proposals must be written in English and completed online.

Please keep in mind that the templates provide indications for the online section limits. The different sections of the proposal should not exceed the prescribed maximum space (any exceeding characters will be redacted).

For any technical questions regarding the submission procedure using the electronic submission system, please contact the technical helpdesk: epss.rch@proposals.ee

Applicants from some countries/regions may be required to submit an additional national/regional proposal and/or other information (in some cases before the deadline of this call) directly to their relevant national/regional funding organisations. Applicants are therefore strongly advised to check their funding organisation's specific regulations (see Annex I for more details).

Ethical and legal issues must be addressed in each application, according to the relevant region's/country's regulations.

The CSC will take all lawful steps to ensure the confidentiality of the information and documents obtained during the joint call evaluation and selection procedure.

6.2.3. Formal check of full proposals

The JCS will check all full proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal requirements and have not changed substantially from the respective pre-proposals (see section 6.2.1.). In parallel, similarly to the pre-proposal stage, the JCS will forward the full proposals to the national/regional funding organisations, which will perform a check for compliance with their national/regional regulations.

Applicants should contact their corresponding national/regional representative to enquire about eligibility with their respective funding organisations prior to applying (see Annex. I). For additional information, please contact the JCS.

If a partner is found to be ineligible by one of the funding organisations after the formal check, the entire proposal will be rejected without further review if the composition of the consortium no longer meets the call's transnational eligibility criteria (see section 5.2), if the ineligible partner is the Lead PI, or in any other circumstances that render the proposal ineligible under the call rules or applicable national/regional funding regulations.

6.2.4. Evaluation and selection of full proposals

After passing the eligibility check (performed by the JCS and the participating funding organisations), full proposals will be sent to at least three (3) reviewers, with qualifying

expertise fitting the sub-theme(s) of the submitted application, for the second evaluation.

The reviewers will assess the full proposal and complete a written evaluation form with scores and comments for each criterion (see *7.2 Evaluation criteria and scoring system*).

The reviewers will meet in a Peer Review Panel (PRP) to discuss all full proposals, to produce a consensus report for each full proposal, and a ranking list. An Independent Observer will observe the PRP meeting, so as to provide an assessment on the peer review procedure and ranking list development process, in the form of a confidential report for the European Commission.

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

6.2.5. Rebuttal stage

Prior to the PRP meeting to discuss the full proposals, the JCS will provide online access (August 27th 2027) to the reviewers' assessment to each Lead PI who will have the opportunity to read the assessments and to provide comments within seven (7) calendar days (i.e. by September 3rd 2027 end of the day) on the arguments and evaluations of the reviewers, who will remain anonymous.

The rebuttal is optional. It allows applicants to comment on factual errors or misunderstandings that may have been committed by the reviewers while assessing the proposal, and to reply to reviewers' questions. However, issues not related to reviewers' comments or questions cannot be addressed and the work plan cannot be modified at this stage.

Answers sent after the notified deadline, or not related to the reviewers' comments or questions, will be disregarded. During the PRP meeting, reviewers will take into consideration the rebuttal letters during the discussions and will produce a consensus report for each full proposal.

7. Evaluation criteria and selection of proposals

7.1. Evaluation criteria and scoring system

Pre-proposals and full proposals will be assessed according to specific evaluation criteria using an evaluation form. A scoring system from 0 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposal's performance with respect to the different evaluation criteria.

Each individual reviewer will independently give scores for each criterion. The final score for the proposal for each criterion is agreed upon by the panel members during the PRP discussion.

Scoring system:

0: Failure. The proposal fails to address the criterion or cannot be assessed due to missing or incomplete information.

1: Poor. The proposal inadequately addresses the criterion, or there are serious inherent weaknesses.

2: Fair. The proposal broadly addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses.

3: Good. The proposal addresses the criterion well, but is has a number of shortcomings.

4: Very Good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but it has a small number of shortcomings.

5: Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all relevant aspects of the criterion. Any shortcomings are minor.

Definitions for score descriptors:

• A minor shortcoming is an issue that relates only to a marginal aspect of the proposal with respect to the criterion and/or can easily be rectified (it will not impact the scoring).

• A shortcoming is a problem that relates to an important aspect of the proposal. It impacts the scoring, but does not render the proposal inappropriate for funding, i.e. the proposal is still expected to lead to useful results with positive impact.

• A significant weakness means that the proposal addresses the criterion in a limited and/or not sufficiently effective way (will lower the score below threshold). This can also be the case when the proposal includes a large number of shortcomings, each one of them not rendering the proposal inappropriate for

funding, though all together make the proposal not addressing the criterion sufficiently in an effective way.

Evaluation scores will be awarded for each of the three (3) main criteria: excellence, impact, and implementation, each as a whole, and not separately for the different sub-criteria listed below each criterion. The sub-criteria related to the main criteria provide a level of detail adapted to the content and size of the pre- and full proposal. The sub-criteria serve as a guide to help the applicant prepare the application and for the reviewer to conduct the evaluation. The three (3) criteria are weighted equally.

Evaluation criteria of stage 1:

0. Does the proposal fit to the aim and scope of the call?

1. Scientific Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, research questions and hypotheses, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art.

b) Soundness of the proposed overall methodology and research design:
   - including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches.
   - Including the integration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content;

2. Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the RCH expected outcomes and impacts specified in the relevant sub-themes, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a) Capacity and role of each participant [partners and associated partner(s)] including appropriate expertise of partners responsible for proposed work packages and appropriate allocation of tasks, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

b) Appropriate complementarity of the consortium in terms of competences of the partners that bring diverse expertise to implement approaches.

Evaluation criteria of stage 2:

1. Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art.

b) Soundness of the proposed overall methodology:
   - Including the integration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content as well as open science practices;
   - including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches.

c) Open Science practices, sharing and management of research data and outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users into knowledge co-creation where appropriate.

2. Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the RCH expected outcomes and impacts specified in the relevant sub-themes, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

b) Suitability and quality of the measures to maximise expected outcomes and impacts, as set out in the dissemination plan, including communication activities.

c) Consideration of the long-term sustainability of the proposed solutions and their environmental impact, including the promotion of greener practices and adaptation to climate change.

3. Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a) Capacity and role of each participant including appropriate expertise of partners responsible for proposed work packages and appropriate allocation of tasks, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise.

b) Quality and effectiveness of the work plan (including adequacy of the time schedule), assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.

c) Suitability and robustness in monitoring progress towards the project's objectives and evaluating impact, including identification of potential barriers and risk mitigation measures.

d) Appropriateness of the management structures, governance and procedures to address critical risks, innovation management, including ethical considerations.

7.2. Conflict of Interest (CoI)

The JCS and the CSC will take all the necessary measures to avoid any Conflicts of Interest (CoI). The PRP members will be required to formally declare that no Conflict of Interest exists at any point in the evaluation process and to ensure confidentiality concerning all documents and the entire review process.

A reviewer cannot be part of the PRPs if they have been involved in the preparation of proposals, stand to benefit professionally, financially or personally from approval or rejection of a proposal, or have close familiar or personal relationship with any persons representing an applicant organisation in a proposal.

In other cases of a CoI towards specific proposals, the specific reviewer will be excluded from the meeting when discussing that proposal. Any PRP member who breaches the CoI rule will be excluded from the PRP. Projects assigned to that reviewer will be assigned to another reviewer.

7.3. Ethical clearance

It is mandatory for applicants to complete an "Ethical self-assessment" (Annex III). After the PRP meeting of stage 2, an Ethics evaluation will take place for the full proposals which are recommended for funding by the PRP and the CSC, to verify alignment with ethical norms and regulations. If further clarifications are necessary, the consortium will be contacted to take some actions or submit additional documents. The ethics experts may put forward additional conditions that need to be fulfilled by the applicants. Only those proposals approved by both the scientific evaluation and ethical assessment, complying with the central Horizon Europe and national/regional ethical requirements[11], will be funded.

7.4. Funding decision

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

In case several projects with an equal overall score cannot be awarded due to budgetary constraints, the CSC will prioritise according to the following core principles, in the order listed below:

11 https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/ethics/h2020_hi_ethics-data-protection_en.pdf

1) Maximising the total output in terms of total funded budget in the call and number of funders involved. The aim is to allocate as much of the budget as possible and that all funders are involved in the projects funded.
2) Score of Excellence; If (1) cannot lead to an optimum selection with the highest budget allocation, the project with the highest excellence score will be considered first.
3) Maximisation of the number of countries/regions involved in the funded project and diversity in the consortium composition. If (1) to (2) above cannot lead to a selection, then the involvement of the highest number of countries/regions in the proposal and the diversity in the composition of the consortium will make that it is considered first.
4) Gender balance. If (1) to (3) above cannot lead to a selection, then the gender balance among PIs within the consortium will be considered.
5) Inclusion of Widening Countries. If (1) to (4) above cannot lead to a selection, then the number of Widening Countries involved in the consortium will be considered.

The Lead PIs are responsible to inform their project partners when outcomes are issued. A list of the funded projects will be published on the RCH website in October 2027.

7.5. Redress procedure

Applicants can appeal against the evaluation outcome, if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures, including the national/regional eligibility checks. This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the call and does not replace national/regional legal possibilities for appeal. It is not a scientific re-evaluation. The redress will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts/reviewers. The appeal must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of powers, or a CoI. Appeals that do not meet the above conditions, or do not deal with the evaluation of a specific proposal or express mere disagreement with the result or the reasoning of the evaluation might be judged as not suitable for redress.

Applicants shall submit their appeal to the JCS via email (rch@anr.fr) up to 10 (ten) calendar days following the dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the JCS at the end of each stage (first or second stage). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the appeals procedure, which is described below.

For an appeal to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- The appeal must be submitted to the JCS by the Lead PI of the proposal to which the appeal relates;

- Only one (1) appeal per proposal per stage will be considered;
- The appeal must be submitted via email within a 10 (ten) calendar days deadline. The appeal must contain the following minimum information:
    - The name of the call for proposals;
    - The proposal acronym;
    - The proposal identification number;
    - The title of the proposal;
    - A description of the alleged breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures.

Upon receipt of an appeal, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the JCS within seven (7) calendar days. The acknowledgement shall report the redress process and the anticipated date by which a conclusion on the appeal will be communicated to the appellant.

All appeals received by the ten (10) calendar days deadline will be processed together, and the decision will be communicated to the appellant by the JCS within six (6) weeks from the deadline for submitting the appeals, taking also into consideration the national/regional regulations.

The redress procedure within RCH is not an automatic scientific re-evaluation, and the judgement of appropriately qualified experts is not called into question.

8. Project Implementation

8.1. Granting arrangements

Partners from the projects selected for funding will subsequently enter into granting arrangements with the relevant FPOs, according to their applicable grant awarding process, and will be funded directly by the respective FPOs. Projects are expected to start from December 2027 (may be subject to national/regional regulations, see Annex I for details).

8.2. Contractual requirements

In this call for proposals, being co-funded by the European Union, partners are considered as third parties of FPOs. All partners commit to the following articles of the Horizon Europe Annotated Grant Agreement[12] (GA) and related regulations of Annex 5:

[12] aga_en.pdf

- Conflicts of interest (Article 12)
- Confidentiality and security (Article 13)
- Ethics and values (Article 14)
- Visibility (Article 17.2)
- Specific rules for carrying out the action (Article 18)
- Information obligations (Article 19)
- Record-keeping (Article 20)

8.3. Consortium Agreement (CA)

Consortium members of projects selected for funding must agree a common scientific project start date between December 2027 and June 2028, which will be the reference date for the annual progress reports and final reporting. The common scientific project start date must be stated in the project Consortium Agreement (CA).

Lead PIs will be responsible for the drafting process of the mandatory CA specific to their consortium, in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) and decision making, and to avoid disputes that could compromise the completion of the project. The Lead PI is responsible for sending the CA signed by all partners, including associated partners, to the JCS.

The CA must state that funding and administrative matters are not regulated by the CA and are issues addressed bilaterally between each partner and its funder in the relevant Grant Agreement (GA). The CA will be made available to the relevant funding organisations. The project consortium is strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date and, in any case, the CA should be signed and sent to the JCS no later than three (3) months after the scientific project start date. Please note that regional and national funding organisations' regulations concerning the requirement for a CA may apply. Some FPOs may require the signed CA to release the funds. Further instructions will be provided by the JCS to the coordinators of the projects selected for funding.

8.4. Data Management Plan

RCH expects proposals to develop Data Management Plans[13] (DMPs) according to international state-of-the-art standards for data security (following the FAIR principles[14],

[13] DMP template available at https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/horizon/temp-form/report/data-management-plan_he_en.docx

[14] Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR): http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/oa_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-data-mgt_en.pdf

the General Data Protection Regulation[15] (GDPR) and in accordance with Ethical principles[16] for data management). The Data Management Plan should be sent by the Lead PI to the JCS no later than three (3) months after the scientific project start date. Please note that national/regional funding organisations' regulations concerning the requirement for a DMP may apply.

The DMP represents an essential document for the implementation of the research, as it helps to define the responsibilities of research data management ahead of the start of the project. The Lead PI is responsible for submitting an updated DMP at the end of the project together with the final scientific report (see also details in Annex I for individual funding rules).

8.5. Project Monitoring and Reporting

The Lead PI is required to fill out and submit a mid-term and final scientific progress report in English on behalf of the consortium to RCH, detailing how the project is progressing in relation to planned objectives. Furthermore, a final scientific report must be sent to JCS after the project has ended.

The project partners' PIs may also be required to submit individual reports to their respective funding organisation in accordance with the respective national/regional rules.

In addition, Lead PIs will be required to present the project results at RCH project symposia, where on site and/or online attendance is mandatory. Additionally, they may be invited to attend online meetings (mid-term monitoring meeting and/or final meeting), and all partners of the consortia will be encouraged to participate.

The coordinator must promptly inform the JCS in case of ANY changes in the work plan or in the consortium composition. The JCS will inform the relevant funding organisations, who will decide upon the proper action to be taken.

Upon notification, Lead PIs are required to deliver a project abstract suitable for communication and dissemination purposes.

In addition, the funding recipients are expected to participate in, and contribute to, any communication activity or evaluation surveys initiated by RCH during the funding period

[15] GDPR: https://gdpr-info.eu/

[16] https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/ethics/h2020_hi_ethics-self-assess_en.pdf
https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/ethics/h2020_hi_ethics-dataprotection_en.pdf

(mandatory) and beyond. Funding recipients are encouraged to contribute project outputs to the RCH Knowledge Hub.

8.6. Dissemination of project outputs

Dissemination of project outputs is obligatory and is the responsibility of the funded partners. Detailed plans for dissemination of the results must be described in the proposals and are considered in the evaluation procedure. This can be organised in the form of various communication routes, such as scientific papers, posters, course or training material, web-based tools, stakeholder involvement, workshops, or direct intervention towards end users. Dissemination to national and regional end-users is necessary for all partner countries.

A dissemination plan will be requested for the full proposal and should specify how the planned activities will contribute to the impact of the project.

Importantly, all funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational RCH-funded projects include proper acknowledgement of the RCH and the respective FPOs:

> "This project received funding from [name of funding organisations, or an acknowledgment as requested by your national/regional funding organisation] under the frame of Resilient Cultural Heritage, (GA N° 101304744 of the EU Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme)".

For any oral presentation, the EU emblem should be displayed. Moreover, the beneficiary may not appropriate the EU emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means. Guidance about RCH branding/logos will be given to all Grant holders.

8.7. Open Science

Publication of the scientific outcomes of the project is mandatorily subject to open access, and a corresponding budget should be allocated for this in the proposal's budget plan (see also Annex I on eligible costs for national/regional funders). Research projects funded through RCH are eligible to publish at no cost on Open Research Europe[17] (ORE), an open access publishing platform of the EC.

[17] https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/

8.8. Confidentiality

The RCH JCS takes all reasonable measures to ensure that information provided in the applications is treated confidentially. The proposals will be handled confidentially by the JCS and by the national/regional funding organisations. In selecting the international reviewers for the PRP, the JCS shall ensure there is no conflict of interest. Each reviewer will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest. In case of a conflict of interest, the reviewer will be withdrawn from evaluating the respective proposal.

8.9. General Data Protection Regulation

Applicants are informed that their personal data submitted in their application to the call are processed 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;
- Reporting to the European Commission/ European Research Executive Agency (REA) on the call;
- Providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses on the funded projects;
- Complying with audits that may be initiated by the funding organisations and the European Commission (or its agencies).

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 funding recipients provide in the application with national/regional, bibliographic or external research and innovation funding data which are available through public subscription-based databases (e.g., Web of Science) or other national/open datasets.

Annexes

Annex. I National/regional regulations

Austria

Country/Region	AUSTRIA
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	FWF - Austrian Science Fund
General contact information	Mag. Dr. Alexander Vacek +43 676 83487 8316 alexander.vacek@fwf.ac.at MA phil. Lisa Niederdorfer, BA + 43 676 83487 8315 Lisa.niederdorfer@fwf.ac.at
Funding commitment	2.000.000,00 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The minimum limit per project is 200.000,00 €. The maximum limit per project submitted to the FWF in this call is 450.000,00 €. Projects that exceed the maximum limit will not be eligible. This limit includes the annual valorization of personnel costs as well as 5% general project costs (calculated automatically in the cost breakdown in elane).
Project duration	Minimum duration: 24 months. Maximum duration:36 months.
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes from the first call for proposals are eligible.
Eligible type of research	Funding may be requested for projects in basic research that are clearly defined, innovative, with plausibly described

	objectives and methods. For further details please refer to section 1.2 of the FWF Application Guidelines.
Eligible institutions	Austrian research institutions must be registered in the FWF's Research Institution Portal before the submission of the pre-proposal. The proposed research must be carried out in Austria under the auspices of the Austrian lead research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project will be carried out. Please refer to section 1.3.1-1.3.2 of the FWF Application Guidelines for more details.
Organisations excluded from funding	See above.
Eligible applicants	The principal investigator must be employed at the Austrian research institution applying for funding with an employment of at least 5 hours/week at the time the project is scheduled to begin and throughout the entire duration of the project (subject to an employment contract/Dienstvertrag). The principal investigator must have appropriate scientific qualifications and eligibility as described in section 1.3 and 1.4 of the FWF Application Guidelines and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. Applicants must comply with the FWF project number limit.
Eligible costs	The budget specified in the national submission must correspond to this consortium partner's budget submitted to the EP and be calculated on the basis of the applicable FWF personnel cost rates at the time of submission in both the pre-proposal and full proposal stages. Minor deviations resulting from updated FWF personnel cost rates between stages are permissible. To ensure consistency, project costs should be calculated in elane (FWF) prior to inclusion in the consortium proposal. The FWF does not fund institutional or indirect overhead costs. The "General Project Costs" automatically calculated in the elane cost breakdown on the basis of the requested FWF cost categories are an FWF-specific flat rate and may be reported under the "Overheads" heading in the EP budget forms for

	technical reasons, even though they do not constitute overheads in the FWF sense. Project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution (see section 2.3 of the FWF Application guidelines). The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	In addition to the application at the Call Secretariat, administrative data must be submitted online to the FWF at elane (user manual) - for both the pre-proposal and the full proposal stage. FWF submissions of the pre- and the full proposal before each specific deadline are both mandatory. For the FWF submission of pre-proposals applicants must choose the program category "PIK – International – Multilaterale Initiativen – Konzeptantrag" deadline January 12, 2027 14:00 CET (local time). IMPORTANT: Please note that applications are only valid once they have been approved for submission by the research institution (PROFI) in the submission portal in due time before the specified deadline. Please note that the submission of the pre-proposals at elane will only be possible from 16 November 2026 onwards. For the full proposal stage applicants must choose the program category "KIN– International – Multilaterale Initiativen – Vollantrag" (Deadline June 17, 2027 14:00 CEST, local time). Further information will be communicated by the FWF to the applicants invited for full proposal submissions.
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	In addition to the application forms, please upload the following documents as individual annexes: CV of the FWF principal investigator (according to the FWF Application Guidelines section 2.2.3 – Annex 3). Proof of publication output of the FWF principal investigator (according to FWF Application Guidelines section 2.2.4). A detailed justification of costs (max. 3 pages) must be submitted as a mandatory attachment to the application at the full proposal stage. For further details, please refer to the FWF Application Guidelines - section 6.1 Appendix A.

	For the full proposals, a questionnaire on research security must be completed and uploaded to elane. The forms will be made available on the FWF website in mid-November.
Additional information	It is recommended to contact the FWF contact person in case of questions regarding the national project. If there is any uncertainty about general application requirements or about accounting for career interruptions, the FWF recommends contacting the FWF Office or the FWF Equal Opportunities and Diversity in Research Funding unit in good time before submitting the application to confirm that all requirements are met and that any career interruptions can be accounted for. In cases of doubt, the appropriate decision-making bodies of the FWF shall decide on applicants' eligibility. Projects that do not comply with the FWF submission guidelines are considered as invalid. FWF submissions during the pre- and the full proposal stages are both mandatory. Please note that the FWF application guidelines and project number limits applicable to this call for proposals will be published on 16 November, and will be accessible via the same links as the current guidelines and project number limit information. Details on the upcoming changes can be found on the FWF website.
Useful links	https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/funding/portfolio/subject-specific-funding/european-partnership-resilient-cultural-heritage FWF Application Guidelines FWF_project_number_limit: Application and project number limit Elane user manual

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Belgium

Country/Region	Belgium
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)
General contact information	Maxim VANDEKERCKHOVE maxim.vandekerckhove@belspo.be David COX david.cox@belspo.be
Funding commitment	575.000€ (325.000€ + 250.000€)
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	325.000€ for KIK-IRPA partners per project 250.000€ for RBINS partners per project
Project duration	minimum 12 months; maximum 48 months
Eligible topics	Risk and impact assessment and cultural heritage risk management; Managing loss and damage of cultural heritage; Traditional knowledge and practices and traditional knowledge systems as resources and frameworks for societal resilience in the context of climate change; Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector.
Eligible type of research	
Eligible institutions	Royal Institute for Cultural Heritage (KIK-IRPA) and Royal Belgian Institute for Natural Sciences (RBINS)
Organisations excluded from funding	-

Eligible applicants	Applicants affiliated to an eligible institution.
Eligible costs	**Staff:** Staff devoted to the implementation of the project; this is, recruited personnel and/or (non-)statutary personnel made (partially) available to the project and to be implemented on the project budget. A contractual researcher financed through other funding - full-time or part-time - cannot claim BELSPO staff budget for that part already funded. Partners must claim full staff costs, including end-of-year bonus, holiday pay and any employer's intervention in salary costs, as well as any other compensation or allowance due by law and secondary to the salary itself and tax-free scholarships. BELSPO prefers staff to be hired under a labour contract. The total number of tax-free scholarships per project is limited to max. 50% of the number of staff financed by BELSPO within said project. In any case, there shall not be more than 2 tax-free scholarships/project. Tax-free scholarships refer to a grant subject to tax exemption under the tax laws. **Specific operating costs:** this includes operating costs specific to the execution of the project tasks, such as costs for project analyses, maintenance and repair of equipment purchased by the project, use of specific IT facilities and software, costs for surveys, open data publications, organisation of workshops and events, etc.... **Overheads:** Institutions' general overheads that cover, in one lump sum, administration, telephone, postal, maintenance, heating, lighting, electricity, rent, machine depreciation, office material, equipment maintenance and repair costs, laboratory consumables and insurance costs. The total amount of this item is set as 15% of the total staff and operating costs. **Equipment:** Purchase and installation of scientific and technical apparatus and instruments, including specialized computer hardware (not PC or laptop, those go into "overheads"). Equipment needs to be purchased in the first half of the project.

	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 25% of the total budget allocated to the Belgian partner concerned.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	no
Additional eligibility criteria	Partners must be involved in the research and innovation activities of the project.
Relevant documents	
Additional information	
Useful links	

Contact Persons

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Belgium

Country/Region	Belgium/Flanders
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
General contact information	Toon Monbaliu (General and 'FO') +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters ('SBO') +32 (0)2 550 15 95 **europe@fwo.be**
Funding commitment	€700,000
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€350,000
Project duration	24 to 36 months
Eligible topics	All topics are eligible for FWO funding.
Eligible type of research	Basic Research
Eligible institutions	FWO participation and funding in this call are open to both the Fundamental Research ('FO') and Strategic Basic Research ('SBO') funding channels, which means that projects may be funded under either FWO channel. It should be strongly emphasised that the choice of funding channel depends on the type of research project to be carried out, i.e. whether it is more fundamental/exploratory in nature or has strong economic/societal valorisation potential. Failure to comply

	with the specific requirements of the relevant funding channel may result in ineligibility. The scope and eligibility of institutions and their researchers can be verified in the regulations of the relevant funding channel, which can be consulted on the FWO website: FWO Research Projects (FO) Strategic Basic Research (SBO) or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above.
Organisations excluded from funding	The scope and eligibility of institutions and their researchers can be verified in the regulations of the relevant funding channel, which can be consulted on the FWO website: FWO Research Projects (FO) Strategic Basic Research (SBO) or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above.
Eligible applicants	See 'Eligible institutions'
Eligible costs	The FWO has allocated a budget of €700,000, which guarantees funding for at least two projects. The respective funding channel regulations apply (see the links to the national rules above, under 'Eligible Institutions'), and both are capped at €350,000 per project/consortium (including overhead, for which the calculation method differs per funding channel – see explanation below). For the overhead calculation, fundamental research projects (FO) and strategic basic research projects (SBO) use the same approach. A structural overhead rate should be applied to the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for 'FO projects' and 17% for 'SBO projects'. Some practical examples: *FO: if the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to €200,000, the overhead will amount to €12,000 (6% of €200,000), and the total requested cost will be €212,000. This total requested cost*

	may never exceed the maximum available amount of €350,000. *SBO: if the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to €200,000, the overhead will amount to €34,000 (17% of €200,000), and the total requested cost will be €234,000. This total requested cost may never exceed the maximum available amount of €350,000.* Overhead should be included in the RCH budget tables, but should not be included in the national/regional FWO pre-registration form on the FWO E-loket (see below under 'Submission of the proposal at national/regional level').
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	**!! IMPORTANT !!** Applicants for FWO funding must submit a **mandatory administrative application via the personal FWO e-loket** of the main PI from Flanders. For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme fundamental research'. For strategic basic research projects (SBO), select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme strategic basic research'. If the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted by the main PI (promoter-spokesperson), containing all relevant information for the different Flemish partners. **The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call** (pre-proposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in ineligibility.
	Participation in this call does not interfere with the regular/national project submission framework and is therefore not taken into account when calculating the

Additional eligibility criteria	maximum permitted number of new applications and ongoing projects combined. **However, researchers can only participate in two different international consortia in this call as partners.** Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are **not eligible** in this context. A potential 'spin-off route' should therefore not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form. The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies that the funding must be budgeted and spent accordingly. Automatic prolongation and the use of positive financial balances after the end date are not applicable in this framework. As such, Article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and Article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply here. **The PI of each participating institution applying for FWO funds must hold an eligible appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project.** In connection with the above, Article 10, §7 of the FWO Research Projects regulations (FO) does not apply to this call. This means that supervisors/spokespersons or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year in which the project application is submitted, or during the project execution period, are not eligible.
Relevant documents	A mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-loket is an essential part of the application process (see 'Submission of the proposal at national/regional level').
Additional information	**It is strongly advised to approach the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardise any research projects/consortia.**
Useful links	**https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/horizon-europe-cofund-partnerships/**

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Belgium

Country/Region	Belgium (Wallonia-Brussels Federation)
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
General contact information	International@frs-fnrs.be + 32 2 504 93 08
Funding commitment	Maximum 300.000 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum 300.000 €
Project duration	Max. 36 months. 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 four years. Since this is a co-financed call, this extra year should not be included in the proposal (see F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations).
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes
Eligible type of research	Basic research
Eligible institutions	See Annex 1 to the F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations.
Organisations excluded from funding	All organisations not listed in the Annex 1 to the F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations.
Eligible applicants	

	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations.
Eligible costs	Staff, operating costs and equipment, in accordance with the rules and criteria defined in the F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by **submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the call** to be eligible. Please select the "PINT-MULTI" funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNR S.
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations.
Relevant documents	F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-documents/International/FRS-FNRS_PINT-Multi-FR.pdf
Additional information	Please note that personnel costs (Cf. F.R.S.-FNRS PINT-MULTI regulations) have an annual average cap of 80.000 € for this call. Please do not include overhead costs in the budget for the Wallonia-Brussels Federation research team, as these are covered through a separate agreement between the F.R.S.-FNRS and the host research institution in the event that the project is funded. Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.
Useful links	• F.R.S.-FNRS practical guide on costs: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-

	documents/Guide-pratique-sur-les-frais-au-FNRS.pdf • E-Space platform: https://e-space.frs-fnrs.be/

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Bulgaria

Country/Region	Bulgaria
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Bulgarian National Science Fund
General contact information	Milena Aleksandrova aleksandrova@mon.bg +359 884 171 363
Funding commitment	EUR 900 000
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Minimum EUR 60 000 Maximum EUR 300 000
Project duration	36 months
Eligible topics	N/A
Eligible type of research	Basic research only
Eligible institutions	Only applicants falling within the following categories shall be eligible under the present project selection procedure: 1. Accredited higher education institutions within the meaning of Article 85, paragraph 1, item 7 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), which have been accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) to provide education leading to the educational and scientific degree of “Doctor”; 2. Scientific organisations within the meaning of Article 47, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education Act (HEA), which have been accredited by the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA) to provide education

	leading to the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor"; 3. Scientific organisations within the meaning of § 1, item 1, letter "b" of the Supplementary Provisions of the Scientific Research and Innovation Act (SRIA), namely a legal entity meeting all of the following conditions simultaneously: it carries out scientific research activities, for which it has reported more than half of its expenditure in each of the last three years; it has scientific publications in indexed and peer-reviewed scientific journals; and at least seven persons who have obtained the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor" are employed under employment contracts to carry out scientific research activities. Compliance with the requirements under items 1 and 2 shall be verified through the register of the National Evaluation and Accreditation Agency (NEAA), while compliance with the requirements under item 3 shall be verified on the basis of the documents submitted by the applicants.
Organisations excluded from funding	business organizations and non-governmental organizations (NGOs)
Eligible applicants	The Project Coordinator shall be a scientist holding the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor" (PhD) or the scientific degree of "Doctor of Sciences" (DSc), with the scientific expertise necessary for the successful implementation of the project, as demonstrated by a professional CV, scientific publications, and patents, where applicable, in the relevant scientific field. The general rules of the call for proposals announced by the respective international programme may specify additional requirements for the Project Coordinator. The other participants shall include: • scientists and experts with achievements in the scientific field relevant to the project proposal, as demonstrated by an attached professional CV and a list of scientific publications on the project topic or on topics closely related to it;doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, and early-career researchers, for whom a professional CV and a list of scientific publications, if any, shall be provided; • students;

	• technical staff. The Project Coordinator and members of the research team holding the educational and scientific degree of "Doctor" (PhD) or the scientific degree of "Doctor of Sciences" (DSc) must be included in the Fund's database or must provide the information required for inclusion in the database.
Eligible costs	The following types of expenditure shall be eligible for funding of research activities under the present procedure: **a) Direct costs:** • personnel costs; • travel costs; • costs for external services directly related to the implementation of the project; • costs for materials, consumables and other eligible expenses directly related to the implementation of the project; • costs for tangible and intangible fixed assets, including equipment. **b) Indirect costs:** • costs for the administration and servicing of the project by the host organisation and the partner organisations participating in the project; • costs for the financial audit of the project.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The formulier should be filled and electronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://eumis2020.government.bg/
Additional eligibility criteria	N/A
Relevant documents	N/A

Additional information	Each PI is obliged to send an annual report for the BNSF-funded project. BNSF provides templates and guidelines.
Useful links	https://bnsf.bg/wps/portal/fond-izsledvaniq/home

Contact Persons

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Croatia

Country/Region	Republic of Croatia
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth (MSEY)
General contact information	Donje Svetice 38 10000 Zagreb Croatia https://mzom.gov.hr/en
Funding commitment	€ 500.000,00
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€ 125.000,00 (anticipated number of projects: 1-4)
Project duration	36 months
Eligible sub-themes	MSEY funds proposals within the scope and sub-themes as defined in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Research at TRL levels 1-4.
Eligible institutions	**Research organizations**: public research institutes; public higher education institutions; other legal entities performing research activity **Other legal entities performing research activities**: non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGOs) or institutions whose main objective is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation or other relevant national body; micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) entered in the

	relevant National Register (Court or Craftsmen) and registered to perform research and development activities; other public organizations, only in consortia with institution(s) registered for research activity.
Organisations excluded from funding	Any other organisation that does not belong to the categories as mentioned above.
Eligible applicants	N/A
Eligible costs	For Croatian applicants, general Horizon Europe rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply. These rules can be found in the Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA) for the Horizon Europe Programme. For applicants/project partners from Private Sector: The maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 70%. For applicants/project partners from Public Sector: 100% of eligible costs. All budget items must be justified and eligible, and all costs must be incurred during the project duration. **VAT eligibility** For Croatian applicants, the general Horizon Europe rules apply regarding the VAT eligibility. a) Non-profit legal entities: VAT is an eligible cost if the entity is not entitled to a tax deduction. In such cases, VAT should be recorded in the accounts. b) For-profit organizations: VAT is not an eligible cost and is not included in the final project cost. For legal and financial questions, applicants are advised to contact national contact points for Horizon Europe Programme for Legal and Financial aspects.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	NO. However, there are **specific national submission and reporting requirements**: Applicants are required to inform the national contact person about the project application

	and consult with him/her regarding the pre-eligibility check.
Additional eligibility criteria	MSEY funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. The Croatian project partner can be a consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a single legal entity.
Relevant documents	N/A
Additional information	
Useful links	https://mzom.gov.hr/istaknute-teme/znanost/obzor-europa/4462 https://www.obzoreuropa.hr/kontakt-informacije

Contact Persons

Country	Funding org.	Contact person(s)	Email	Telephone
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Czech Republic

Country/Region	Czech Republic
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Czech Academy of Sciences (AVCR)
General contact information	Czech Academy of Sciences Národní 3 110 00 Prague Phone number: +420 221 403 111 (https://www.avcr.cz/en/)
Funding commitment	400.000 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding from AVCR is 200.000 € per project.
Project duration	From 24 months to 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes as specified in the Call Text.
Eligible institutions	AVCR research institutes
Organisations excluded from funding	Only AVCR research institutes are eligible organisations for funding by AVCR.
Eligible applicants	Employees of the AVCR research institutes. As Principal Investigator (PI) the applicant is required to hold a PhD degree or equivalent qualifications. More information available here: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky

Eligible costs	Researchers may request funding for costs that are relevant, necessary, and directly linked to the proposed research project. Personnel costs: • senior researchers (8 or more years after receiving a PhD at the time of project proposal submission), • junior researchers (less than 8 years after receiving a PhD at the time of project proposal submission), • PhD students. Travel and accommodation costs: • only when directly related to networking events and secondments within the project *(economy class flight/train, accommodation, visas, vaccinations, local transport, daily allowances in accordance with the Czech national legislation etc.)*. Research-related costs: • costs for organization of small scientific and networking events in the Czech Republic, provided they are connected to the project, • costs for consumables and small-scale equipment, only when clearly justified and necessary for the project, • services directly related to the project. • overheads: the upper limit of 10% of the project budget shall not be exceeded. More information available here: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	The Czech team of each project selected for funding shall be invited to submit a brief national application form. More information available here: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	Available here: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky
Additional information	Available here: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky

Useful links	- AVCR web site on the programme European Partnership Resilient Cultural Heritage: EP Resilient Cultural Heritage - Akademie věd České republiky - AVCR call for grant applications for projects approved for funding: www.avcr.cz/cs/veda-a-vyzkum/podpora-vyzkumu/aktualni-vyzvy-av-cr - Economic portal of AVCR (incl. deadlines for grant applications for the given calendar year): https://ekonomika.avcr.cz/cs/ - Guideline No. 15/2019 of the Academy Council of the AVCR of 26 November 2019 on the Support for International Cooperation at the Research Institutes of the Czech Academy of Sciences, as subsequently amended by Guideline No. 17/2021: https://kis.avcr.cz/kis2/oms/smernice_17_2021-en.pdf

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Denmark

Country/Region	Denmark
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science (DAFSHE)
General contact information	Mikal Nørholm Jensen DFF_Horizon@ufm.dk Danish Agency for Higher Education and Science, Office of Independent Research Fund Denmark Lerchesgade 35, 5000 Odense C, Denmark Phone: (+45) 72 31 95 67
Funding commitment	1.000.000 euro
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Danish subprojects can apply for up to EUR 400,000, including overhead, per subproject, with a maximum limit of EUR 500,000 including overhead if an application includes multiple Danish subprojects.
Project duration	Up to 36 months with possibility of extensions.
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes are eligble
Eligible type of research	DAFSHE can support basic and/or fundamental research corrosponding to TRL 1-2.
Eligible institutions	Institutions based in Denmark
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations based in Russia and/or Belarus and applications encompassing research activities in Russia or Belarus are excluded from funding
Eligible applicants	Project Leaders (PL) and Principal Investigators (PI) must be able to document independent research experience

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<tr><td>Eligible costs</td><td>
Researchers may apply for funding to cover all expenses directly attributable to the project, and which are relevant and necessary in order to carry out the project. To this should be added overhead/administration expenses.

Please refer to below table for the applicable overhead.

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<tr><th>Institution type</th><th>Overhead</th></tr>
<tr><td>Danish universities, sector research institutes, university colleges, business academies, maritime educational institutions and higher educations within the Fine Arts, as well as other institutions which are subject to the rules regarding grant-funded research activities in the Danish Ministry of Finance’s Budget Guidelines, cf. section 2.6.10.3 of the Budget Guidelines. Special appropriation rules concerning research activities (“Særlige disponeringsregler vedrørende forskningsaktiviteter”).</td><td>44% of all expense types</td></tr>
<tr><td>Approved GTS institutes (Advanced Technology Group Institutes)</td><td>44% of all expense types</td></tr>
<tr><td>All other Danish institution types (including hospitals and other public institutions, state-subsidised (approved) museums, private institutions, etc.)</td><td>18% of salary expenses</td></tr>
<tr><td>Foreign institutions</td><td>0%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Institutions in the Danish Realm (“rigsfællesskabet”): The same rates for overhead granted to equivalent institutions (cf. the above-mentioned Danish institutions) in Greenland and the Faroe Islands</td><td>See above</td></tr>
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Please note that DFF expects those expenses for books, normal work PCs, general software and other general work tools to be covered by the hosting institutions’ overhead. Please also note that DAFSHE does not fund expenses associated with Open Access publishing.
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Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Grantees based in Denmark, i.e. Denmark-based Project Leaders and Principal Investigators, will be required to complete a Danish financial budget and send this to Independent Research Fund Denmark. Grantees will need to create an account on egrant.dk in order to submit their budget. This budget table should only specify expenses related to the Danish sub-project and costs must be given in DKK (1 EUR = 7,5 DKK). The budget must be divided into the following overall budget items: • Scientific/academic salaries, incl. salaries for visiting researchers from abroad • Salaries for PhD-students • Post-doctoral salaries • Technical/administrative salaries • Equipment expenses • Operating expenses e.g. field work, data collection, hosting of seminars
Additional eligibility criteria	• The total amount applied for must observe the specified upper and lower limits that apply to the funding instrument in question. • Applicants for this call are exempt from the following rules of Independent Research Fund Denmark: • 1. That an applicant may submit no more than one application per year; and 2. That an applicant holding two or more active grants from the fund may not submit applications. These exemptions apply only to applications submitted under this call.
Relevant documents	
Additional information	

Useful links	https://dff.dk/en/apply-for-funding/support-for-your-application/questions-and-answers/

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Egypt

Country/Region	Egypt
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION FUNDING AUTHORITY (STDF)
General contact information	www.stdf.eg
Funding commitment	1M€
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Each project can receive up to: 1- 200,000 € 2- 250,000 € (If the Egyptian Partner is the coordinator of the project)
Project duration	24 months to 36 months
Eligible topics	For Egyptian applicants, the following three sub-themes are eligible for STDF funding: **Sub-theme 1:** Risk and impact assessment and cultural heritage risk preparedness and management **Sub-theme 2:** Managing the loss and damage of cultural heritage impacted by climate change-induced natural hazards **Sub-theme 4:** Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector
Eligible type of research	Applied research: Leveraging modern technologies in cultural and natural heritage research

	Proposals should demonstrate scientific excellence, innovation, and clear alignment with the objectives, scope and eligible sub-themes of the RCH Joint Transnational Call. Preference may be given to proposals in which the Egyptian partner has a clearly defined and substantive scientific role and contributes to the scientific core of the project.
Eligible institutions	Egyptian Research Institution (Universities, Research Centers).
Organisations excluded from funding	All organisations not listed above.
Eligible applicants	The Principal Investigator (PI) must be an Egyptian PhD holder affiliated with an Egyptian university or research centre.
Eligible costs	•Incentives for the Project Team/Personnel Costs: Incentives are permitted for project team members, with a maximum limit of 25% of the total budget or 2,000,000 LE, whichever is lower. Please refer to the salary scale for STDF project team members available on the STDF website. • Travel expenses should not exceed 20% of the total budget or 1,000,000 LE, whichever is lower. The most cost-effective transportation options, consistent with the project's objectives, must be utilized. Any upgrades to business class will be at the individual's own expense. • Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: This will be calculated based on the current regulations of the Cultural Affairs and Missions Sector, Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, and will vary depending on the country being visited. • Indirect Costs: Costs incurred by the Principal Investigator's institution to support project activities, financial administration, facility management, and other related functions (overheads). Indirect costs must not exceed 5% of the total direct costs, excluding equipment costs, or 150,000 LE, whichever is lower. • Services: Services essential for achieving the project's objectives are allowed. This includes activities such as the

	manufacturing of specimens and prototypes, intellectual property registration and protection, publication costs, access to specialized reference databases or software, and fees for using facilities at other national institutions. • Events: In general, all expenses directly associated with the preparation, execution, and/or participation in events such as workshops, conferences, and training courses are eligible, provided they receive prior approval from STDF.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	In addition to the original version of the pre-proposal/proposal submitted by the coordinator via the RCH Electronic Proposal Submission System (EPSS), the Egyptian PI must submit an identical copy of the pre-proposal/proposal through the STDF website (**www.stdf.eg**). This is mandatory to pass the eligibility stage. **The full proposal and the following supporting documents must be submitted as a single PDF file at the full-proposal stage:** **1. Endorsement Letter:** A scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter from the legal representative/president of the Principal Investigator's (PI) institution. The letter must include: i. Project title ii. PI's name, position, and affiliation iii. A statement confirming that the project has not been funded or submitted to another agency, whether national or international, or an appropriate declaration if otherwise iv. Institutional approval of the project **2. CVs for all team members.** **3. Budget Table:** A detailed budget table in euros must be prepared in accordance with the STDF template. The budget must be signed and stamped by the president of the university or research center. **4. Research Team Table.**

Additional eligibility criteria	•Private-sector organisations are welcome to participate using their own funds. • The PI and the Co-PI should be affiliated with the same institution. • The PI may act as PI in only one proposal under this call. The PI may participate as a team member in one additional proposal under the same call, subject to compliance with the applicable STDF eligibility and time-commitment requirements • An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding. • The PI & Co-PI can`t contribute with a less than 40% of their time and the contribution of any team member can`t exceed 80% (in all the submitted/running projects). • Conflict of interest should be avoided. • STDF takes issues of Infringement of Academic Integrity, plagiarism, similarity or other breaches very seriously. To verify originality, your Proposal may be checked by the originality detection tools and Similarity Check. Accordingly, the proposal must be submitted in a readable PDF format (i.e., not scanned) to facilitate the plagiarism checks. By submitting your proposal to STDF, you are agreeing to originality checks. • **Consortium agreement** is not mandatory and not binding if it violates STDF regulations •The amount of funding is divided into instalments; to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical and financial progress reports and it will be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds). •The consortium may include multiple Egyptian institutions, but they will be treated as a single partner. There will be one responsible Principal Investigator (PI), with a budget up to 200,000 € and if the Egyptian PI is the project coordinator, the budget can be increased to 250,000 €. • Applicants must submit a realistic and well-justified budget that reflects the actual requirements of the proposed project.
Relevant documents	https://stdf.eg/web/grants/open
Additional information	

Useful links	www.stdf.eg

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Estonia

Country/Region	Estonia
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Funding commitment	EUR 300,000
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The maximum budget for an Estonian sub-project depends on the role of the Estonian partner: - EUR 300,000 if the Estonian participant acts as the proposal Lead PI, i.e. coordinates the whole project - EUR 150,000 if the Estonian participant is a project partner (i.e. the Lead PI is located in another country). If several Estonian partners participate in the same project, they must share the corresponding maximum budget: if all Estonian institutions are regular partners in the project, their combined budgets may not exceed EUR 150,000; if one Estonian institution acts as the Lead PI, the combined budgets of all Estonian partners may not exceed EUR 300,000.
Project duration	As specified in the Call Text.
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes as specified in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Any type of research (up to/including TRL 6).
Eligible institutions	The Estonian Research Council can fund any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.

	After the preproposal deadline and upon the notice from the Estonian Research Council, the institution must confirm in writing that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator (PI) during the sub-project, should the project receive funding. For PI requirements, see below under 'Eligible applicants'.
Organisations excluded from funding	If other eligibility requirements are met, incl. with regard to the PI, no organisations are excluded per se. For for-profit organisations, restrictions may result from EU regulations on state aid and de minimis aid, see below under 'Additional eligibility criteria'.
Eligible applicants	The Principal Investigator (PI) is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The PI must be clearly identified in the proposal. The Principal Investigator: (1) must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal deadline; (2) must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the preproposal deadline at the latest; (3) must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the preproposal deadline. Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or if there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system

	terms and conditions of use". The Estonian Research Council may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. **If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.**
Eligible costs	The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (direct costs) and indirect (overhead) costs. The direct costs must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. **Direct costs:** **Personnel costs** are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. **Other direct costs** are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance (domestic travel is also eligible); - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, postage costs etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project. **Indirect costs (overhead)** are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. **Indirect costs are 15% of the personnel costs of the Estonian sub-project**. **Subcontracting costs** are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. **Subcontracting**

	costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. **Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs of the Estonian sub-project.** Double funding of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed from different funding sources). If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution per proposal as indicated above.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	There is no separate proposal submission at national level. **After the preproposal deadline** and upon the notice from the Estonian Research Council, **the Host Institution must confirm in writing** that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the sub-project, should the project receive funding.
Additional eligibility criteria	**State Aid** If the Host Institution is an undertaking, EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. An undertaking is any entity, be it a natural or a legal person, engaged in an economic activity (i.e. activity consisting in offering goods and services on a market), regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed. The criteria defined in Clauses 18–24 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/014) form the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is an undertaking that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding. If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the State aid form upon request by the Estonian Research Council after the submission deadline. In case of two-stage application, the State aid form must be filled in after the notification of proceeding to the full proposal stage. **Grant Agreement** If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Research Council enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once

	the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out. **Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing** If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by a relevant Research Ethics Committee must be submitted to the Estonian Research Council by the start of the relevant activities. **Nagoya Protocol** By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.
Relevant documents	Vastavusnõuded partnerluste ühiskonkurssidel toetuse taotlejatele (National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects) https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_-EN_marts2026-2.pdf
Additional information	-
Useful links	https://etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/partnerluste-ja-era-net-uhiskonkurssidega-seotud-toetused/

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Finland

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General contact information	Research Council of Finland P.O. Box 131 00531 Helsinki tel. +358 295 335 000 https://www.aka.fi/en/
Funding commitment	1 500 000 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Max. 300 000 € (partner) Max. 400 000 € (coordinator)
Project duration	From 24 months to 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	See Call Text; all sub-themes as specified in the Call Text
Eligible type of research	N/A
Eligible institutions	Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes. As a rule, funding is not intended to support economic activity.
Organisations excluded from funding	N/A
Eligible applicants	In addition to a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) of the proposed project must also have other

	significant scientific merits. Usually the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level.
Eligible costs	Funding is provided under the full cost model, covering up to 70% of total project costs. It applies equally to both direct (e.g. salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. premises). The funding supports various research team activities, including salaries, research expenses, travel, collaboration and mobility (national and international), work and training abroad, international project preparation, and publishing. The PI's salary costs may only under certain limitations and on justifiable grounds be incorporated into the total project costs. The project's funding terms and conditions are those applicable to Academy Projects, as set out in the Research Council of Finland's Standard Terms For Funding.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Finnish applicants, both partners and coordinators, are restricted from submitting more than one application. Finnish partners of projects that have been recommended for funding will be invited to submit national applications through the Research Council of Finland's online services. The applications must include a research security risk assessment and risk management plan. https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/research-security/ The Research Council of Finland requires applicants to describe in the research plan how the project will adhere to good scientific practice. You can read more about these principles here: https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/responsible-science/ Research Council of Finland's Standard Terms for Funding https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/

Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	Research Council of Finland's Standard Terms for Funding https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/
Additional information	
Useful links	Questions and feedback – Research Council of Finland (application guidance, International calls) https://www.aka.fi/en/contacts/questions-and-feedback2/

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France

Country/Region	France
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)
General contact information	rch@anr.fr
Funding commitment	1 700 000€
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	• Minimum for a partner: 15 000€ • Maximum for a partner: 250 000€ • Maximum for a Lead PI: 350 000€ • Maximum for a project with 2 partners: 400 000€ • Maximum for a project with 2 partners incl. 1 LPI: 450 000€
Project duration	24 – 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	Eligible sub-themes are all the sub-themes of the 2027 call for proposals and their interconnection.
Eligible type of research	• Fundamental Research • Industrial Research • Industrial Research with Effective Collaboration • Experimental Development • Experimental Development with Effective Collaboration Please consult le *Règlement financier | ANR* (at actual costs version) for full details.
Eligible institutions	ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings. As for research organisations, only those that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France may be funded. Within this framework, research institutions such as

	EPST, EPIC, Universities, Foundations, as well as companies and NGOs (*associations*) can apply. This list is not comprehensive and funding rates vary. Please consult le *Règlement financier | ANR* (at actual costs version) for full details. All partners are asked to indicate their SIRET number in the pre- and full proposal.
Organisations excluded from funding	Companies in difficulty (see the *Règlement financier | ANR*) The following Excel tool is available to check the status of a company: https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2021/Simulation-financement-ANR-EED-2021.xls
Eligible applicants	In this call, to be eligible to ANR funding, the consortium must include at least one French institution participating in the public research service and requesting ANR support. In this call, commercial companies cannot apply as Lead PI or PI.
Eligible costs (for project beneficiaries)	- Personnel costs **[yes]** - Materials **[yes]** - Travel and accommodation costs **[yes]** - Workshops **[yes]** - Publication costs **[yes]** - Subcontracting **[yes]** - Overheads **[yes]** - Activities for outreach and dissemination related to the results of the funded project **[yes]** - Rehabilitation/Heritage restoration costs **[no]** Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of partners. For public research organisations, only personnel costs of fixed-term contracts are eligible (except for an EPIC in partnership with a commercial company). Please refer to ANR's financial regulations (*Règlement financier | ANR*) for full details.

Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	For the full proposal stage, applicants to ANR funding must also submit the proposal on ANR's IRIS submission platform Authentification IRIS. For the full proposal stage, applicants are strongly advised to first prepare and complete their budget in the ANR's IRIS submission platform, and then report the same figures in the EPSS. This approach will help ensure consistency between both submissions and reduce the risk of discrepancies or errors in the financial data. For more details, please refer to the dedicated RCH 2027 call page on the ANR website: https://anr.fr/RCH
Additional eligibility criteria	• Submission of the full proposal at the national level: Yes, please see above • Submission of other information at the national level: No • ANR prohibits double applications and 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. • Partners, whether legal entities or natural persons, who are subject to sanction(s) imposed by the institutions of the European Union are excluded from this call. The ANR will declare ineligible any Partners requesting funding from the Agency who are, within the submitted project, associated with Partners subject to a sanction measure. As of the publication date, these exclusions concern in particular Partners from the following countries: Russia and Belarus; as well as Partners located in Ukrainian territories not under the control of the Ukrainian government. This list is not exhaustive and may evolve should new sanctions be adopted by the European Union.
Relevant documents	Funding regulations: *Règlement financier | ANR* In case of a conflict of interpretation between the terms and conditions stated in this annex and the "*Modalités de participation*" and the "*Règlement financier*", the latter shall prevail.
Additional information	

	If applicable, Declarations of Due Diligence for the financed projects (Nagoya Protocol) must also be transmitted to ANR in due time. In keeping with the French "PPST" policy (Protection of the national scientific and technological potential), applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defense officer) regarding their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD will cause ANR to reject the proposal. The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the Appendix "Modalités". In case of updates or inconsistencies, the terms of the ANR Funding regulations and the Annex shall prevail. Please consult these documents for more details.
Useful links	

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Germany

Country/Region	Germany
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Funding commitment	€3.5 million total (subject to budgetary constraints)
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€100,000 – € 500,000 awarded to an individual project ("*Einzelprojekt*") or partner in a national consortium ("*Verbundprojekt*") including a flat-rate project grant ("*Projektpauschale"*). A maximum of two German partners per national consortium can be funded.
Project duration	24 – 36 months (identical with the instructions of the Joint Transnational Call for Proposals)
Eligible sub-themes	Identical with the instructions of the Joint Transnational Call for Proposals
Eligible type of research	The proposed research or related activities must be primarily in the social sciences and humanities.

	Interdisciplinary collaboration with the natural sciences, engineering and technology is especially encouraged. Participation by researchers in small disciplines is welcome.
Eligible institutions	Eligible applicants comprise • higher education institutions, • non-university research institutions, • companies and • other public or private institutions that can make research and innovation contributions and meet the funding purpose and the funding requirements, in particular museums, libraries, and archives. At the time of disbursement of a grant awarded, applicants are required to have an organisation in Germany serving the non-economic activities of the funding recipient. Research institutions that receive basic funding from the Federal Government and/or the states ("*Bundesländer*") can, under certain conditions, be granted project funding supplementary to their institutional funding to cover additional project-related expenditure or costs if they explicitly describe the relationship between the Project applied for and the basic-funded activities in the funding application or clearly differentiate between the two.
Organisations excluded from funding	See above.
Eligible applicants	See eligible institutions. For further information regarding project leads, please see the FAQ.
Eligible costs	As a general rule, grants can be provided to cover costs for: • personnel • student and/or research assistants • award of contracts

	• workshops and conference organisation • publications and dissemination • travel • possibly other costs, where necessary and appropriate Please note the additional information below.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	PIs from German institutions applying for BMFTR funding whose consortium proposals have been selected for funding will be asked to submit a formal full application for BMFTR funding ('förmlicher Vollantrag') via the electronic proposal system „easy-Online". Detailed information will be provided in the forthcoming national guideline (also to be found here).
Additional eligibility criteria	-
Relevant documents	• National call, i.e. BMFTR's guideline for the funding of research projects (also to be found here) • FAQ
Additional information	• DLR-PT does not give clearance for budget items at any stage prior to the submission of a formal full application for BMFTR funding. A comprehensive assessment will be conducted only at the stage when proposals have been selected for funding following the external evaluation process and funding organisations' confirmations of funding decisions. PIs from German institutions applying for BMFTR funding whose consortium proposals have been selected for funding will be asked to submit a formal full application for BMFTR funding ('*förmlicher Vollantrag*') via the electronic proposal system *easy-Online*. Detailed information will be provided in the forthcoming guideline for the funding of research projects. • Earliest project start: March 2028 • It is strongly recommended to contact DLR-PT before submitting.

Useful links	• https://www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmftr.de/de/foerderung-2548.html • https://www.geistes-und-sozialwissenschaften-bmftr.de/files/RCH_Foundations_FAQ.pdf

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Ireland

Country/Region	Ireland
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Taighde Éireann – Research Ireland (Research Ireland)
General contact information	eu-cofund@researchireland.ie
Funding commitment	€550,000 (includes funding from the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage)
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Max. €300,000
Project duration	24 or 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes
Eligible type of research	N/A
Eligible institutions	Eligible Research Bodies Policy: https://www.researchireland.ie/funding-policies/eligible-research-bodies/
Organisations excluded from funding	See eligible Research Bodies policy above
Eligible applicants	The Ireland-based applicant requesting Research Ireland funding must:

	hold a PhD or equivalent qualification for at least 3 years by the pre-proposal deadline. The official date is defined as the day, month and year that the degree was conferred i.e., the month and year printed on the official PhD certificate. AND be a member of the academic staff of an eligible Research Body (permanent or with an active contract that covers the period of the grant) OR be a contract researcher with a contract that covers the period of the grant, who is recognised by the eligible Research Body as an independent investigator and will have an independent office and research space for which he/she will be fully responsible for at least the duration of the Research Ireland grant OR be an individual who will be recognised by the eligible Research Body upon receipt of the grant as an academic staff or as a contract researcher as defined above. The applicant does not necessarily need to be employed by the Research Body at the time of the application submission. AND be an author on at least three international peer-reviewed articles. Only original research publications, and not review articles or other secondary research literature, are acceptable.
Eligible costs	All requested costs must be comprehensively justified. Please include detailed descriptions and cost itemisation in the proposal. 1. Salary-related costs for research personnel. Please use current Research Ireland Team Member Salary Scales. The Irish partner cannot request their own salary or buy-out. 2. Equipment costs up to a maximum value of €30K

	3. Travel costs with consideration for Research Ireland's Guidance for Sustainable Travel Policy 4. Direct running costs (materials and consumables) 5. Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs 6. Subcontracting costs may be considered an eligible budget category however strong justification for subcontracting must be provided and pre-approved directly with Research Ireland in advance of pre-proposal submission. Unless otherwise stated, all rules regarding listed eligible costs apply as defined within Research Ireland's grant budget policy. Please refer to this policy closely in the development of the budget request.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Applicants must provide a brief notification of their intent to submit a pre-proposal through email to eu-cofund@researchireland.ie before the submission deadline. The notification should include the following information: - List of project partners - Irish Research Body* - Total budget request to Research Ireland - Whether they intend to apply as a coordinating or non-coordinating partner *It is the responsibility of the applicant to notify the Research Office of their host Research Body of their intention to submit a pre-proposal.
Additional eligibility criteria	Applicants are advised that funding awarded by Research Ireland will be subject to, and must comply with, State aid rules and the conditions of the EU Commission General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER). Funding will be awarded to successful applicants under Article 25, in respect of aid for research and development projects. For further details please consult: Taighde Éireann Research Ireland Research and Innovation Scheme 2021-2026
Relevant documents	Grant General Terms & Conditions Grant Budget Policy
Additional information	N/A

Useful links	https://www.researchireland.ie/

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Kingdom of the Netherlands Country/Region	Kingdom of the Netherlands (NL)
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Dutch Research Council (NWO)
General contact information	Johan Stapel and Nelline Bogerd rch@nwo.nl
Funding commitment	€ 2,000,000
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€ 400,000 per application to NWO, for all national applicants combined
Project duration	Up to 36 months
Eligible topics	All topics
Eligible type of research	N/A
Eligible institutions	An application for funding from NWO may consider the following roles: • **National main applicant (mandatory)**: the national applicant who leads the application to NWO and is the foreseen national project leader, in case a project is granted. • **National co-applicant (optional)**: national applicants in addition to the national main applicant with an active role and responsibility in realising the project and requesting funding from NWO. A researcher may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals, either as national main applicant or national

	co-applicant within an application for NWO funding. **National main applicant** To be eligible to submit a proposal, researchers must be employed for an indefinite period (with the associated employment contract) or have a tenure track agreement at any of the following research organisations: • universities and universities of applied sciences, as described in Section 1.8, subsection 1 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act, or universities referred to in the Policy Rules for Universities in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; • university medical centres, as described in Article 1.13, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act; • KNAW institutes and NWO institutes; • TO2 institutions[18]; • Netherlands Cancer Institute; • Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center. Researchers employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a national main applicant if they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time. Individuals with a zero-hour or fixed-term employment contract (other than a tenure track appointment) cannot submit a proposal. Applicants with a part-time appointment must ensure adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.

[18] The TO2 Institutions are Deltares, NLR, TNO, WUR and MARIN.

	It may be that the national applicant's tenure track employment contract ends before the intended completion date of the project for which grant funding is being requested, or that the national applicant's tenure agreement ends before this date due to their reaching retirement age. In such cases, the proposal must include a statement from the employer. In this statement, the research organisation in question guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding is being requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. **National co-applicant** All requirements regarding the employment contract described under 'National main applicant'', also apply to national co-applicants. National co-applicants must be affiliated with a research organisation either 1) eligible as a national main applicant (see above), or 2) with other research organisations as described in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that comply with the following cumulative conditions. The organisation must: • be established in the Netherlands; • be a foundation, organisation or legal entity established and governed by public law (in Dutch: *publiekrechtelijke rechtspersoon*) (all other legal forms, including private and public limited companies, are excluded); • have as its primary goal the independent conduct of its own fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development or widely disseminating the results of those activities through teaching, publications or knowledge transfer; • be able to state that the organisation keeps separate accounts regarding economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results. **Note**: Prior to submission of a pre-proposal, NWO will assess whether an organisation complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and is thus eligible to participate as national co-applicant based on the above conditions. This assessment also helps to

	ensure NWO's compliance with regulations prohibiting state aid. To enable the assessment to be carried out, the intended national co-applicant's organisation must submit the following documents by email to rch@nwo.nl no later than 20 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline of the pre-proposal (i.e. **by Thursday 10 December 2026,14:00:00 CET)**: • a recent extract from the Chamber of Commerce; • a deed of establishment and/or current articles of association; • the most recently available annual accounts, including an audit report[19]; • a completed Research Organisation Statement, which is available on the funding page of this Call for proposals. These documents must be provided in English or in Dutch. Other relevant documents may also be included. NWO may also request additional information if the above documents do not allow for adequate determination of the organisation's eligibility to act as national co-applicant. If in a full proposal national co-applicants are added to the consortium who are not affiliated with any of the research organisations listed above, these new national co-applicants must be assessed based on the same conditions. Again, the intended national co-applicant's organisation must submit at least the above-mentioned documents by email no later than 20 working days before the full proposal submission deadline of the full proposal (i.e. **by Wednesday 19 May 2027,14:00:00 CEST)**.

[19] No audit report is necessary for organisations not legally required to have their annual accounts audited. However, such organisations must be able to provide proof of exemption from this legal requirement.

	If the intended national co-applicant's organisation has already been assessed and found to comply with these conditions as part of a different NWO programme, please contact NWO at the above email address well before the applicable deadline to determine whether further assessment is necessary. If the intended national co-applicant's organisation fails to submit the documents required for assessment on time, NWO will not accept the organisation as national co-applicant. If a research organisation was already assessed and approved as a national co-applicant before submitting the pre-proposal, there is no need to have it assessed again for the submission of the full proposal.
Organisations excluded from funding	See "Eligible institutions"
Eligible applicants	See "Eligible institutions"
Eligible costs	The available budget modules are: **1. Personnel:** Salary costs can be claimed for the following positions: *1.1 Postdoc*: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or UMCNL rates, a benchfee is available; *1.2 Non-scientific personnel (NWP)*: according to UNL or UMCNL rates; *1.3 Research leave*: max. 10% of the grant amount, according to UNL or UMCNL rates. *1.4 Personnel at universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and other organisations*: using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 'average total salary cost per salary scale', column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT' **2. Materials**: For project-specific material costs, up to 25% of the grant amount. Subsequently, up to 50% of the material budget can be used for work by third parties. Engagement of students may be included here according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates. **3. Knowledge utilisation**: For activities that promote the

	use of knowledge from the research, mandatory and at most 20% of the grant amount. **4. Project management**: Up to 5% of the grant amount. It is recommended to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items and correct use of tariffs. For full proposals, it is mandatory to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO (rch@nwo.nl) at the time of the transnational deadline. Please note the following: • An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for research and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed. • Researchers employed at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 may not apply for a scientific or post-doc position for themselves. • PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. • Overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding. A detailed "Explanation of budget modules and indexing" can be found on the NWO funding page of this Call for proposals. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions.
Submission of the proposal at national level	Applicants are required to submit a mandatory NWO budget form by the deadline for full proposals. The completed budget form can be submitted to NWO via rch@nwo.nl.
Additional eligibility criteria	Not applicable
Relevant documents	Additional supporting documents for an application to NWO can be found on the NWO funding page of this Call for proposals.

Additional information	The NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the Approval of Funding for Scientific Research are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid. As stipulated in the NWO Grant Rules, Article 3.2, paragraph 2, the project cannot start until the conditions set out in the grant award decision regarding the start of the project are met. Please note, these conditions will include a signed Consortium agreement by all partners in the transnational project. Once proposals are recommended for funding on a transnational level, the consortia will be notified by the Call Secretariat (CS) and, subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO. Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objection's procedure can be found on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection. NWO will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding a grant. The current UNL/UMCNL/HOT rate on the national decision date applies. Please refer to the "Explanation of budget modules and indexing" on the NWO funding page, for more information on indexing. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. Granted consortia will be informed.
Useful links	www.nwo.nl/rch

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Latvia

Country/Region	Latvia
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	*Latvijas Zinātnes padome* (Latvian Council of Science) (LZP)
Contact information	Kaspars Zalāns, Expert in the Humanities and Social Sciences Maija Bundule, Head of the International Research Programs Department
Funding commitment	600 000 EUR
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum 100 000 EUR per project year.
Project duration	Maximum 36 months.
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes, but LCS funds only research, not training nor implementation.
Eligible institutions	Only the following legal entities can participate: Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities And must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization in the Registry of Research Institutions (Regulation EC 651/2014) Private entity (SME, large company): - must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia, - is an established firm with turnover, - provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia,

	- be able to submit its financial statements for the last two closed financial years, - has a Latvian bank account.
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations that are not corresponding to the eligibility criteria, for example, public institutions, NGOs.
Eligible applicants	Scientific staff of the eligible institution with a master's degree of eligible institutions.
Eligible costs	Direct costs: • Personnel costs incl. taxes; • Travels (according to travel plan); • Consumables (replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment); • Subcontracts (up to 25 % of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, • Equipment (only depreciation costs during project, directly attributable to project tasks); • Other costs (publication, meetings etc.). Indirect costs: up to 25 % of total direct costs excluding subcontracting costs.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	N/A
Additional eligibility criteria	No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the project. LZP does not fund implementation support, nor training activities. Private entity must perform its core business and implement the project in the territory of the Republic of Latvia and have an account in Latvian bank. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date. Private entity must not be a company in difficulty and must have available the financial statements for at least the last two closed financial years.
Relevant documents	The funding for RTD activities is provided in accordance with the Regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation

	programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015) https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma and provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (Article 25).
Additional information	No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in a project.
Useful links	https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem

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Lithuania

Country/Region	Lithuania
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)
General contact information	Research Council of Lithuania info@lmt.lt +370 670 32 435 Gedimino pr. 3, LT-01103 Vilnius, Lithuania https://lmt.lrv.lt/en/
Funding commitment	300 000 EUR
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding can be up to 150 000 EUR or 200 000 EUR or 250 000 EUR. Within a single project proposal, the maximum funding can be: • up to EUR 150 000 – for a consortium partner (main applicant or main applicant and legal entity (or entities) of Lithuania); • up to EUR 200 000 – for a coordinator or 2 consortium partners; • up to EUR 250 000 – for a coordinator and 1 consortium partner.
Project duration	24 – 36 months.
Eligible sub-themes	Lithuania funds proposals within the sub-themes defined in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Both basic and applied research.
Eligible institutions	Lithuanian research and higher education institution, which is listed in the Register of Education and Research institutions and which enables the project implementers

	to implement the project, administers the state budget funds allocated to the project in accordance with the procedure laid down by the legislation and represents the project partners (if any). The implementing institution may also be an academy of science(s) as defined in the Law on Science and Studies of the Republic of Lithuania, a library of national or state importance, a state archive, a national museum.
Organisations excluded from funding	Please follow the General Rules for the Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects of the Research Council of Lithuania.
Eligible applicants	The applicant who intends to act as a principal investigator for Lithuanian institution must be a scientist (researcher holding at least a Ph.D. degree). A person may only submit one proposal for the same Call as PI (principal investigator) or PPI (primary project implementer).
Eligible costs	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project, related to project are eligible: personnel, travel, consumables, subcontracting, equipment, overheads (up to 20 % from direct costs).
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Lithuanian applicants shall not submit a proposal at the national level prior to the funding decision. If a project is selected for funding, the Research Council of Lithuania (LMT) will contact the applicants and provide the necessary guidance for submitting a formal national application.
Additional eligibility criteria	Work scope of each PPI (primary project implementer) (including principal investigator, PI) within the project must be at least 20 hours of project time multiplied by the duration of the project in months. For more information about Lithuanian conditions for funding, please consult the Call Text in Lithuanian. If a company applies for funding, the project supported by LMT will be treated as State aid.

Relevant documents	Funding is provided according to the General Rules for the Competitive Funding of Research and Dissemination Projects of the Research Council of Lithuania, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.
Additional information	For full details of LMT requirements, please refer to the Call Announcement published on the LMT website.
Useful links	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/dokumentai-europos-partnerysciu-era-net-ir-kitu-koordinavimo-veiklu-pareiskejams/

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Malta

Country/Region	Malta
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Xjenza Malta (XM)
General contact information	eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt
Funding commitment	500,000€
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Minimum: No Limit Maximum: €500,000
Project duration	The maximum 36 months (as per Call Text)
Eligible sub-themes	Xjenza Malta funds proposals within the scope and sub-themes defined in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development
Eligible institutions	Malta-based applicants that qualify as Eligible Undertakings and have an operating base in Malta can receive funding for Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development projects. Funding is subject to the latest National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible applicants may include: • Companies registered under the Companies Act • Co-operative societies • Professional bodies • NGOs • Non-profit entities, including foundations

	Public entities and public research or knowledge dissemination organisations based in Malta that do not engage in economic activity (as defined under Article 107 of the TFEU) may also be eligible for funding, under the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).
Organisations excluded from funding	N/A
Eligible applicants	Malta-based applicants that qualify as Eligible Undertakings and have an operating base in Malta can receive funding for Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development projects. Funding is subject to the latest National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible applicants may include: • Companies registered under the Companies Act • Co-operative societies • Professional bodies • NGOs • Non-profit entities, including foundations Public entities and public research or knowledge dissemination organisations based in Malta that do not engage in economic activity (as defined under Article 107 of the TFEU) may also be eligible for funding, under the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).
Eligible costs	Eligibility for funding and cost coverage depends on the type of Malta-based entity applying and the selected funding route—De Minimis, General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER), or Non-State Aid. Eligible costs may include: • Personnel • Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Research consumables • Travel and subsistence • IP & Knowledge Transfer Activities • Subcontracted Activities • Overheads and Other Operating Expenses For full details on eligible costs and funding rates under each funding modality, please refer to the latest National Rules for Participation available on the Xjenza Malta website.

Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the Xjenza Malta website and must be sent to eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt by the deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website.
Relevant documents	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the Xjenza Malta website.
Additional information	For further information and assistance with partner search, applicants can contact the Lead Call Manager at Xjenza Malta Gaia Gurrieri (gaia.gurrieri@gov.mt) and/or the alternate call manager Mrs. Luca Halasz (luca.halasz@gov.mt)
Useful links	Resources Page – Xjenza Malta Open Funding Schemes – Xjenza Malta

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Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 500, 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.

Moldova

Country/Region	Republic of Moldova
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	**Agenția Națională pentru Cercetare și Dezvoltare (ANCD)**
General contact information	**Mrs Aurelia Hanganu** Tel.: +373 22 23 49 20 Email: aurelia.hanganu@ancd.gov.md **Mrs Natalia Bragarenco** Tel.: +373 22 23 23 06 Email: natalia.bragarenco@ancd.gov.md
Funding commitment	100,000 EUR
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	No minimum funding. Maximum 50,000 € per project.
Project duration	**24 months**
Eligible topics	Research topics falling within the scope of the Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage: the impacts of climate change on cultural heritage, innovative solutions for climate adaptation and mitigation, heritage assessment systems, adaptation and mitigation strategies
Eligible type of research	Basic or applied research
	Funding may be awarded to public organisations operating in the fields of research and innovation in the Republic of Moldova.

Eligible institutions	The eligibility of institutions is established in accordance with the Science and Innovation Code of the Republic of Moldova No. 259/2004**,** including Articles 95 and 96, and Government Decision No. 382/2019 on the Methodology for financing projects in the fields of research and innovation**.** The applicant institution must: have the legal right to carry out research and innovation activities according to its statutory/institutional documents; not be declared insolvent; not have its bank accounts blocked by an irrevocable court decision; comply with the contractual obligations arising from previously financed research and innovation projects.
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations that do not meet the eligibility requirements established by the national legislation and ANCD regulations are not eligible for ANCD funding. In particular organisations that do not have the legal right to perform research and innovation activities or that fail to comply with the applicable financial and contractual requirements are excluded from funding. Activities that have already been financed, or are being financed, from other national or international sources are not eligible for double financing.
Eligible applicants	The Project Leader/Principal Investigator representing the Republic of Moldova must: hold a doctoral degree or habilitated doctoral degree in science; be employed by an eligible research organisation in the Republic of Moldova or have an institutional guarantee of employment at the respective organisation upon award of the project; have the appropriate scientific qualifications and experience to implement the proposed research. The applicant must have access to the necessary technical and material infrastructure, laboratory facilities and research equipment required for implementation of the proposed activities. Each project should involve, as appropriate to the research topic, researchers at different career stages, including experienced researchers, early-career researchers, doctoral students and/or master's students.

	A person may act as Project Leader for only one proposal within the same competition.
Eligible costs	Funding requested from ANCD may cover costs necessary and directly related to the implementation of the approved project, in accordance with Government Decision No. 382/2019 and applicable national legislation. **Personnel costs.** Remuneration of members of the research team, in accordance with the applicable public-sector salary legislation and regulations: up to 70% of the ANCD contribution. Salaries for administrative, financial and technical staff may represent: up to 5% of the amount allocated to personnel costs. **Travel costs:** Eligible travel expenses include domestic travel within the Republic of Moldova and international travel directly related to the implementation of the project: up to 10% of the ANCD contribution. **Service costs:** Services necessary for implementation of the project may be eligible, provided that they are directly related to the approved research activities and are procured in accordance with the applicable legislation. **Other eligible costs.** Other project-related costs may include, where justified and permitted by national legislation: participation fees for scientific events. The budget justification must specify the nature and necessity of the service, quantity, unit cost and total cost, where applicable. <u>Non-eligible costs:</u> Costs related to the maintenance, development or improvement of public research infrastructure and basic institutional infrastructure are not eligible for ANCD funding under this call. Costs for activities already financed or being financed from other sources are not eligible. All expenditures must be incurred only after the financing contract has been signed and registered by the Contracting Authority, in accordance with national legislation. The proposed budget must clearly indicate the allocation of ANCD funding supported by appropriate calculations and justifications.

Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	For organizations from the Republic of Moldova, the organizations from the research and innovation sector shall download and complete the standard application documents specified in the Call Conditions. The duly completed documents shall be submitted in a single email to the address indicated by ANCD for the respective call.
Additional eligibility criteria	The proposed research activities must be clearly aligned with the objectives and scope of the Partnership for Resilient Cultural Heritage and address challenges related to the impact of climate change on cultural heritage and/or the potential of cultural heritage to contribute to climate adaptation, mitigation and societal resilience. Projects should demonstrate the added value of transnational and interdisciplinary cooperation and should contribute to the development of innovative solutions, assessment approaches, adaptation and mitigation strategies and/or risk management models relevant to cultural heritage. Where applicable, proposals should demonstrate potential for dissemination, knowledge transfer and capacity building, in line with the objectives of the Partnership.
Relevant documents	The following national regulatory documents apply: Science and Innovation Code of the Republic of Moldova No. 259/2004; Government Decision No. 382/2019 regarding the Methodology for financing projects in the fields of research and innovation
Additional information	ANCD will monitor the implementation of projects funded from its national contribution in accordance with national legislation and the applicable contractual provisions. Project leaders are required to submit scientific and financial reports in accordance with the reporting requirements and deadlines established by ANCD. Scientific reports must describe the research activities implemented, results achieved, scientific outputs and progress against the approved project objectives. Financial reports must provide a detailed account of expenditure, in accordance with the approved budget and applicable national financial rules.

	ANCD reserves the right to verify the appropriate use of public funds and the compliance of project expenditure with the approved budget and national legislation.
Useful links	https://ancd.gov.md/ro

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Norway

Country/Region	**Norway**
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
General contact information	The Research Council of Norway P.O. Box 564 1327 Lysaker Phone number: +47 22 03 70 00 (forskningsradet.no/en/)
Funding commitment	1,500.000 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding from RCN is 375.000 € per proposal.
Project duration	From 24 months to 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	Norway funds proposals within the scope and sub-themes defined in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Both basic and applied research
Eligible institutions	Universities, research institutes, SME's and large companies, public authorities, NGOs
Organisations excluded from funding	N/A
Eligible applicants	The Norwegian Lead PI or PI must hold a doctoral degree or possess equivalent qualifications.

Eligible costs	Described here: Apply for funding (forskningsradet.no)
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Norwegian applicants shall not submit a proposal at the national level prior to the funding decision. If a project is selected for funding, the Research Council of Norway (RCN) will contact the applicants and provide the necessary guidance for submitting a formal national application.
Additional eligibility criteria	N/A
Relevant documents	
Additional information	- Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis. - Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. Norwegian partners that are coordinators of the projects will be asked to also coordinate the Norwegian partners of the projects and request funded applicants from Norway to sign a consortium agreement. - The participation including the budget must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects - The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency (europa.eu). - Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list. - Applicants that are private companies, that is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must

	be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules: State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects. To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid. Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market. The state aid rules allow the Research Council to provide funding to partners that are registered in the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises and have economic activity in Norway. How much can be awarded depends on the size of the enterprise and the type of research that is carried out. The following applies to this call: • Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs according to the EU definition) that are considered enterprises within the meaning of state aid law can receive support of up to 50 per cent of their costs in the project. The support may be used to cover costs authorised by Article 25 of the GBER. Please note that under this call, funding is only awarded that corresponds to the level of support for industrial research (IF), even if the company(s) are involved in basic research in the project. • Large companies are encouraged to participate as partners, but must cover all their costs in the project. • Public organisations can apply for up to 100 per cent support. If a public sector organisation is to be regarded as an undertaking for the purposes of state aid, the conditions set out in the call for proposals for support for SMEs and large enterprises apply.
Useful links	

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Poland

Country/Region	**Poland**
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	National Science Centre, Poland (NCN)
General contact information	**Narodowe Centrum Nauki** ul. Twardowskiego 16, 30-312 Kraków https://www.ncn.gov.pl/kontakt
Funding commitment	1 000 000 €
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	N/A
Project duration	24 months or 36 months
Eligible sub-themes	NCN funds proposals within the scope and sub-themes defined in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	Basic and applied research
Eligible institutions	Proposals may be submitted by the entities specified in Article 27 (1) of the Act on the National Science Centre (NCN Act).
Organisations excluded from funding	N/A
Eligible applicants	**The principal investigator of the Polish research team** shall hold **at least a PhD degree** when submitting the national proposal to NCN.

	Other eligibility criteria are described in Chapter IV of the UNISONO Resolution no. 76/2026 of the Council of National Science Centre, dated September 10, 2026
Eligible costs	Applicants may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary, and directly connected to the proposed research project, including: **Salaries and scholarships** (including post-doc positions and scholarships/salaries for students and PhD students). **Please note:** Limits apply depending on the size of the research team – please refer to the UNISONO Resolution. If the principal investigator is also the coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal the budget of salaries and scholarships may be increased. **Research equipment, devices and software:** applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to PLN 500 000 per unit. **Other direct costs:** materials and consumables, outsourcing and subcontracting, business trips, visits and consultations, collective investigators, other costs; **Overheads:** Indirect costs of open access of up to 2% of direct costs that may be spent on open access to publications and research data; other indirect costs of up to 20% of direct costs that may be spent on costs that are related indirectly to the research project, including the cost of open access to publications and research data.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	At the full proposal stage, **applicants must submit their national proposals** in the Polish submission system (OSF), **within 7 days of the submission deadline for joint full proposals at international level.**
Additional eligibility criteria	If a research project is carried out by two or more Polish entities applying for NCN funding, they must set up a **group of entities** and as such submit NCN proposals. NCN proposals are submitted by leaders specified in the research project cooperation agreement concluded by the group of entities. An entity employing the principal investigator acts as the leader of the group of entities. If, pursuant to Article 27 (1) (2) of the NCN Act, Polish entities cannot set up a group of entities, they are not

	eligible to apply for NCN funding of a joint research project. If a company applies for funding, the project supported by NCN will be treated as State aid. **Application for state aid is allowed under RCH Call for basic research projects only.**
Relevant documents	Terms and regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO (Resolution No. 76/2026)
Additional information	For full details of NCN requirements, please refer to the Call Announcement published on the NCN website.
Useful links	**OSF submission system:** https://osf.opi.org.pl/ **State aid regulations**: https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en/finansowanie-nauki/pomoc-publiczna **Personal data processing at NCN:** https://www.ncn.gov.pl/en/dane-osobowe

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Romania

Country/Region	Romania
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Ministry of Culture – Project Management Unit MC-UMP
Contact information	Pirvu Ionica +40723996657 ionica.pirvu@umpcultura.ro Mihaela Terchila +40743031301 mihaela.terchila@umpcultura.ro
Funding commitment	2,000,000 EUR
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	150,000 EUR to 300,000 EUR
Project duration	24 months
Eligible topics	Impact and risk assessment and management Managing the loss and damage of cultural heritage Traditional knowledge and practices and traditional knowledge systems as resources and frameworks for the resilience of societies Sustainable governance of the cultural heritage sector
Eligible institutions	Public bodies with activity in CH and/or CC
Organisations excluded from funding	Public Organisations without a solid background in implementing CH and/or CC projects Public Organisations which already received a grant related to the topic of proposal from local or national funders, from EU or from other international organisations

Eligible applicants	Public Research organisations in CH and/or CC Public owned Museums Public organisations which are owners or administrators of cultural heritage
Eligible costs	**These costs are indicative for the time-being. Will be further detailed/correlated in the final call text.** **1. Direct costs**: **1.1. Personnel costs:** a) monthly wages (including all taxes, and/or contributions provisioned by the law) of the individuals involved in project's activities b) temporary workers, without a labour contract (including all taxes, and/or contributions provisioned by the law). **1.2. Travel costs:** transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance (only for countries where European Health Card is no acknowledged); local travel is eligible, as per RCH rules. **1.3. Purchase of goods and services**: -Stationary and small office equipment directly and fully related to the project implementation (within 5000 RON value, VAT excluded); - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g. rent of premises, catering – within limits provisioned by the regulations applicable to public bodies, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; fees for speakers outside organisation; - patent costs; - any other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, internet hosting, postal costs, software licencing, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project; - short term rental of premises for activities related to research, which not exceed the duration of the project's implementation **1.4. Subcontracting costs:** any costs for works or services provided by third parties which falls under following cumulative requirements: -are not related with project management/ administration, except accounting services; -are not related with the core of the research (e.g., conducting surveys, prototyping, tests and approvals made by regulatory organisations or entitled testing laboratories etc.) -are under 5000 EUR limit (VAT excluded) -are clearly described in the proposal. The total value of subcontracting costs will not exceed 20% of the sum of Personnel costs, Travel costs and Purchase of goods and services

	2.Indirect costs (overhead): any costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the implementation of the project and/or should cover the general expenses of the beneficiary organisation (e.g. communication costs, rental of premises of the beneficiary's headquarter, electricity and other communal utilities). The total value of indirect cost will not exceed 10% of the direct costs. **Ineligible cost**: according the general rules provisioned in the Call. Double funding of activities is forbidden (i.e. the same cost may not be budgeted, requested and/or reimbursed from different public funding sources).
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Yes. The national requested support documents of selected projects in RCH platform shall be uploaded in the national RO - https://fonduri-cultura.ro/ platform.
Additional eligibility criteria	The academic title of "researcher" (cercetător științific) is not compulsory for the leading staff of the applicant/beneficiary. **Grant Agreement** For successful proposals, a Grant agreement will be signed by the Ministerul Culturii – Unitatea de Management a Proiectului (MC-UMP) (Ministry of Culture – Project Management unit) with each Romanian organisation entitled to receive a grant. The beneficiary is not allowed to request a payment from the grant until the Consortium Agreement involving this beneficiary was not signed and submitted to the MC-UMP via online platform used for project's submission
Relevant documents	To be detailed correlated with the call text.
Additional information	To be detailed correlated with the call text.
Useful links	https://www.umpcultura.ro – further appropriate RCH page will be developed in the coming period.

Contact Persons

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Slovakia

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<tr><td>Country/Region</td><td>Slovakia</td></tr>
<tr><td>Funding organisation
Full name
(Acronym)</td><td>Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR)</td></tr>
<tr><td>General contact information</td><td>Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR)
Lamačská cesta 8A
811 04 Bratislava
Slovakia

Email: cvti@cvtisr.sk
Tel.: 02/69 253 102</td></tr>
<tr><td>Funding commitment</td><td>800 000 EUR</td></tr>
<tr><td>Minimum/ maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</td><td>The minimum funding amount per Slovak project partner is 100 000 EUR.
The maximum funding amount is 300 000 EUR per Slovak partner. This maximum amount can go up to 350 000 EUR if the Slovak partner acts as the project coordinator. If a single project involves two Slovak partners, their combined maximum funding is 450 000 EUR in total. These amounts can be further increased by up to 15 000 EUR if a partner submits a patent, trademark, or design application, and/or publishes project results in an internationally indexed (peer-reviewed) scientific journal (e.g., WoS/Scopus).

Funding rates:
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<tr><td>Large enterprises - for profit, non SMEs</td><td>50%</td><td>40%</td></tr>
<tr><td>SMEs</td><td>70%</td><td>60%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Research organisations, non - profit</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions)</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Non - governmental non profit organisations</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr>
<tr><td>Cluster organisations</td><td>100%</td><td>100%</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Project duration</td><td>24 - 36 months*

*All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029. Please contact CVTI SR’s contact points in case of doubts.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible sub-themes</td><td>All sub-themes as specified in the Call Text.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible type of research</td><td>Fundamental Research, Industrial Research, and/or Experimental Development.</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible institutions</td><td>Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation.
Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes)
Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions)
Non-governmental non-profit organizations
Cluster organizations
Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector)
Public administration bodies, including local and regional government authorities, are eligible to participate; however, they are not eligible to receive funding and therefore cannot have a budget allocated to them.</td></tr>
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Organisations excluded from funding	Entities not established in the Slovak Republic and applications from individuals (natural persons) will not be accepted.
Eligible applicants	Only legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, as defined in the "Eligible institutions" section above, are eligible for funding.
Eligible costs	Only costs that are essential to the project implementation and are directly related to its activities and timeline are eligible. Overheads are not eligible. All costs must be fully utilized and accounted for by the end of 2029. Eligible costs: • Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are involved in the project; • Costs of instruments and equipment; • Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. General eligibility rule: All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with: • Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation • The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia; • Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027. Slovak applicants are advised to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Guide for Applicants in European Co-funded Partnerships and Guide to Eligibility of Expenses under the Programme Slovakia, as the planned co-financing will be provided through this programme. It is further recommended that at least 30% of the Slovak applicant's total budget be dedicated to the actual performance of research activities.

Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Submission of the pre-proposal and full proposal to the RCH JTC 2027 Call Secretariat/EPSS platform only. Following the receipt of the formal international funding recommendation, applicants will be required to submit a separate application for national funding via the national submission platform. This serves as the final formal step, with the official funding decision issued by CVTI SR once the project has been successfully recommended by the Partnership.
Additional eligibility criteria	The proposed research activities must be carried out in Slovakia, and their results must be applicable and utilized within the Slovak Republic's environment. The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments in Slovakia. All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.
Relevant documents	Programme Slovakia 2021-2027, Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia, Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027
Additional information	All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals. No change of the applicant institution is allowed between the stages. The information given in the pre-proposal is binding and no major changes regarding the proposal's content or objectives are allowed between the pre-proposals and full proposals (if invited to stage 2) including the proposed budget. However, a limited number of minor administrative changes including small budget reshuffles may be allowed. Any modification must be communicated with CVTI SR and ensure that the total funding requested in the full proposal does not exceed the amount declared in the pre-proposal stage.

Useful links	Programme Slovakia SK RIS3 2021+ Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027 State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia

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Slovakia

Country/Region	Slovakia (Slovak republic)
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
General contact information	Office of Slovak Academy of Sciences Štefánikova 49 814 38 Bratislava 1 Slovak Republic
Funding commitment	120 000€
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	120 000€
Project duration	36 months
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes as specified in the Call Text.
Eligible type of research	TBC
Eligible institutions	Only research institutes and/or centers of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS
Organisations excluded from funding	Only research institutes and/or centers of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS
Eligible applicants	The main applicant must have, at the time of submission, a contract(s) with one or several of the SAS

	institutes/centres equivalent to more than 50% of the full-time employment valid for the whole duration of the project. Each member of the applicant's team must also have an employment contract or a fellowship with the same or another SAS institute/center.
Eligible costs	Direct costs (DC): Personnel (max. 15% of DC for the Project Partner, max. 30% of DC for the Project Coordinator), Consumables and Travel costs, Indirect costs (IC, Overheads): max. 20 % of DC. No capital expenditures are allowed
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	no
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	Documents of the International Projects Unit – Department of International Cooperation
Additional information	
Useful links	https://www.sav.sk/?lang=en https://oms.sav.sk/en/

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Country/Region</td><td>Spain</td></tr>
<tr><td>Funding organisation</td><td>Research State Agency (AEI)</td></tr>
<tr><td>General information</td><td>Please refer to the document “General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships”, available at:
https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion</td></tr>
<tr><td>General contact information</td><td>Juan Climent Blasco /Jessica Illera Clavijo

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<tr><td>Funding commitment</td><td>1M€</td></tr>
<tr><td>Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</td><td>The following funding limits of direct costs are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.
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<tr><th>Maximum funding per project</th><th>*Maximum DC (€)</th><th>*IC (25%) (€)</th><th>TOTAL (€)</th></tr>
<tr><td>One AEI applicant</td><td>140.000</td><td>35.000</td><td>175.000</td></tr>
<tr><td>One AEI coordinator</td><td>220.000</td><td>55.000</td><td>275.000</td></tr>
<tr><td>One AEI coordinator and one other AEI applicant</td><td>260.000</td><td>65.000</td><td>325.000</td></tr>
<tr><td>Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)</td><td>30.000</td><td>7.500</td><td>37.500</td></tr>
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* Direct costs must be rounded to the thousands in the application.
* Indirect costs are 25% of direct costs requested.

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• Only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI is allowed per</td></tr>
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	proposal as partner. • Two AEI applicants are allowed in the same proposal if one of them is acting as coordinator. • Additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks.
Project duration	36 months
Eligible topics	All topics are eligible
Eligible type of research	Basic Research Applied research Experimental development/innovation
Eligible institutions	Please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion
Eligible applicants	Please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion
Eligible costs	Please refer to the last call text "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" published: PCI2026_2, article 8) and the ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	**Submission of proposals at the AEI**. Within one week after the international call pre-proposal submission, the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit the Spanish proposal to the AEI. The PIs must submit an application to the AEI through the following link: https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/

	The application should include a copy of the international joint proposal, the transnational call application and the "*Declaración responsable del investigador principal*", available at https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion , duly signed by the Spanish principal investigator. They must send it not later than one week after the deadline of the transnational call. Failure to comply with the submission at the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed as not sub-mitted.
Additional eligibility criteria	Please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion
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Additional information	Please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion
Useful links	https://www.aei.gob.es/oportunidades-colaboracion

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Sweden

Country/Region	Sweden
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Swedish Research Council (SRC)
General contact information	Petter Tistedt Petter.tistedt@vr.se +46954644150
Funding commitment	9 830 000 SEK/approx. 909 469 EURO
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Minimum 1 200 000 SEK (approx. 111 024 Euro) in total per Swedish partner in a project. Maximum 3 500 000 SEK (approx. 323 819 Euro) in total per consortium for Swedish participation with maximum 2 Swedish partners. Maximum 5 000 000 SEK (approx. 462 599 Euro) in total for Swedish participation in a consortium with a Swedish coordinator.
Project duration	From 24 months to 36 months.
Eligible sub-themes	All sub-themes.
Eligible type of research	Applied and fundamental research.
Eligible institutions	Swedish higher education institution (HEI) or another Swedish organisation that fulfils our criteria for administrating organisations for Swedish Research Council grants).

Organisations excluded from funding	No funding of industrial partners. The organisations that are approved as administrating organisations can be found in the application form in the application system Prisma. All other organisations are excluded.
Eligible applicants	The applicant must be an individual researcher holding a PhD. Only researchers at an administrating organisation approved by the Swedish Research Council may apply. Please refer to general applicant eligibility requirements found here.
Eligible costs	You can apply for a grant for all types of project-related costs, such as • Salaries (including your own salary), however no more than corresponding to the person's activity level in the project. The Swedish Research Council will fund a maximum of 80 per cent of a full-time salary for applicants under this call. Exceptions are made for postdoctoral fellows and doctoral students if full-time employment is required. • Premises • Running costs (such as consumables, travel including stays at research facilities, publication costs, and minor equipment) • Depreciation costs The grant amount includes cover of indirect costs as a percentage of the direct costs, according to the model used by your administrating organisation. Grants must not be used for scholarships. If a doctoral student participates, project funds may not be paid out as salary during teaching, other departmental duties, or courses that are not directly relevant or necessary for the implementation of the project.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	All Swedish project leaders participating in the Call for support from the Swedish Research Council shall also submit a parallel application using the Swedish Research Council's application system Prisma. The application form in Prisma can be reached from the national Call Text at the Swedish Research Council's website.

	Parallel application is a mandatory eligibility criterion. Failure to submit the parallel application to the Swedish Research Council before the deadline of the Prisma call may result in the Swedish partner being declared ineligible.
Additional eligibility criteria	You can only take part in one consortium within this call, either as coordinator or partner. The number of Swedish PIs in one consortium cannot be more than two (2). The applicant may not have an ongoing grant concerning the same project idea funded by the Swedish Research Council at the start of the grant period.
Relevant documents	
Additional information	
Useful links	

Contact Persons

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Türkiye

Country/Region	Türkiye
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
General contact information	Dr. İlknur YILMAZ GÜMÜŞ / Eren TEMİR
Funding commitment	500.000 Euro
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	-EUR 200.000 per project excluding Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead costs (OC) -Per partner -Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) EUR 100.000 (excluding PIP&OC) -Private entities: EUR 200.000 Turkish small and medium sized enterprises can receive 75% of the approved budget; Turkish large-scale enterprises can receive 60% of the approved budget. Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations can receive 100% of the approved budget. Requested funding from TÜBİTAK is obtained by multiplying the project budget with the support rate. **In the budget section of the international application, for institutions eligible to receive "Proje Teşvik İkramiyesi (Project Incentive Premium – PIP)" and "Kurum Hissesi (overhead**)":

	- The PIP amount shall be included under the “personnel cost” section of the budget. Expenses such as scholarships and temporary staff wages shall also be entered under the “personnel cost” section. - The Kurum Hissesi (OC) shall be recorded under the “overhead” category.
Project duration	Max 36 months
Eligible topics	All topics are eligible
Eligible type of research	Type of research: strategic (basic) research, applied research, experimental development TRL: 1-8
Eligible institutions	• Higher education institutions, • Training and research hospitals, • Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities), • SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye
Organisations excluded from funding	Associations without economic activities, NGOs
Eligible applicants	Higher education sector/universities (HES) Research organisations (REC) Private for-profit companies (PRC) Public bodies (excluding research and education) (PUB)
Eligible costs	• Personnel Expenses (For private sector only) • Consumable Expenses • Travel Expenses • Service Procurement Expenses (Consultancy and service purchase expenses from national and international project partners are not supported) • Tools and Equipment Expenses

	• Scholarship expenses (For universities and public sector only) • Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead (For universities and public sector only) A balanced distribution between the project budget items is required.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Electronic application is required via: https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
Additional eligibility criteria	National ”1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” Programme will be implemented. Further information will be announced on https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/
Relevant documents	http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2026-01/ARDEB_Idari_Mali_Esaslar_77YK_islenmis.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/250_sayili_bilim_kurulu_karari_islenmis_hali_son.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/tubitak_tarafindan_ozel_kuruluslar_ve_vakif_universitelerine_proje_karsiligi._yeni_2.pdf
Additional information	Further information will be announced on https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/
Useful links	https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/en/partnership/water4all

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Country/Region	United Kingdom
Funding organisation Full name (Acronym)	Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) / United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)
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Funding commitment	2M Euros
Minimum/maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	€300,000 (full economic cost) (N.B. The full economic cost of the UK elements of any individual proposal can be up to €300,000. If your proposal is successful, AHRC will fund 80% of that full economic cost, i.e. €240,000) There is no defined exchange rate for this call. RO institutional exchange rate policy applies. You must use the same exchange rate to calculate costs at all stages. This exchange rate must be noted your UK finance form. Any changes in exchange rate from the outline stage to an award being made must be absorbed by the RO.
Project duration	24 to 36 months
Eligible topics	In order for a proposal to be eligible to receive AHRC funding, the majority of the research that is being funded by the AHRC must lie within the Arts and Humanities.
Eligible type of research	Please follow the rules and guidance that are set out in the AHRC Research Funding Guide.
Eligible institutions	The UK PI must be based at an organisation that is eligible to receive UKRI funding.

Organisations excluded from funding	The UK PI must be based at an organisation that is eligible to receive UKRI funding.
Eligible applicants	The UK PI must meet the UKRI individual eligibility policy. Please note that no doctoral studentships linked to a UK team can be funded under this call.
Eligible costs	In order to cost the proposal accurately, it is advised that applicants calculate their budget using the standard AHRC fund headings of directly allocated, directly incurred and indirect costs. See the AHRC Research Funding Guide for rules on what costs are permitted and which headings they should be included under. Your Research Office should calculate Estates and Indirect costs in the usual way. All proposals seeking AHRC funding must also include an **AHRC budget template and Justification of Resources**. This template must be completed in GBP. If more than one UK RO is included in the proposal, only one UK finance form should be submitted that includes all UK costs. Please note that this is supplementary to and does not replace any other budget information you are required to submit for the call.
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level	Successful applicants will be required to submit information about their project on The Funding Service (UKRI grants system). Information will be provided to those applicants when award decisions are communicated in late 2027.
Additional eligibility criteria	The term 'Associated Partner' is used in the Call Text to refer to Project Partners as defined in the AHRC Research Funding Guide. They are expected to make an in-kind or financial contribution to a project. These contributions are treated as additional to the fEC of the proposal submitted. In line with AHRC rules, Project Partners are eligible to seek minor costs from the grant, such as travel and subsistence within the UK national budget. A letter of support is required for each Associated Partner.

Relevant documents	Refer to the AHRC Research Funding Guide for information about eligibilty and costings. Applicants are encouraged to read the UKRI R&D strategy for the creative and cultural economy – UKRI and to consider how their proposed project could address the themes included.
Additional information	UKRI is a signatory to the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, and AHRC has published its own guidance on training and developing early career researchers in the arts and humanities. UKRI has also published a Technician Commitment Action Plan, which includes guidance on our expectations towards research organisations in recognising and valuing the full diversity of technically skilled people and technical roles working in research teams at all career stages across our remit. If integrating early career researchers or technicians into your project team, please refer to the documents linked above for more information. RICHeS is an £80 million investment into a network of facilities, collections and expertise in conservation and heritage science that will secure the UK's reputation for excellence in conservation and heritage science, further capability in the sector, and promote collaboration at a national and international level. In March 2025, the RICHeS Infrastructure Headquarters (RICHeS IHQ) was appointed as the UK National Coordinator for the UK National Node of European research infrastructure for heritage science (E-RIHS). Projects are encouraged to demonstrate engagement with heritage science infrastructure (domestic access, trans-national access or virtual access) which are available through the national and European catalogue of services. Access costs incurred by the access provider in enabling research projects, as well as the travel and subsistence costs incurred in supporting visits to the specified infrastructure are an eligible cost. For more information about UK opportunities through E-RIHS, applicants should email e-rihs.uk@ahrc.ukri.org It is also expected that UK data arising will be deposited with the Heritage Science Data Service. Deposits are likely to be subject to a deposit charge, which may be included

	within the proposal budget as an eligible cost. Applicants are asked to contact the HSDS Collections Development Manager (collections@hsds.ac.uk) at least one month before submitting their proposal to discuss costs.
Useful links	

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Annex. III Ethics self-assessment form template

This part will have to be filled in directly in the EPSS.

Please note that all participants in a proposal must follow national/regional ethical regulations for their part of the proposed work. All proposals appoint an ethics contact point for the consortium in the self-assessment. Ideally, this person also oversees that the proposal holds cross-border high ethical standards.

Ethic contact point for the consortium:

In order to complete this section, please ensure you provide all information requested. Please remove all red guiding text.

Contact information for ethics contact point for the consortium	Please indicate here the person in charge of monitoring the ethical issues raised in your project. This person will also be in charge of maintaining the project's ethics file. The contact point can be the coordinator of the consortium or one of the project partners.
Name and surname	
Email address	
Phone	

Short description of ethics and legal aspects in your proposal:

In order to complete the ethics self-assessment, please go through the table below and, for each section for which your answer is "YES" ***, please add a description of information.*** *Please also provide an overview on related* ***tasks, responsible partners and documents to be provided for each question.***

For more information, please see: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf.

Please attach any supporting documents that are already available and, for the documents that are not yet available, indicate when you expect that they will be available. All relevant documents listed in the table, and that are not yet available, have to be ready to be submitted upon request.

2. Identification of Ethics issues

2.1. Involvement of human participants

- Does the project involve the direct or indirect participation of human subjects (e.g., interviews, surveys, observations, experiments)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes, describe the nature of their involvement and the measures taken to obtain free and informed consent:
- Has an ethics committee been consulted? If yes, attach the opinion.

2.2. Vulnerable groups

- Does the project target vulnerable groups (e.g., indigenous people, children/minors, elderly, migrants, immigrants, refugees or displaced persons, persons with disabilities)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes, describe the specific measures to protect their rights and well-being:

2.3. Collecting and processing of personal data

- Does the project involve the collection or processing of personal data (e.g., names, ages, opinions, sensitive data such as religious or philosophical conviction)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes, describe the types of data collected, protection measures (anonymisation, encryption, GDPR compliance), and the data retention period:
- Is it planned to import personal data (data transfer) from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?
- Has a Data Protection Officer (DPO) or data protection responsible been designated?

2.4. Non-EU Countries

- Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?
- In case non-EU countries are involved, do the research related activities undertaken in these countries raise potential ethics issues?
- Is it planned to use local resources (human remains, materials of historical value, endangered faune or flora samples, etc.?) (If yes, specify material and countries involved)
- It is planned to import any material (other than data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country?
- In case this research involves low and/or lower-middle income countries, are any benefit-sharing actions planned?
- Could the situation in the country put the individuals taking part in the research at risk?

2.5. Use of chemicals and impact on nature/environment

- Does the project involve the use of chemicals, or activities that may impact the environment or nature (e.g., fieldwork, lab work, use of hazardous substances, waste generation)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes, provide details on:
  - The types and quantities of chemicals or materials used:
  - The potential environmental impact (e.g., pollution, habitat disruption, waste management):
  - Mitigation measures (e.g., use of eco-friendly alternatives, waste disposal plans, compliance with REACH/CLP regulations, environmental risk assessments):
  - Has an environmental impact assessment or a safety committee been consulted? If yes, attach relevant documentation.

2.6. Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

- Does the project involve the development, deployment and/or use of artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning, or automated decision-making systems (e.g., data analysis, natural language processing, predictive algorithms, chatbots, or other AI tools)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes:

- Could the AI based system potentially stigmatise or discriminate against people (e.g. based on sex, race, ethnic or social origin, age, genetic features, sexual orientation, language, religion or belief, membership to a political group, or membership to a national minority)?

- What measures will be taken to identify and mitigate potential biases (e.g., gender, racial, cultural) in the AI models or datasets used?

- Does the project comply with the EU AI Act[20] (where applicable) and other relevant guidelines (e.g., Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI[21])?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If no, explain the reasons and any planned corrective actions:

2.7. Compliance with other regulations

- Does the project comply with national and EU regulations (e.g., GDPR, international conventions)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

[20] EU AI Act Regulation - EU - 2024/1689 - EN - EUR-Lex

[21] Ethics Guidelines for Trustworthy AI https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/196377/AI%20HLEG_Ethics%20Guidelines%20for%20Trustworthy%20AI.pdf

- If no, explain the discrepancies and the corrective measures planned:

2.8. Other ethics issues

- Does the project raise any other ethics issues (e.g., methodological biases, societal impact, dual use, etc.)?

  ☐ Yes

  ☐ No

- If yes, describe them and propose mitigation measures:

3. Mitigation measures and commitment

Describe the concrete measures implemented to ensure compliance with ethics principles throughout the project: *(team training, ethics monitoring committee, etc.,* 3000 characters, including spaces).