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Joint Transnational Call 2026

The Joint Transnational Call (JTC) 2026 is the first call of the European Partnership on Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition (RAMP) under the Horizon Europe framework programme.

This call aims to fund research and/or innovation projects across the raw materials[1] value chain. The projects should focus on enhancing access to raw materials while promoting circular economy practices, achieving sustainability, and minimising social and environmental costs. They should add value, innovate and contribute to industrial development. The thematic scope of the JTC draws on RAMP's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) and includes primary and secondary supply, design and production, and the use and reuse of products and components. RAMP welcomes actors from academia, industry (small, medium and large), public bodies and civil society[2].

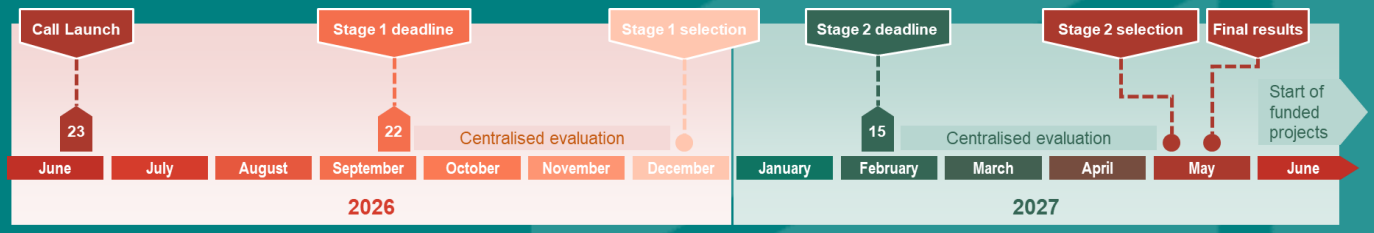
The call is open to proposals under the following six topics:

- **Topic 1 – Ensuring a resilient supply of raw materials from primary sources**
- **Topic 2 – Targeting secondary sources to enhance access to raw materials**
- **Topic 3 – Efficient and effective use of raw materials in design and production**
- **Topic 4 – Overcoming technological barriers to circularity**
- **Topic 5 – Putting circular economy ambitions into action**
- **Topic 6 – Innovative approaches for analysing raw materials value chains**

39 funders from 27 countries are participating in this call, committing nearly 40 M€.
Each project partner is funded directly by their respective national/regional funder.
Each multilateral proposal must involve at least three partners from three countries, which request (and are eligible for) funding by one of the funders participating in the JTC 2026. Funders from at least two of these countries must be eligible for receiving the European Commission (EC) co-fund.

Proposals are encouraged to connect the different steps of the supply chain, bridge multiple disciplines, engage with stakeholders and situate themselves in the relevant policy context.

Centralised submission and evaluation of submitted proposals will be implemented in 2 steps, and the funded projects are expected to start between June and September 2027.



Further information on this Call (mandatory templates, link to the submission platform, partner finder tool, etc.) can be found on RAMP's website .

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[1] Applies to all non-energy and non-agricultural raw materials. A focus on critical/strategic raw materials is encouraged but not essential.

[2] Subject to the eligibility of the applicants according to the specific rules of their respective funders.

Call Text

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	Annex 1 - Funder-specific rules: • SK – CVTI SR – budget and funding limits updated.

1 Acronyms/Abbreviations

CEP – Call Evaluation Panel
CSC – Call Steering Committee
CRM – Critical Raw Materials
CRMA – The European Critical Raw Materials Act
EC – European Commission
EAB – Ethics Advisory Board
EOL – End of Life
ERA-MIN - European Research Area Network on Raw Materials
ESES – Electronic Submission and Evaluation System
IoT – Internet of things
JCS – Joint Call Secretariat
JTC – Joint Transnational Call
LCA – Life cycle assessment
PI – Principal investigator
RAMP – Raw Materials Partnership
R&I – Research and Innovation
RM – Raw Materials
SDGs / UN SDGs – United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
SEG – Scoping Expert Group
SRIA – Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (refers to the RAMP SRIA unless stated otherwise)
TRL – Technology Readiness Level

2 Definitions

In the context of this document, the following definitions apply:

- **Partners** - All legal entities within the consortium of a given proposal (including the Coordinator).
  - **Beneficiary partners**: All legal entities applying for funding within the consortium of a given proposal (including the Coordinator).
    - **Coordinator**: The legal entity applying for funding in the Call and responsible for coordinating and managing the proposal at the transnational level. The Coordinator cannot be changed between the deadline for pre-proposal submission (Stage 1) and the selection of full proposals to be funded (Stage 2) in the Call process.
    - **Non-coordinating partner:** Legal entities within the consortium of a given proposal, other than the coordinator, who are also applying for funding in the Call.
  - **Self-funded partners**: Legal entities participating in the project but securing their own funds, and therefore without applying for funding in the Call. Each Self-funded partner must submit a Letter of Commitment in Stage 2 as an annex to the full proposal.
  - **Principal Investigator (PI)**: the person who will lead the activities of a given partner.
  - **Team members:** persons (other than the PI) involved in the activities undertaken by a given partner.

- **Proposal**: refers to both stages of the call
  - **Pre-proposal:** refers to stage 1 of the call
  - **Full proposal:** refers to stage 2 of the call

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3 Introduction

The aim of this call for proposals is to support transnational research and innovation (R&I) projects that contribute to a sustainable supply and efficient use of raw materials (RM) to support the green and digital transition. The scope of the call covers all stages of the RM value chain including crosscutting aspects, upscaling and industrial implementation.

This document contains information on: the Raw Materials Partnership (RAMP), its role in the RM landscape and its goals; the aims and topics of this call; eligibility criteria; submission, evaluation and selection procedures and criteria; and project implementation.

4 RAMP – the Raw Materials Partnership

Reliable access to RM will underpin the transition to a greener and more digitalised world. Indeed, by the year 2050, significant increases in the demand for a range of metals and minerals are projected.[3] At the same time, many parts of the world are striving to achieve a circular economy that maximises efficiency while minimising adverse socio-ecological consequences. RAMP has been set up against this backdrop.

4.1 The consortium

RAMP encompasses the biggest RM-focused constellation of funders to date, bringing together 56 organisations from 33 countries and regions across Europe and beyond, aligning efforts, strategies, and resources to support the green and digital transition in Europe and globally. The RAMP consortium includes partners from across Europe as well as associated and third countries, ensuring broad geographic representation to address global R&I needs (see Figure 1 - Map of countries and regions participating in the RAMP consortium.).

RAMP partners are:

- National and Regional R&I Programme Owners and Research Funding Organisations (RFOs), which are the majority of the consortium, leading joint R&I programmes and provide funding for calls and additional activities.
- International Associations and Thematic Organisations, which provide expertise, help inform policy, and assess impact.
- SMEs, which bring expertise in R&I policy and management.

[3] See for example the IEA Global Critical Minerals Outlook 2025.

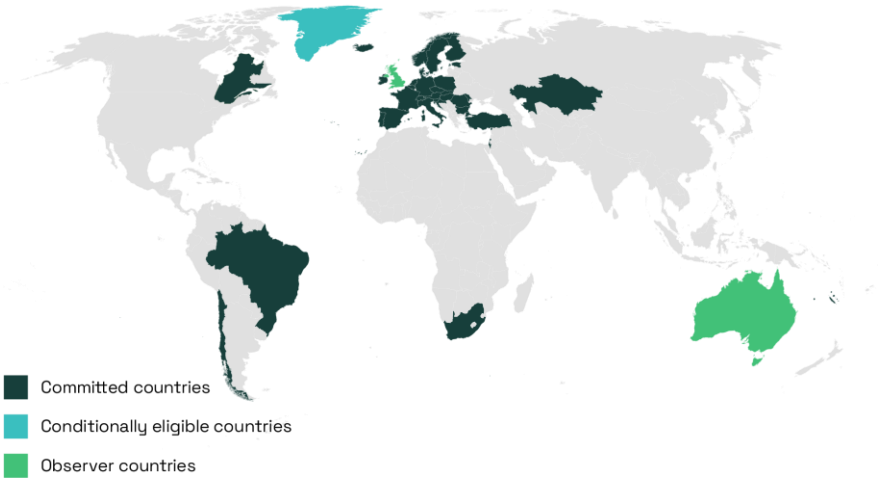

Figure 1 - Map of countries and regions participating in the RAMP consortium.

Over the 11-year duration of RAMP, the consortium will undertake a variety of activities to achieve its expected impacts, which include strengthened domestic production and enhanced resilience of global supply chains, improved resource efficiency and sustainability, and advanced circular economy practices.

A prominent pillar of RAMP's activities are the annual JTCs, which will not only help build an effective R&I programme but also underpin impactful dissemination, policy support and sustainability.

4.2 RAMP's activities and role in the RM landscape

Building on its predecessor network ERA-MIN, but with a significantly expanded scope, RAMP's activities are steered towards three overarching objectives:

- Building an international multistakeholder R&I ecosystem on RM.
- Implementing an ambitious R&I programme that addresses the entire RM value chain.
- Contributing to circular and sustainable approaches as well as the development and implementation of RM-related policies.

RAMP's JTCs contribute to the second objective by supporting transnational multistakeholder R&I projects that are expected to create scientific, societal and economic impacts consistent with the Critical Raw Materials (CRM) Act and the UN SDGs.

RAMP's activities are organised around six core and crosscutting themes (originally outlined as transversal themes in its SRIA) that are aligned with the relevant policy documents and address key RM-related challenges or needs. These themes are the starting point for the definition of the JTC's scope and topics in collaboration with the R&I community.

Core theme 1: Resilient primary and secondary RM supply – focuses on innovation in exploration, mining, mineral processing and recycling for improving access while maintaining environmental and social sustainability.

Core theme 2: Efficient use of RM in design and production – promotes improvements in product design, processes and tools to substitute CRM or minimise the use of RM in key sectors.

Core theme 3: Sustainable use and reuse of products – complements the RM value chain by reducing losses and enabling circular economy in actions that prolong product lifespan, integrate end-of-life products as secondary RM supply, promote sustainable practices and tackle technical, social and legal barriers to RM reuse.

Crosscutting theme 1: Effective policy development and governance, focuses on open- access and consolidated data, tools, platforms and best practices within the RM sector to enable data-driven policy and transparent governance.

Crosscutting theme 2: Maximising societal benefits, focuses on promoting social innovation, workplace equity and respect for human rights, minimising local environmental damage and fostering open communication.

Crosscutting theme 3: World-class innovation capacity, targets strategic partnerships with resource rich, likeminded countries, promotion of technology transfer, alignment and coordination of projects and funding as well as capacity building actions to build a skilled, diverse and dynamic workforce.

To ensure continued relevance and to help steer RAMP towards its long-term objectives, the JTCs are defined and updated in collaboration with the community:

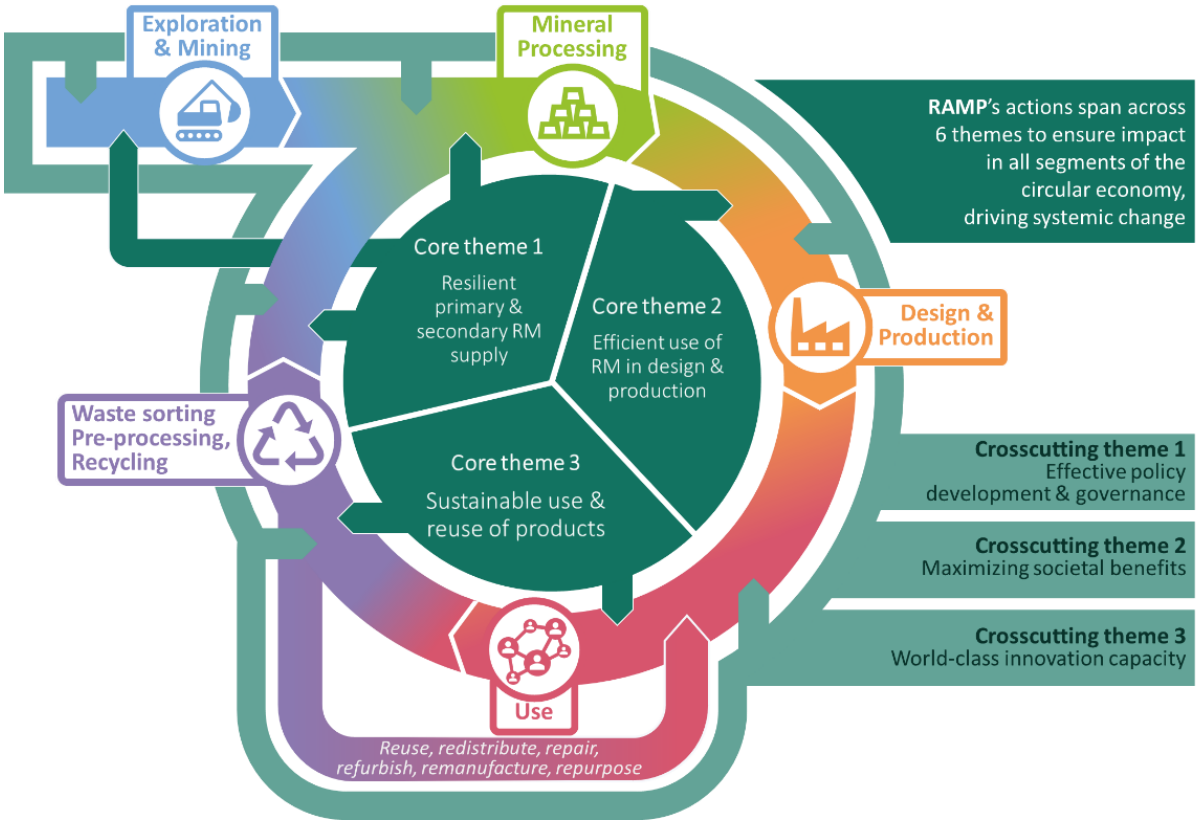

Figure 2 – RAMP's themes and their positioning with respect to the circular economy.

- Call scope will be updated from one edition to the next to reflect the evolving RM landscape via open consultations and close interaction with the R&I community (via different liaison groups and a Scoping Expert Group, for instance) supplemented by horizon scanning at the RAMP level.
- Experts can register via open calls to participate in the Call Evaluation Panels (CEP) (please note: participants of submitted proposals cannot be evaluators for the same call).
- New funders are welcome to the consortium: if the funding organisation of your country/region is not participating in the current call, they can reach out to the RAMP coordinator to negotiate participation in future calls or other activities.

The impact of RAMP funded R&I will be enhanced by additional, targeted activities that will be developed over the course of the Partnership, addressing all the core and crosscutting themes while adapting to the evolving RM landscape.

It is envisioned that the projects and activities supported by RAMP will complement or feed into those of funding schemes such as EIT Raw Materials and Horizon Europe, for example via upscaling, valorisation and standardisation.

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Submission and evaluation procedures are centralised at the RAMP level (some funders might require additional procedures; applicants are required to verify their compliance with the rules of their respective funder). Funding procedures are managed directly between the funders and their beneficiaries through their pre-established funding systems and rules.

5.1 Funding scheme

39 funders from 27 countries are participating in the JTC 2026, committing a total of nearly 40 M€.

In addition to the national/regional budgets committed by the participating funders, the EC will support RAMP's JTCs through Horizon Europe (Grant Agreement number 101286492) with a co-fund proportional to the committed call budget. Part of this co-fund will be used as a top-up to complement national/regional budgets and enable more projects to be funded. This additional budget will be redistributed through the funders to their respective beneficiaries (i.e. no funding arrangements will be made between the EC and the funded projects).

Since each national/regional funder will provide funds directly to their eligible beneficiaries in accordance with their own rules and regulations, each applicant must ensure they comply with all eligibility requirements and procedures of their respective funder (see Annex 1).

Prospective applicants who are not eligible to request funding from one of the funders in the table below can only join project consortia as self-funded partners, Please note that applicants not requesting funding from one of the funders participating in the call do not count towards the minimum number of countries in the consortium requirements.

It may also be possible for those prospective applicants not eligible to request funding to act as external collaborators or as service providers (if subcontracting is allowed by the concerned funder).

5.2 Participating funders

All funders participating in the JTC 2026 are listed in the table below.

Table 1 - Funders participating in the JTC 2026, respective budgets and eligible Topics.

			Eligible topics						
Country	Geographical coverage	Funder	1	2	3	4	5	6	Funder's indicative Call budget
AT – Austria	National	FFG	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 800 000 €
BE – Belgium	National	BELSPO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	250 000 €
	Regional / Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French speaking community of Belgium)	F.R.S.-FNRS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	300 000 €
	Regional / Flanders region, Belgium	FWO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	700 000 €
	Regional	SPW	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
	Regional / Flanders	VLAIO	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
BG – Bulgaria	National / Researchers of other countries may participate in the Bulgarian team of the Call under specific rules	BNSF	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	450 000 €
BR – Brazil	Regional / Candidates should be considered eligible from the following State Funding Agencies (FAPs): Fundação Araucária (State of Paraná), FAPEAM (State of Amazonas), FAPEG (State of Goiás), FAPEMIG (State of Minas Gerais), FAPERGS (State of Rio Grande do Sul), FAPERJ (State of Rio de Janeiro), FAPES (Espírito Santo), FAPESB (State of Bahia), FAPESP (State of São Paulo), FAPESPA (State of Pará), FAPESQ (State of Paraíba) and FAPERO (State of Rondônia). Other FAPs may join this activity.	CONFAP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 650 000 €
	National	EMBRAPII	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	3 000 000 €
CA – Canada	Regional / Québec	PRIMA Québec	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	625 000 €
CH – Switzerland	National	FOEN	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	180 000 €
	National	SNSF	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	660 000 €
CZ – Czechia	National	TA CR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
DE – Germany	National	BMFTR	Y	Y	N	N	N	N	2 000 000 €
	Regional / Saxony	SMWK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
DK – Denmark	National	IFD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
EE – Estonia	National	ETAG	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	300 000 €
ES – Spain	National	AEI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €

	National	CDTI	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	500 000 €
FI – Finland	National	BF	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	2 000 000 €
	National	RCF	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 500 000 €
FR – France	National	ANR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 500 000 €
	Regional / New Caledonia	CNRTEC	Y	N	N	N	N	Y	150 000 €
HR – Croatia	National	MZOM	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	500 000 €
HU – Hungary	National	NKFIH	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	500 000 €
IL – Israel	National	IIA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	500 000 €
MD - Moldova	National	NARD	N	N	Y	Y	Y	N	100 000 €
NL – Netherlands	National	NWO	N	N	N	Y	Y	Y	2 000 000 €
NO – Norway	National	RCN	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	850 000 €
PL – Poland	National	NCBR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 500 000 €
PT - Portugal	Regional	CCDRC	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	350 000 €
RO – Romania	National	ANC, through UEFISCDI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 000 000 €
SE – Sweden	National	Vinnova / SWEA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	3 420 000 €
	National	VR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 500 000 €
SI – Slovenia	National	MVZI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	1 200 000 €
SK – Slovakia	National	CVTI SR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	800 000 €
	National	SAS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	240 000 €
TR – Türkiye	National	TÜBİTAK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	750 000 €
ZA – South Africa	National	DSTI	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	400 000 €

5.3 Call design

RAMP will strive to fund high-quality R&I activities that contribute to the production of new knowledge, innovations, technology, products, services and policies in RM topics of strategic relevance.

The Call is organised as a two-step application process (involving pre- and full proposals), and only pre-proposals that are invited to stage 2 will be allowed to submit a full proposal. Proposals that are not submitted in the Electronic Submission and Evaluation System (ESES) before the submission deadline will not be considered for evaluation and will be rejected.

The main steps in the call procedures are:

• The eligibility of individual applicants applying for funding will be checked by their respective national/regional funders according to their specific rules. The eligibility of the consortia and the proposals as a whole will be checked by the RAMP Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) according to the transnational eligibility rules.

• The centralised evaluation of eligible pre-proposals and full proposals will be carried out by thematic panels of independent international evaluators for each stage.

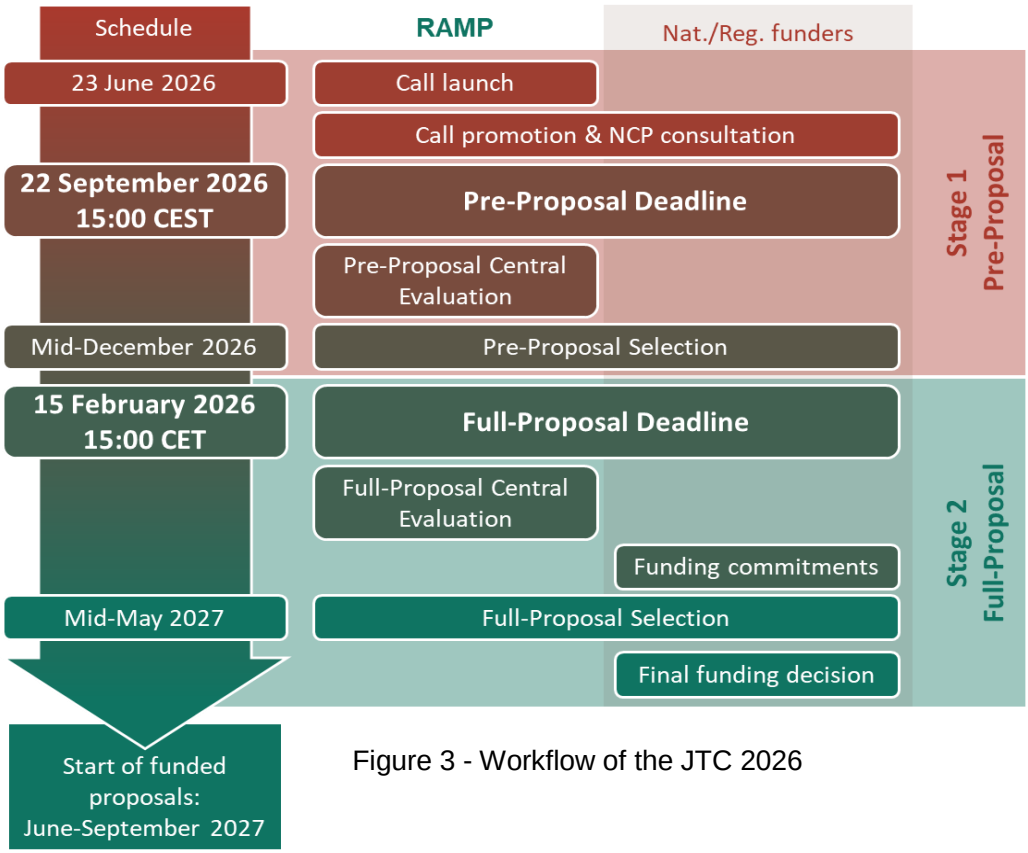

Figure 3 - Workflow of the JTC 2026

• In stage 1, the Call Steering Committee (CSC) will agree on a list of pre-proposals invited to submit a full proposal. The decision will be based on the outcomes of the centralised evaluation and on the available national/regional budgets.

- Consortia invited to stage 2 may add or replace partners prior to full proposal submission under specific conditions, provided all the requirements are fulfilled (see Changes in the proposal between stages 1 and 2).

• In stage 2, the CSC will agree on a joint selection list based on the full proposals ranking lists and available national/regional budgets.

• The final funding decisions will be made by the national/regional funders according to their respective processes, and grant preparation and financial arrangements will be managed at national/regional level for each of the funded partners.

Once they are informed of a decision (eligibility, invitation to stage 2, recommendation for funding), applicants have 10 days to submit a redress request regarding the specific decision.

Table 2 - Call 2026 timeline

Stage 1	23/06/2026	Call Launch
	02/07/2026	Information webinar
	22/09/2026 15:00 CEST	**Pre-proposal submission deadline**
	Early October 2026	Eligibility results
		10-day redress window
	Mid-December 2026	Stage 1 results (evaluation and selection)
		10-day redress window
	Late December 2026	Invitation to stage 2
Stage 2	31/01/2027	Requests (and approval) of changes between stages 1 and 2
	15/02/2027 15:00 CET	**Full proposal submission deadline**
	Early March 2027	Eligibility results
		10-day redress window
	Mid-May	Stage 2 results (evaluation and selection)
		10-day redress window
	Late May/ Early June	Communication of Funding decisions
	June-September	National/regional contract negotiations / start of projects (expected)

6 JTC2026 – Thematic scope

6.1 Overarching considerations

While proposals may employ different architectures and strategies tailored to the target challenges and objectives of their specific topics, there are expectations and considerations that permeate the entirety of the call scope.

6.1.1 Project consortia

RAMP encourages transdisciplinary and diverse consortia spanning the R&I system (i.e. innovation, applied research, strategic/fundamental research, industrial research and experimental development) and disciplines (natural sciences, social sciences, arts and humanities, engineering, etc.). The call is open to both academic partners (such as universities, public or private research institutes, foundations) and commercial companies, whether SMEs or larger (the eligibility of the various types of applicants depends on the respective funder).

Engagement of stakeholders (such as companies, practitioners, NGOs and policy and/or societal actors) in the proposals is possible either as beneficiaries or as self-funded partners cooperating in committees, as advisors or data providers, etc. This involvement can take place during the project inception, implementation, analysis or dissemination of results.

Proposals must constitute a single and coherent joint project that clearly justifies the participation of all partners, demonstrating strong integration and interdependence among them rather than a mere aggregation of individual national activities. Consortia are expected to be balanced between countries regarding the number of partners, staff efforts in person-months (PM) and budget distribution while accounting for the intrinsic economic differences between regions. The collaboration within the consortium should go beyond individual national efforts, striving for sharing, operationalising and transferring existing knowledge, technology, resources, and research facilities for mutual benefit. Clear added value of the transnational consortium and, if relevant, the added value for national investments should be demonstrated.

Applicants are recommended to consider the available budgets, expected scale of funding demands and expected number of fundable projects for all involved funders when building their consortia. The funding demand for proposals will vary according to their duration, scale and ambition; as well as the size of the consortium and the specific rules of the funders involved. It is foreseen that the average proposal requests between 1 and 2 million euros in funding.

If a funder receives demands that far exceed its available funds, this may lead to most of their applicants being eliminated due to financial constraints.

6.1.2 Crosscutting aspects

Projects funded under RAMP are expected to address important knowledge-, innovation- or policy-related gaps in the RM ecosystem, subsequently feeding into larger initiatives (e.g. Horizon Europe) by upscaling, knowledge and technology sharing, and capacity building at various levels.

Proposals must be clearly positioned with respect to the state-of-the-art and are expected to build on the knowledge and experience achieved through previous transnational/European as well as national, regional and local R&I programmes. To avoid or overcome bottlenecks in adoption or commercialisation, proposals are strongly encouraged to devise, from an early stage, strategies and pathways for the future utilisation of the research results or for increasing their impact. Such strategies may include but need not be limited to the participation of industrial partners, collaborators or users.

Since the scope of this call covers the entirety of the RM value chain, RAMP welcomes all TRLs (including activities for which the concept of TRL is not applicable). However, according to the TRL eligibility range of the participating funders (Figure 4), it is expected that the majority of the proposals are positioned at lower to medium TRL.

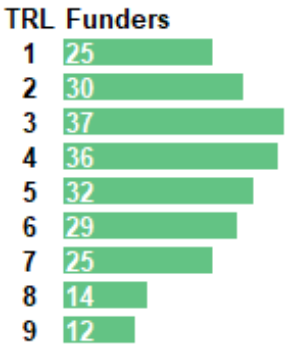

Figure 4 - distribution of the eligible TRL ranges of the funders participating in the JTC 2026.

Proposals should adopt Safe and Sustainable by Design principles and/or consider approaches to understanding and/or mitigating potential social and environmental impacts of their activities as relevant.

Proposals must explicitly address social acceptance including Indigenous rights, local democratic processes and long-term impacts on local communities where relevant.

Finally, gender balance and other diversity considerations are expected to be integrated in the project from its inception, both at the consortium level and within the planned research as relevant.

Whereas RAMP encourages and expects its projects to adopt inter- and transdisciplinary approaches, all proposals submitted to JTC 2026 must be positioned within one of the six topics described below, according to the main challenges they address.

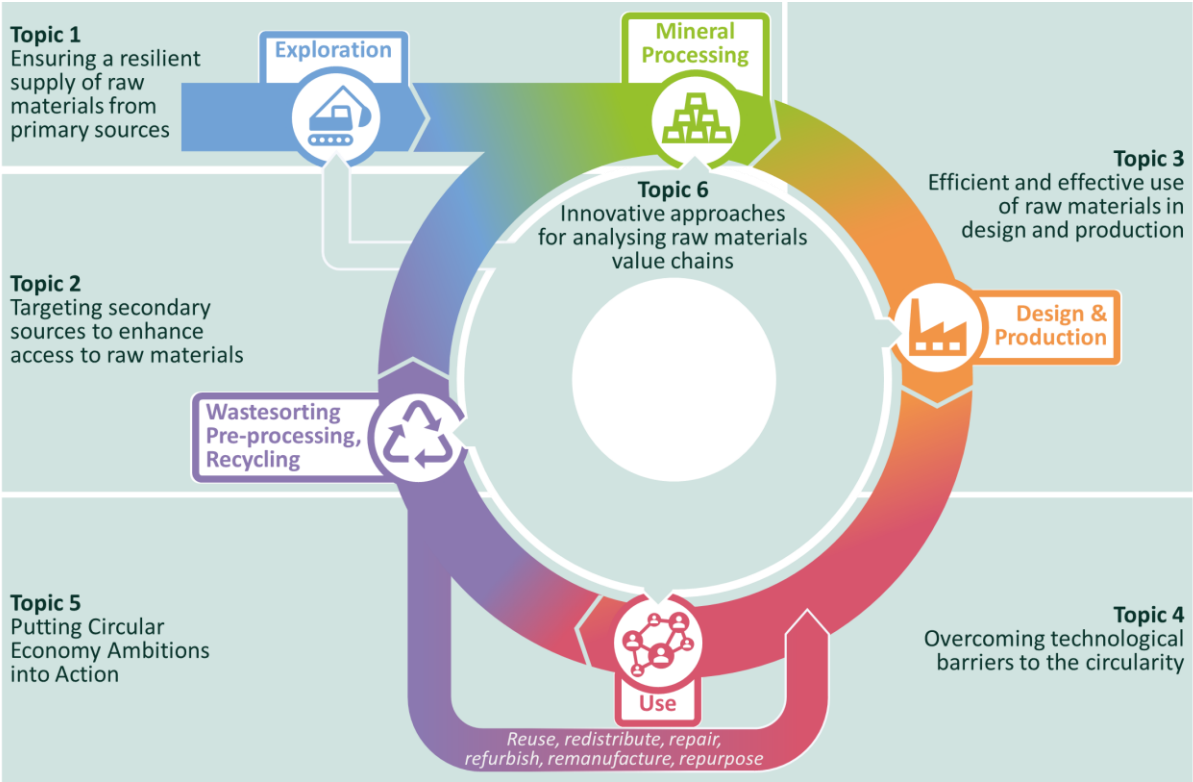

Figure 5 - Positioning of JTC 2026 Topics with respect to the circular economy.

Topic 1 - Ensuring a resilient supply of raw materials from primary sources

This topic is aligned with Core Theme 1 of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to tackle challenges within the primary supply chain including the sustainable exploration, extraction, refining and processing of RM.

Context and rationale

Given the high projected demand for raw materials, primary sources in the form of mines and quarries will remain indispensable. Existing sources might need to be reappraised or tapped more effectively, whereas new sources will need to be identified and made quickly operational. The EU CRM Act has set benchmarks of at least 10% domestic extraction and 40% domestic processing by 2030. Ensuring a resilient and sustainable supply from primary sources to meet such ambitious targets will require overcoming a series of technical and regulatory challenges, while considering social and ecological justice.

Scope

This topic is aligned closely with Core Theme 1 of the SRIA: resilient primary and secondary raw materials supply. **RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that tackle the primary supply chain including the exploration, extraction, refining and processing of raw materials.** The projects are encouraged to connect the different steps of the supply chain (for example, exploration insights informing extraction strategies) and bridge multiple disciplines (for example, mining engineering, economics and environmental science). Projects under Topic 1 may address one or more of the following aspects:

Exploration and resource assessment, for example innovative low impact, non-intrusive or minimally invasive exploration techniques for identifying deep and unconventional deposits; mineral system models and digital geological databases; ore characterisation and assessment to optimise extraction strategies; as well as tools and methods for assessing supply chain vulnerabilities and resource criticality.

Sustainable mining and extraction, for example automated and digitalised mining operations (such as mining machinery); new solutions in data management and integration; environmentally friendly and energy efficient extraction technologies; minimising mining waste; and assessing and mitigating the social and environmental impacts of mining.

Metallurgical processing and refining of primary ores, for example advanced metallurgical processes (bio-, hydro-, pyrometallurgical or combinations); aiming at zero waste mining while reducing environmental impact; energy efficient and emission reducing refining technologies; and digital tools, process control and automation in metallurgical operations.

Proposals are also encouraged to consider, as relevant, aspects such as policies and governance models; data-driven approaches to improve permitting; financing and economic sustainability of operations; community engagement and acceptance including land-use conflicts and Indigenous rights; capacity building; and standardisation of data and processes.

Keywords

Artificial intelligence; automation; bioleaching; community engagement; data integration; digital geological databases; digitalisation; energy efficiency; ecological footprint; environmental impact assessment; primary raw materials supply; exploration; extraction technologies; geosciences; hydrometallurgy; metallurgical metallurgy; mineral system modelling; social and environmental impacts; mining; mining machinery; modelling; ore processing; permitting efficiency; pyrometallurgy; refining; resource assessment; resource-efficient technologies; social acceptance; sustainable mining; waste minimisation.

Topic 2 – Targeting secondary sources to enhance access to raw materials

This topic is aligned with Core Theme 1 of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to focus on recovering and reintegrating into supply chains raw materials from secondary sources including end-of-life products; industrial, urban and mining waste; and other anthropogenic sources.

Context and rationale

Decommissioned or obsolete modern machinery and infrastructure as well as consumer devices that have reached end-of-life are a veritable repository of raw materials, especially the critical or strategic ones. In this context, the EU CRM Act has set a target of recycling contributing towards at least 25% of its annual strategic materials needs by 2030. Currently, however, secondary resources contribute only a small fraction of the total material demand owing to challenges associated with recovery, processing and reintegration into production value chains. This calls for advanced recovery technologies, innovative, competitive business models and system level solutions across this part of the value chain.

Scope

This topic is aligned closely with Core Theme 1 of the SRIA: Resilient primary and secondary raw materials supply. **RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that focus on recovering raw materials from secondary sources** including end-of-life products, industrial, urban and mining waste, and other anthropogenic sources, **and reintegrating them into supply chains**. The projects are encouraged to connect the different steps of the supply chain (for example, recycling capabilities guiding business model development) and bridge multiple disciplines (for example, engineering and behavioural science). Projects under Topic 2 may address one or more of the following research areas:

Recovery and recycling technologies, for example those applicable to end-of-life products (such as batteries or photovoltaic panels); urban mining approaches to extract raw materials from the built environment and landfills; remining closed mine sites; valorisation of mining and other secondary sources in the technosphere, including digital solutions (e.g. AI and IoT) for identifying and tracking valuable materials in such streams and metallurgical processing and refining of secondary sources.

Integration and value chain optimisation, for example integration of secondary feedstocks into primary production facilities; business models enabling efficient processing and reintegration of secondary materials; quality assessment and certification methods for facilitating market acceptance; tools for the management of secondary sources (e.g. monitoring and tracking technologies using AI, enabling mapping of accessible raw materials); and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) and material flow analysis facilitating optimisation.

Proposals are also encouraged to consider, as relevant, aspects such as policies and governance models; financing and economic sustainability of operations; community engagement and acceptance; and digital tools and platforms enabling material exchange, collaboration, and industrial symbiosis.

Keywords

Artificial intelligence; digital monitoring; economic feasibility; secondary raw materials supply; feedstock integration; IoT applications; LCA; market acceptance; material flow analysis; material tracking; metallurgical processing; metallurgy; monitoring and mapping of secondary sources; quality certification; recovery; recycling; reintegration of secondary materials; re-mining; resource-efficient technologies; secondary raw materials; sensor-based sorting; urban mining; waste valorisation.

Topic 3 – Efficient and effective use of raw materials in design and production

This topic is aligned with Core Theme 2 of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to focus on design and production approaches that make more efficient use of RM and other inputs such as energy and water; minimise social and environmental impacts; enable reuse, repair and recycling; and allow substitution where relevant.

Context and rationale

Both primary and secondary raw materials find their way into finished products through manufacturing. Although industry has made great technological advances in the recent decades, there is considerable scope for increasing the efficiency of production processes (e.g. lower RM, water and energy use), minimizing potential environmental impacts and facilitating the substitution of CRM. At the same time, design and production processes need to adapt to feedstocks with a wider range of properties to ensure greater use of secondary raw materials and enable the reuse, repair and recycling.

Scope

This topic is closely aligned with Core Theme 2 of the SRIA: Efficient Use of Raw Materials in Design and Production. **RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that focus on improving product design and the efficient use of RM in production processes** and consider, for example, the Safe and Sustainable by Design principles. The projects are encouraged to connect the different steps of the supply chain (for example, the potential for reuse/recycling guiding design innovation) and bridge multiple disciplines (for example, process engineering and environmental science or toxicology). Projects under Topic 3 may address one or more of the following research areas:

Efficient production processes and technologies, for example ones that minimise RM use and losses; substitute CRM with more commonly accessible materials; use waste from one process as input for another process; enable more efficient use of water, energy and other inputs; and reduce adverse social and environmental impacts. The processes or technologies should exploit, as relevant, the full potential of AI, machine learning and other digital tools, e.g. for monitoring material cycles, tracking and tracing, etc.

Innovative product design, for example to facilitate the substitution of critical raw materials; increase the use of secondary raw materials; and modular product architecture as well as the use of easily separable material composites to enable reuse, repair, and recycling. Innovations in design should exploit the full potential of digital tools such as AI and machine learning, as well as other relevant tools, e.g. for assessing the social and environmental impacts over product lifecycles.

Proposals are strongly encouraged to involve industrial partners, including energy- and material-intensive process industries, especially in projects including higher-TRL (≥4) activities relevant for European strategic value chains.

Keywords

AI-driven process control; assessing and minimizing social and environmental impacts; assessment of new approaches in product design and production; circular design; circular product design; CRM substitution; digital tools to aid production and design; digital twins; durable product design; eco-design; industrial collaboration; lifecycle impact assessment; material tracing; minimizing raw materials use in products; modular architecture; modular product architecture; process optimisation; product design for repair; production digitalisation; resource-efficient manufacturing; resource-efficient production; Safe and Sustainable by Design; substitution of CRM; water and energy efficiency.

Topic 4 – Overcoming technological barriers to circularity

This topic is aligned with Core Theme 3 of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to provide technological advances aimed at increasing the service life of products or components through reuse, repair, refurbishing, remanufacturing and repurposing, thereby achieving circularity across the raw materials value chain.

Context and rationale

During the last few years, the notion of a circular economy – increasing the service life of products or components and closing the loop – has become firmly established in all spheres. Implementing such an economy has the potential for optimising raw material use and enhancing social and ecological wellbeing. Doing so, however, requires surmounting substantial technological barriers that hinder the circular use of products.

Scope

This topic is closely aligned with Core Theme 3 of the SRIA: Sustainable Use and Reuse of Products. **RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that will provide knowledge, tools and technological advances aimed at increasing the service life of products or components.** Projects under Topic 4 may address one or more of the following research areas:

Development of technologies and prototypes to facilitate reuse, repair (e.g. via modular product architecture), refurbishment, remanufacturing and repurposing of products, thereby extending their service life.

Development of methods for measuring and safeguarding product and component reliability.

Development of easy-to-use real-time decision support tools and **digital product monitoring tools** to optimise decisions, e.g. for repair or remanufacturing, and predictive maintenance.

Keywords

Component reliability; decision-support systems; decision-support tools; digital product passports; digital twin; disassembly and sorting; end-of-life products; mass flow analysis; predictive maintenance; product monitoring tools; recycling interface optimisation; refurbishing; refurbishment; remanufacturing; repair; repair solutions; repurposing; reuse; reuse technologies; reverse logistics; sensor-based condition monitoring; service life extension; technologies increasing the service life of products.

Topic 5 – Putting Circular Economy Ambitions into Action

This topic is aligned with Core Theme 3 of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to provide knowledge and tools for enhancing the adoption of circular-economy principles, for example by improving or developing standards and norms; analysing the policy/regulatory, social, behavioural, economic and spatial aspects of use and reuse; and critically analysing and improving circular business models.

Context and rationale

When it comes to achieving a circular economy in the raw materials context, technological innovation is necessary but not sufficient to ensure that products are used and reused for as long as possible. Social, behavioural and regulatory barriers must also be overcome, and the right type of data must be made available. Ultimately, various actors must embrace new norms, standards and practices, and the policy context needs to be conducive to such an endeavour. Both industry (via business and service models) and consumers (via preferences and acceptance) will play an especially important role in the success of efforts aimed at increasing the service life of products.

Scope

This topic is closely aligned with Core Theme 3 of the SRIA: Sustainable Use and Reuse of Products. **RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that will provide knowledge as well as practical solutions for helping overcome non-technological barriers to the adoption of circular-economy practices**. Projects under Topic 5 may address one or more of the following research areas:

Developing innovative business models (for example Product as a Service) **and financial instruments** that prioritise sustainability and circularity in product design and consumption patterns.

Identifying and providing solutions for overcoming legal, regulatory and consumer behaviour related obstacles to the circular use of products. This includes, as relevant, strategies to actively enhance consumer engagement in and social acceptance of circular economy practices, and the engagement of local authorities, associations and companies.

Projects are encouraged to explore, when relevant, regulatory frameworks, permitting efficiency, coordination mechanisms, and CRMA implementation, including best practices for transparent and predictable processes at regional and local levels.

Keywords

Capacity building; circular business models; consumer engagement; CRMA compliance; financial instruments for circularity; governance innovation; legal, regulatory and other barriers to circular economy; local and regional implementation; new standards; norms and practices; permitting processes; policy and regulatory frameworks; product-as-a-service; social and behavioural change; transparency and predictability.

Topic 6 – Innovative approaches for analysing raw materials value chains

This topic is relevant to all core themes of the SRIA. Projects under this topic are expected to develop new ways of characterising raw materials value chains, for example through enhanced data management and standardisation; dynamic value chain modelling; LCA; and financial models and strategies.

Context and rationale

Data availability and quality as well as analytical capabilities have a critical role in enhancing our understanding of all components of raw materials value chains. Despite increased monitoring and advances in such approaches as LCA, key gaps need to be filled to ensure that value chain analysis can directly support resource efficiency by optimising material flows and evidence-based policymaking for sustainability. There is also considerable scope for incorporating, in a more sophisticated manner, geopolitical, economic and other aspects within analyses.

Scope

RAMP welcomes proposals for projects that will address crosscutting challenges in the raw materials sector through technical approaches that enhance data management, modelling, standardisation and financial strategies. The scope includes the development of dynamic models for value chains, standardisation of data and processes, EOL analysis, mass flow analysis, and financial models to mitigate pricing fluctuations. Projects under Topic 6 may address one or more of the following research areas:

Developing dynamic models of value chains, including stress testing of supply chains, physical models (for example, energy consumption), and links with mass flow analysis and LCA.

Standardisation of data and processes to address fragmentation and ensure interoperability; blockchain and other tools for enhancing traceability and transparency.

Undertake various types of analyses, for example EOL analysis to improve material circularity and sustainability; mass flow analysis to optimise resource use and minimise waste; and financial modelling to mitigate pricing fluctuations.

Keywords

Blockchain traceability; data standardisation and harmonisation; dynamic system analysis; EOL analysis; financial models; financial resilience; geopolitical and market analysis; identification of barriers (e.g. policy, regulatory) for a competitive raw materials industry; interoperability; LCA; mass flow analysis; pricing

fluctuation modelling; risk assessment; scenario modelling; traceability and transparency of raw materials supply; transparency tools; value chain modelling.

7 Call procedures

7.1 Eligibility

Prior to the centralised evaluation, proposals undergo two levels of eligibility checks, one relative to the entire proposal and the other relative to specific partners. The ineligibility of one or more partners may lead to the ineligibility of the entire proposal, as detailed below. Ineligible proposals are not sent to central evaluation and are therefore rejected.

As each partner in a project is to be funded directly by their respective funder in accordance with their respective national/regional eligibility criteria, applicants are required to ensure that they comply with these criteria. It is recommended that applicants contact their respective national/regional contact person to avoid eligibility-related issues emerging later in the process.

By submitting a pre- or full proposal, all applicants agree that it will be accessible to all funders from which funding is requested, as well as the JCS and RAMP's Ethics Advisory Board (EAB).

7.1.1 Transnational eligibility

7.1.1.1 Project requirements

- Proposals must fit within the scope of the call and be submitted to only one of the call topics.
- The maximum duration of projects is 36 months.
- The project workplan must include the provision of dedicated resources (PM and budget) to ensure the participation of at least one project representative in at least one dissemination, exploitation or communication event or activity organised by RAMP within the project lifetime (such as final seminars or networking events, for instance).
- Proposals must be complete, written in English and comply with the mandatory templates and formatting. They must be submitted by the coordinator to the RAMP ESES before the submission deadlines.
    - Restructuring or modification of the templates, disregard to the page limit or late submission will result in the rejection of the proposal.
    - No resubmission or revision is allowed after the submission deadline, for both pre- and full proposals, unless the JCS requests corrections to technical administrative details.
    - The prior submission of a pre-proposal (and the invitation to stage 2) are requirements for the submission of a full proposal. The information given in the pre-proposals is binding. No change to the objectives outlined in a pre-proposal is allowed. A limited number of changes may be allowed upon approval by the JCS and by all involved funders (see Changes in the proposal between stages 1 and 2).

- Applicants must complete an ethics self-assessment as part of the application
- Proposals that include activities related to sea mining are not eligible for funding by RAMP.
- Proposals that include activities related to any application other than civil are not eligible for funding by RAMP.
- If the proposals note the intended use of satellite-based earth observation, positioning, navigation and/or related timing data and services, then the projects must make use of Copernicus and/or Galileo/EGNOS (other data and services may additionally be used).

7.1.1.2 Consortium requirements

- The types of partners that can apply for funding (provided that they are eligible according to their respective national/regional funder) are:
  - Public research organisations
  - Private research organisations
  - Universities
  - Small and medium companies
  - Large companies
  - Consultancies
  - Others (e.g. municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies or non-profit legal entities such as NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies and foundations)

  Prospective applicants must consult the relevant national annex to verify their eligibility to be funded.

- The consortium must be comprised of a minimum of three partners from at least three different countries (with at least two of them being EU member states or associated countries). They should be requesting funding from an RFO participating in the current call and be eligible according to their respective national/regional rules.
  - Additional partners, including self-funded partners, are allowed.
    - There is no maximum limit of partners in a consortium, but their participation must be relevant to the project's objectives and ambitions, and the consortium should remain manageable.
  - The project coordinator must be eligible for funding and request funding from a participating RFO (and be eligible according to its rules).

- The efforts measured in person months (PM) for all the personnel participating in the project for a given partner) must be balanced and coherent within the consortium:
  - The total efforts of a single applicant cannot exceed 50% of the total project efforts (in PM) in the proposal.
  - The total effort of applicants from a single country cannot exceed 60% of the total project efforts (in PM) in the proposal.

- In case one or more partners withdraw or are removed from the consortium (eligibility, financial reasons, force majeure, etc.), the total efforts of the missing partner(s) must be less than 25% (in PM) of the total project efforts.
    - The viability of a project with missing partner(s) will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Self-funded partners can join a consortium with their own resources and/or can bring their own funding (e.g. if ineligible to receive funding from one of the funders in the call or due to other reasons).

Self-funded partners will not be subject to national/regional eligibility assessments. A letter of commitment will be required at stage 2 submission. If the letter of commitment is not provided, the self-funded partner will be rejected and will not be considered in the evaluation.

Self-funded partners cannot be coordinators of projects; their role must be clearly described, and they are not counted towards the minimum number of eligible partners and countries.

Applicants need to respect that entities subject to EU restrictive measures[4] under Article 29 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) and Article 215 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the EU (TFEU) as well as Article 75 TFEU are not eligible to participate in any capacity. In addition, restrictions apply to legal entities established in Russia, Belarus or in non-government-controlled territories of Ukraine. This list may evolve if new sanctions are decided by the EU.

7.1.2 National/regional eligibility

Each applicant is responsible for enquiring about their eligibility and checking their compliance with the applicable rules and procedures of the funder from which they request funding. This must be done before the submission of the proposal, since no resubmission or revision is allowed after the submission deadline, for both stages, unless the funding organisation requests corrections to technical administrative details.

Examples of national/regional requirements are:

- Mandatory contact/registration prior to project submission
- Presence of additional forms/documents
- Additional national/regional-level submission procedures
- Type, financial status and/or number of participants
- Thresholds and/or range for requested funding, eligible costs and funding rates
- Thematic relevance or priorities, including TRL and expected impacts

[4] https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main

The Annex 1 – Funder-specific rules contains the information relative to each participating RFO for the current call.

If the ineligibility of one or more applicants results in a consortium that no longer fulfils the transnational eligibility conditions, the entirety of the proposal will be deemed ineligible.

7.1.3 Ethics requirements

The evaluation criteria of this call include compliance with relevant ethical principles. Applicants must describe the potential ethical implications of their proposed R&I in their workplans. Projects involving field experiments, pilot projects or any activity that might modify the existing socio-ecological status at any location should include environmental- and social-impact assessments covering biodiversity, land use, tailings and waste management, and nature-restoration strategies as appropriate. Any work involving the use of humans (for example surveys or interviews, as well as reliance on local assistance) should be carried out with the appropriate authorisation, considering EU and national ethics requirements.

To identify any potential ethical issues, applicants are required to complete an ethics self-assessment and provide supporting documentation referred to in the ethics issues checklist.

Please consult the available Horizon Europe programme guidance: How to complete your ethics self-assessment.

If any ethical issues are foreseen to arise during the proposed project, these must be addressed in the full proposal. The Horizon Europe guidelines address ethical issues in relation to the following: human embryos & foetuses, human beings, human cells or tissues, personal data, animals, non-EU countries, environment, health & safety, dual use, and exclusive focus on civil applications.

This self-assessment, as well as any additional ethical issues that are raised by the CEP and the RAMP's EAB, will be shared with national/regional funders who may stipulate specific ethics requirements, which in turn must be met by successful applicants as part of the national/regional funding contract (and will be included in the project reporting).

Any proposal deemed to violate fundamental ethical principles, after review by RAMP's EAB, will not be accepted. Assessment of the significance of ethical issues will be made by applying the criteria published by the EC in its guidelines for the Horizon Europe Framework Programme. Where activities undertaken in non-EU and non-associated countries raise ethical issues, the applicants must ensure that the research conducted outside the EU is legal in at least one EU Member State or Associated Country.

7.2 The role of the project coordinator

Each consortium needs to appoint a Coordinator, who will fulfil the following roles and responsibilities:

• Ensure the correct submission of pre- and full proposals via the ESES and lead the consortium throughout the submission process.

• Be responsible for the overall project coordination and act as the central contact point for the consortium during the full lifespan of the research project.

• Inform RAMP about any situation or event that might affect the implementation of the project.

• Ensure that all work is carried out to a high standard and meets contractually agreed deliverables and milestones presented in the proposal and approved by the funders.

• Be responsible for sharing all information with consortium partners.

• Be responsible for reporting data and the timely delivery of project reports.

• Be responsible for setting up a consortium agreement between the project partners.

The Coordinator will not be responsible for the financial management of project funding, which shall be handled directly between the consortium members and their corresponding funders.

7.3 Submission procedures

It is mandatory at both stages that the complete documents for the pre- and full proposals are submitted by the Coordinator in the ESES before the corresponding deadline. A tutorial will be provided on the call webpage.

It is strongly recommended that the partners familiarise themselves with the platform in advance and that they complete the submission procedure ahead of time, as RAMP will not allow for deadline extensions for any reason that is not under its direct responsibility.

No resubmission or revision are allowed after the submission deadline, for both pre-and full proposals, unless the JCS requests corrections to technical or administrative details.

7.4 Evaluation process

For both stages, the centralised transnational evaluation will be carried out by a panel of independent international experts (CEP). CEP members will be researchers, practitioners and other stakeholders who have a high standing in their fields, with recognised expertise in the research areas represented by the call topics. Potential CEP members can be nominated by members of the RAMP

consortium or apply to the open call for experts. The composition of the CEP (proposed by the JCS and endorsed by the CSC) will be determined according to the required technical expertise. The JCS will take all measures to avoid conflicts of interest and will target a balanced CEP composition with respect to gender, geographical distribution, expertise areas, and industrial and academic representation.

The CEP will be subdivided into six thematic subpanels, corresponding to the topics of the current call.

During the evaluation process (Figure 6), each proposal will be evaluated by at least three CEP members who will prepare an individual qualitative pre-assessment (1). All proposals within a thematic subpanel will be subsequently discussed in a plenary session, during which experts will agree on a final assessment and score for each proposal, resulting in a ranking list for the thematic subpanel (2).

The centralised evaluation will lead to:

- Six thematic ranking lists of proposals above the threshold.
- Evaluation reports for each evaluated proposal.

Based on the ranking lists and the available budgets, the CSC will elaborate the selection list (3) (see selection procedures).

Figure 6 - Evaluation process.

RAMP will implement measures to manage potential Conflicts of Interest within the entirety of its evaluation process. An external observer will verify that the call procedures meet the applicable requirements and regulations.

7.5 Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be assessed comparatively in terms of their Excellence, Impact and, in stage 2, Implementation efficiency.

Information about project implementation is nevertheless mandatory at stage 1, and it will undergo a qualitative assessment and eligibility checks, but it will not receive a score.

Proposals will be considered below the threshold (and not included in the ranking lists) if they do not reach a score of:

- At least 3 out of a maximum of 5 per criterion (of a total of two criteria in stage 1 and three criteria in stage 2), and
- A total score of 6 out of a maximum of 10 in stage 1, and 10 out of a maximum of 15 in stage 2.

Table 3 - Scores and thresholds per evaluation criterion (stages 1 and 2)

	Stage 1	Stage 2
Number of criteria	2	3
Maximum score per criterion	5	5
Minimum threshold per criterion	**3**	**3**
Total minimum threshold	**6**	**10**
Total maximum score	**10**	**15**

These main criteria, equally weighted, contain different elements, which will be assessed according to the particularities and expectations for each topic and for the different call stages.

Table 4 - Pre-proposal evaluation criteria

Stage 1 – Pre-proposal evaluation criteria		
Excellence	Positioning of the proposed work relative to the state of the art/ extent of project's ambition, innovation/economic potential, and ground-breaking objectives.	**5**
	Added value of transnational cooperation. Complementarity and balance of experience and expertise of the consortium to address the project objectives.	
	Clarity and pertinence of the proposal objectives relative to RAMP and the call topic	
	Coherence and credibility of the proposed technical/scientific hypotheses and feasibility within the proposed timescale	
Impact	Relevance for the call topic: ability of the proposal to deliver the expected outcomes; alignment with the European or international impacts expected for the overall call. Appropriateness of the type of the expected results.	**5**
	Integration of gender and diversity perspectives in the project plan and objectives when applicable (or justification if not applicable).	
	Engagement of stakeholders (e.g. communities, municipalities, policymakers, regulators, NGOs) if applicable (or justification if not applicable).	
	Engagement of the proposed research with environmental as well as ethical, political, social and/or cultural dimensions, if applicable.	
Implementation	Adequacy of global costs with respect to the ambition of the project and its expected results and impact *No score in stage 1* *(mandatory information for eligibility and qualitative assessment)*	

Table 5 - Full proposal evaluation criteria

Stage 2 – Full proposal evaluation criteria		
Excellence	Positioning of the proposed work relative to the state of the art/ extent of project's ambition, innovation/economic potential, and ground-breaking objectives.	5
	Added value of transnational cooperation. Complementarity and balance of experience and expertise of the consortium to address the project objectives.	
	Defined and well-quantified objectives with the potential to contribute significantly to the topic objectives.	
	Identification of risks and inclusion of a mitigation plan.	
	Technical soundness of the proposed concept and appropriateness of the proposed approach. Includes effective incorporation of responsible practices within the project, the credibility of the TRL evolution, and potential for industrial adoption (if applicable).	
Impact	Relevance for the call topic: ability of the proposal to deliver the expected outcomes; alignment with the European or international impacts expected for the overall call. Appropriateness of the type of the expected results.	5
	Integration of gender and diversity perspectives in the project plan and objectives when applicable (or justification if not applicable).	
	Engagement of stakeholders (e.g. communities, municipalities, policymakers, regulators, NGOs and/or industry) if applicable (or justification if not applicable).	
	Engagement of the proposed research with environmental as well as ethical, political, social and/or cultural dimensions, if applicable.	
	Effectiveness of the proposed measures for the dissemination and/or exploitation of project results both at transnational and regional levels.	
Implementation	Coherence, relevance, and balance of the roles of the partners. Appropriateness of the allocation of the distribution of tasks and workloads.	5
	Feasibility and appropriateness of the workplan for the proposed objectives and timescale.	
	Appropriateness of cost allocation and justification of requested resources (staff, equipment, etc.)	
	Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk, quality, and innovation management as well as data concerns, for example GDPR risks, risks associated with access to data, etc.	
	Consideration of regulatory and ethics issues, when necessary.	
	Consideration of data management issues, such as access to data, data processing, data quality, etc., for example by providing a Data Management Plan.	

7.6 Evaluation scale

Table 6 - Evaluation scale

Score	Definition
5	Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion.
4	Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but small improvements are possible.
3	Good. The proposal addresses the criterion in question well, but improvements are necessary.
2	Fair. The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses that need corrections.
1	Poor. The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion.
0	Not addressed. The proposal fails to address the criterion in question or cannot be assessed because of missing or incomplete information.

7.7 Selection and funding

The selection of proposals (for either stage 2 or for funding) will be made by the CSC based on the ranking lists and the available budgets. Proposals below threshold are not included in the ranking lists and, therefore, cannot be included in the selection list that will emerge from the selection process. Proposals not selected due to budgetary constraints will also not be included in the selection list.

When necessary to arbitrate between proposals with equal scores or in different ranking lists, the CSC will aim to ensure that:

In stage 1:

- The total requested funding of the selected pre-proposals for each funder does not exceed 4 times their committed budget in stage 1 (3 times for funders ineligible for co-funding, see Annex 1 – Funder specific rules).
- As many countries participating in the call as possible are represented in the consortia of proposals invited to second stage.
- There is a good representation (in terms of the number of proposals) of all six topics.

In stage 2:

- Both the total number of projects funded and the total number of participating countries/regions involved in these projects are optimised.
- There is good representation (in terms of the number of projects) and balanced success rates between the six topics.
- The EC co-funding is used as efficiently as possible but also distributed as fairly as possible among the participating countries eligible for EC co-funding.

The CSC may need to arbitrate between these objectives to ensure the best possible outcome for RAMP, given the evaluation results of the call in question.

During the selection of full proposals for funding, no gaps will be left in each of the ranking lists (if a project cannot be funded due to budgetary constraints of one or more funders, no project ranked below it will be included in the selection list).

Once the selection list is complete, and if additional lower ranked proposal(s) can be funded by using exclusively the remaining national/regional funds (i.e. without using the EU top-up), the concerned funders may opt for inviting the additional proposal(s) for funding, in an independent additional list. This is an optional procedure, applicable upon mutual agreement and if compatible with the rules of the concerned funders.

RAMP will inform the applicants of the outcome of the selection procedure as soon as feasible via feedback emails, and the final evaluation reports will be accessible to the coordinators of proposals. The evaluation scores are confidential and will be accessible to only the CSC.

Funding arrangements (contracts, grant or consortium agreements, etc.) will be carried out at national/regional level between each funded partner and their respective funder.

7.8 Redress procedure

In case a mistake in procedural aspects of the call is perceived, applicants must contact the Joint Call Secretariat within 10 days of receiving the relevant official communication (eligibility, invitation to stage 2, recommendation for funding).

RAMP will not accept appeals:

- motivated by technical issues which are not under its direct responsibility;
- on the merits of the scientific evaluation;
- on the decisions of the EAB; or
- on the decisions of the CSC.

An ad-hoc committee will be composed by the JCS, including the funders involved in/affected by the redress request(s), volunteer members of the CSC (provided they do not have a Conflict of Interest (CoI)) and the independent observer.

7.9 Changes in the proposal between stages 1 and 2

Only pre-proposals invited to stage 2 will be allowed to submit a full proposal, which must remain coherent with the pre-proposal as it was evaluated. Therefore, only limited changes are allowed between stages 1 and 2 and subject to the approval of the JCS and the relevant funders.

7.9.1 Changes initiated by the applicants

No fundamental changes initiated by the applicants alone will be accepted. Specifically:

- the project objectives stated in the pre-proposal cannot be changed.

- significant budget changes are not allowed unless requested by the JSC or the funders.
    - If requested by a funder, then they will decide whether a justification is needed according to their own rules
- the Coordinator (and its PI) cannot be changed, except in case of *force majeure*.
- the consortium should stay the same unless requested explicitly by the JSC or by the funders.
    - Changes in the consortium structure and funding demand within the fallback or widening procedures (below) are considered modifications requested by the JSC and are therefore exempt from this rule.

Any changes to the proposal must be duly justified and submitted for the approval of all concerned funding organisations at least 15 days before the full proposal deadline. It is the responsibility of the Coordinator to ensure that all funders have been duly informed and have approved the changes.

Applicants must consult their respective funders to verify whether additional limitations apply regarding changes between stages 1 and 2.

All changes in the proposal and their consequences to the workplan must be detailed in the full proposal, which must not have deviated significantly compared to the pre-proposal evaluated by the CEP.

7.9.2 Changes requested by a funder or by the JCS

In some cases, applicants may be requested by their funders or by the RAMP's JSC to implement changes to the full proposal (such as minor corrections to comply with national procedures, changing between two funders of the same country, replacement of partners, etc.).

The concerned applicants will be informed about the requested changes and applicable procedures, and whether the changes are mandatory or not. If an applicant fails to implement a mandatory modification, they will be deemed ineligible (which may entail the ineligibility of the entire consortium according to the Transnational eligibility criteria).

7.9.3 Changes in the consortium

Pre-proposals invited to stage 2 may be allowed to modify their consortia prior to the full proposal submission if duly justified within the widening and fallback procedure mechanisms described below, which are offered as tools to maximise the participation of different countries and regions, and to avoid losing projects due to high oversubscription of an individual funder.

All coordinators will be informed at the same time about: the outcomes of the stage 1 selection; on whether they can take part in the widening procedure; and the list of funders participating in the widening procedure.

The widening and fallback procedures are not mandatory, and adding, removing, or replacing partners and revising the full proposal are accordingly part of the writing process of the full proposal. Submission deadlines will not be extended for the consortia taking part in these procedures.

New partners introduced between stages 1 and 2 must comply with the eligibility criteria of their respective RFOs as well as the transnational ones.

7.9.3.1 Widening procedure

Between stages 1 and 2, the JCS may invite project consortia to integrate, in their full proposal, additional partners requesting funds from specific funding organisations which are underrepresented in the pre-proposals invited to stage 2.

The determination of underrepresented funding organisations will be made by the JCS, taking into account the geographical participation in the proposals invited to Stage 2, the distribution of participating funding organisations and the available national budgets.

This addition must be accompanied by relevant and well-dimensioned tasks which are coherent with the overall workplan and cannot cause a significant deviation from the proposal's original objectives, expected impacts and main tasks, but should enhance its original focus. This possibility does not invalidate the consistency requirements between the pre-proposal and full proposal.

New partners can only request funding from one of the funders participating in the widening procedure for the current call. The list of participating funders will be published along with the results of the stage 1 selection.

This inclusion option between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, which allows as many countries as possible to be involved in the funding of the transnational projects, must be conducted in close cooperation with the respective funders.

7.9.3.2 Fallback procedure

After the CSC agrees on the pre-proposal selection list (following the ranking lists until the oversubscription limits of the respective funders), it is possible that proposals scored above threshold cannot be invited due to a high oversubscription of one single funder.

In case this concerns non-coordinating beneficiary partner(s) that in total contribute to 25% or less of the project efforts (PM), the consortium may opt for removing all partners from the concerned funding organisation (or converting them into self-funded partners).

- If this would result in the transnational ineligibility of the proposal, the exiting partner(s) must be replaced via the widening procedure.
- If the proposal remains eligible without the beneficiary partner(s) in question, the replacement of the exiting partner(s) is optional.

8 General Data Protection Regulation

All personal data provided to RAMP in the execution of the call (e.g., project applications, evaluator assessments, mailing lists, tracking websites, registration for events) will be collected, stored and processed in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (Regulation EU 679/2016). For more information, please consult the privacy policy on the ESES.

9 Conflicts of interest

9.1 Definitions of Conflict of Interest

RAMP is committed to avoiding any CoI and safeguarding good scientific practice. A code of Conduct related to CoI, confidentiality, and non-disclosure is defined and applies to the CSC, Independent Observer, Ethics Board, and CEP.

An important aspect of this code is the avoidance of any conflicts between personal interests and the interests of the applicants. The CSC and respective representatives, the independent observer and the CEP will perform their work impartially and take all measures to prevent any situation in which the impartial and objective implementation of the work is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest (CoIs).

The situations in the following non-exhaustive list are automatically considered a CoI:

- Being involved in (the preparation of) any pre- and/or full proposal.
- Having submitted a proposal as a principal investigator or a team member under the current call.
- Being a director, trustee or partner or in any way involved in the management of an applicant.
- Being employed or contracted by one of the applicants.
- Having close professional proximity, e.g., being a member of the same scientific institution with a hierarchical or department relation or impending change of the CEP member to the institution of the applicant in a position with a hierarchical or department relation or vice versa.
- Having close family ties (spouse, domestic or non-domestic partner, child, sibling, parent, etc.) or other close personal relationships with the applicants of the proposal.
- Having (or having had during the last five years) a close scientific collaboration with an applicant of the proposal.
- Having (or having had) a relationship of scientific rivalry or professional hostility with an applicant of the proposal.

- Having (or having had), a mentor/mentee relationship with a principal investigator of the proposal.
- Having a current or prior (past five years) activity in advisory bodies of the applicant's institution, e.g., scientific advisory boards.
- Having direct or indirect benefit/disadvantage if any proposal submitted is accepted or rejected.
- Having personal economic interests in the funding decision.

Other situations preventing the CEP members or reviewers from participating in the evaluation impartially could be considered a CoI and should be reported as such by the CEP members.

Applicants included in a proposal submitted to this call (including all team members, external collaborators and service providers) cannot serve as CEP members.

9.2 Conflicts of interest within the evaluation process

All necessary measures will be taken by the JSC to ensure that CEP members (evaluators) have no CoI with respect to the proposals they will assess.

The JSC Secretariat will perform a first screening of potential CoI before assigning the proposals to specific CEP members and sending them limited information on the assigned proposals. Prior to gaining access to any sensitive information, the evaluators will sign a non-disclosure agreement concerning all call documents and processes, and a formal declaration that they will not participate in the Call and that no CoIs regarding the consortium partners of their assigned proposals exist at any time of their evaluation duty.

If a CoI is identified, the member will be discharged from reviewing specific proposals or from participation in the CEP, depending on the nature of the CoI.

9.3 Conflicts of interest within the preparation of calls

The beneficiaries of RAMP that might apply to the co-funded calls are excluded from the work of call preparation, selection, and project follow-up and monitoring. All call-related information is inaccessible to these beneficiaries. In this way, the possibility of research units belonging to these organisations participating in RAMP's calls for proposals is safeguarded.

10 Project implementation

10.1 Consortium agreement

Each funded project is required to have a signed consortium agreement (CA) between all partners, typically within six months from the start of the project (stricter rules from specific funders may apply, please verify the applicable rules).

For projects involving companies, the signature of the CA is needed prior to the start of the project: see Article 27 of the EC Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation.

The CA must address, as a minimum, the following topics:

- Internal organisation and management of the consortium
- Sharing of risks and results
- Dissemination and exploitation of results
- Intellectual property arrangements
- Settlement of internal disputes

Additional national/regional funders' regulations concerning the requirement for a CA, including the date of the signature, may also apply.

The DESCA model may be a helpful starting point in designing the CA. Please note that the DESCA model CA needs to be adapted to funding instruments such as RAMP (which involve different funders for each respective project part carried out in a different country).

10.2 Project lifetime: changes and reporting

During the project lifetime, progress surveys with key performance indicators and simplified reporting must be completed. At the RAMP level, coordinators are required to deliver a mid-term and a final report. Templates, detailed procedures and further guidance will be provided in due time to the funded projects.

Additionally, RAMP will organise annual conferences with dedicated project sessions as well as Other RAMP activities in future years. All RAMP-funded projects are required to ensure the participation of at least one representative in at least one of these events over the project lifetime (see the transnational Project requirements).

Changes during the lifetime of the project (extension of project duration, modification of partners or team members, restructuring of the workplan) should be avoided, but in case they are necessary, the appropriate change request must be submitted to the involved funders and to RAMP according to the guidelines provided to funded projects.

Modifications that would result in significantly changing the original scope or eligibility of the project are to be accepted only under exceptional circumstances and with proper justification.
At the national/regional level, the funder-specific monitoring and reporting modalities will apply to their respective partners.

11 Horizon Europe Requirements and Obligations of funded projects

Projects funded under the RAMP Partnership are expected to comply with the relevant principles, obligations and requirements applicable under Horizon Europe and the RAMP Grant Agreement.

Applicants must take these requirements into account when preparing their proposals and planning project implementation.

11.1 Ethics and Research Integrity

Projects must comply with the highest standards of ethics and research integrity and, where applicable, obtain all relevant authorisations, approvals and permits required under national and international legislation.

Research activities must be carried out in accordance with recognised principles of research integrity and responsible R&I.

11.2 Open Science and Research Data Management

Projects are expected to adhere to the implementation of Open Science principles and are strongly encouraged to communicate their outcomes to as wide an audience as possible.

Costs of open-access publications are considered to be eligible costs by many of the funders involved in this JTC, and sufficient budget should hence be reserved for this purpose where eligible (see Annex 1 – Funder-specific rules).

Beneficiaries should ensure (where appropriate and taking into account legitimate interests, protection of intellectual property, confidentiality and security considerations) that:

- scientific publications resulting from the project are made openly accessible;
- research data are managed in accordance with the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable);
- a Data Management Plan is established and maintained where relevant;
- research outputs are disseminated as openly as possible and as closed as necessary.

11.3 Dissemination and Communication

Projects are expected to actively disseminate and communicate their activities and results to relevant scientific, industrial, policy and societal stakeholders.

Dissemination activities should consider the protection of intellectual property rights, confidentiality obligations and any security considerations.

Projects must ensure that all their outcomes (such as scientific publications) and communication and dissemination activities acknowledge the support received through the RAMP Partnership, Horizon Europe and the involved national/regional funders. Funded projects will receive detailed acknowledgement guidelines.

11.4 Exploitation of Results

Applicants should demonstrate a credible approach for the uptake, use, valorisation and exploitation of project results.

Projects are expected to take appropriate measures to maximise the scientific, technological, economic, environmental and societal impact of the results generated.

11.5 Intellectual Property Rights and Access to Results

Beneficiaries are expected to establish appropriate arrangements regarding ownership, protection, management and use of results generated by the project.

Consortium agreements should address intellectual property rights, access rights, dissemination procedures and exploitation arrangements among project partners.

11.6 Gender Equality, Diversity and Inclusiveness

Projects should promote gender equality, diversity and inclusiveness, taking these considerations into account where relevant in project design, implementation, governance and dissemination activities.

11.7 Security and Confidentiality

Projects involving sensitive information, strategic technologies or security-relevant aspects must comply with applicable security, confidentiality and information-protection requirements.

Where relevant, additional measures may be required during project implementation to safeguard legitimate interests, intellectual property, commercially sensitive information and security-related considerations.

11.8 Strategic Interests and International Cooperation

Given the strategic importance of raw materials value chains, beneficiaries may be required to consider the protection of strategic assets, technologies, knowledge and results in accordance with applicable Horizon Europe and national requirements.

11.9 Further Information

Additional obligations may apply during project implementation depending on the nature of the activities funded and the applicable provisions of the RAMP Grant Agreement, national funding regulations and Horizon Europe requirements.

12 Other RAMP activities

To further the impact of the Partnership, RAMP will implement a variety of additional activities over its lifetime, according to the outcomes of its biennial strategic plans. Some of these activities, such as networking events, targeted calls or actions, or the formation of thematic networks, may include the participation of RAMP-funded projects.

If such actions take place within the lifetime of the project, they may be counted as the mandatory participation in at least one dissemination, exploitation or communication event or activity organised by RAMP, as detailed in the transnational eligibility requirements.

If no relevant activities are implemented over the course of the project's lifetime, the consortium must participate in at least one of RAMP's project seminars.

Participants of previously funded RAMP projects will continue to be welcome to contribute to additional activities that will be implemented after the end of their project. However, please note that costs incurred after the end of a project are not eligible, and this participation would be in-kind or need to be funded by another mechanism.

Annex 1 – Funder-specific rules

Applicants are required to verify that they comply with the specific rules of their respective funders; and strongly advised to contact their national funding organisation before proposal submission.

For guidance regarding funder-specific rules, documents and procedures, please directly contact the contact persons listed in the funder's annex.

Self-funded partners must comply with the transnational (at RAMP level) rules and requirements.

The Horizon Europe Requirements and Obligations of funded projects described in the section 11 of the call text apply to all funded partners irrespective of whether these are explicitly stated by their national/regional funder in Annex 1.

Please read carefully the funder-specific information below and the frequently asked questions.

AT – Austria

FFG	*Österreichische Forschungsförderungsgesellschaft* Austrian Research Promotion Agency

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 800 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://www.ffg.at/en/raw-materials/RAMP2026		
Contact persons	Karolina Schwendtner, karolina.schwendtner@ffg.at, +43-57755-5085 Fabienne Nikowitz, fabienne.nikowitz@ffg.at, +43-57755-5081		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4-7 projects, max funding of 300000€/project, TRL 2-7		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	100 000 €	300 000 €	-

	Topic 1	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
Eligible topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	FFG's total commitment for this call comprises two independent budgetary lines dedicated to specific topics: 1 200 000 € are available only to fund proposals under topics 2, 3, 4 and 6 (FFG funding provided by the Federal Ministry BMIMI, managed in trust) 600 000 € are available only to fund proposals under topics 1 and 5 (FFG funding from the 'Fonds Zukunft Österreich' (Nationalstiftung für Forschung, Technologie und Entwicklung), disbursed through FFG's own budget)

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	At least one Austrian company of any size

Eligible costs	Personnel cost, cost of infrastructure use, cost of materials, third-party costs, travel costs, overhead costs (see cost guidelines: https://www.ffg.at/kostenanerkennung-ffg-projekten-klf-32)
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	A single company cannot exceed 70% of total project costs (see Instrumentenleitfaden kooperative F&E Projekte transnational: https://www.ffg.at/en/raw-materials/ramp2026)

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	national application
☑ **Stage 2**	national application
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance

BE – Belgium

BELSPO	*POD Wetenschapsbeleid - SPP Politique scientifique* Belgian Science Policy Office

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	250 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	Policy 4 Science: https://www.belspo.be/belspo/P4Science-S4Policy/index_en.stm		
Contact persons	David Cox, david.cox@belspo.be, +32 2 238 34 03		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐Min.	☑Max.	☐ No mandatory limits
	-	250 000 €	-

Eligible topics	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Particular conditions
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	TRL 1	TRL 2	TRL 3	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7	TRL 8	TRL 9
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	No	
Public research centres	Yes	only the Royal Belgian Institute of Natural Sciences (RBINS) is eligible
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type		-

Eligible costs	- Staff costs - Specific operations costs - Equipment costs - Subcontracting - Overheads Same rules apply as for the P4Science programme: see https://www.belspo.be/belspo/P4Science-S4Policy/call/P4Science_2026/P4S_call2026-27_BudgetTable_update20260518.xlsx
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	no

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☐Stage 1
☐Stage 2
☐Other
☑No additional procedures
Further guidance

BE – Belgium

F.R.S.-FNRS	*Fonds for Scientific Research - FNRS* Fund for Scientific Research - FNRS

Geographical coverage	Regional / Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French speaking community of Belgium)		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	300 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://frs-fnrs.be/en		
Contact persons	Florence Quist, +32 2 504 9351 - international@frs-fnrs.be		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	300.000 EUR	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No

Mandatory participation of a partner type	All eligibility criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (https://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-documents/International/FRS-FNRS_PINT-Multi-EN.pdf)
Eligible costs	All eligibility criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (https://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-documents/International/FRS-FNRS_PINT-Multi-EN.pdf)
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	All eligibility criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (https://www.frs-fnrs.be/docs/Reglement-et-documents/International/FRS-FNRS_PINT-Multi-EN.pdf)

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	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.-FNRS.

☑ **Stage 2**	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.-FNRS.
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

BE – Belgium

FWO	*Fonds voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek - Vlaanderen* Research Foundation - Flanders

Geographical coverage	Regional / Flanders region, Belgium		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	700 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/horizon-europe-cofund-partnerships/		
Contact persons	Toon Monbaliu (General and FO) +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters (SBO) +32 (0)2 550 15 95 europe@fwo.be		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	2-3 projects. Max. 350.000 euro per project.		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	350.000 euro per project (overhead included)	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	No
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No

Mandatory participation of a partner type

The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of FWO funding channel depends on the type of project the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake (i.e. more fundamental in nature vs. strong valorisation potential).

The scope and the eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant chosen funding channel regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website:

https://fwo.be/en/support-programmes/all-calls/senior-researchersresearch-teams/junior-and-senior-research-project/

https://fwo.be/en/support-programmes/all-calls/senior-researchersresearch-teams/sbo-strategic-basic-research-projects-security-and-defence/

Or by contacting the FWO contact points that are mentioned.

Eligible costs	The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR, which guarantees at least two projects. The respective funding channel regulations apply: FO and SBO. Both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel - see explanation below). - For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) use the same approach. A structural overhead rate should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for 'FO projects', and a 17% overhead rate for 'SBO projects'. Some practical examples: - FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. - SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. Overhead should be mentioned in the RAMP budget tables, but it should not be inserted in the national/regional FWO mandatory administrative application on the FWO E-loket.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	!! IMPORTANT !! Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO E-loket. fwoweb.fwo.be - 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'. In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) itself, through its personal 'e-loket', 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 can lead to ineligibility. - Participation in this call does not interfere with the 'regular/national' project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call. - Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. As such, this route should not be mentioned in the administrative FWO registration document. - The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is 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, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. Linked to the above, when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this context, who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project execution, are not eligible.
	Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☑ **Stage 1**	Mandatory administrative application via the FWO E-loket during the pre-proposal stage.
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	It is strongly advised to approach the FWO contact points ('NCPs') mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia

BE – Belgium

SPW	*Service public de Wallonie* Public Service of Wallonia
Geographical coverage	Regional
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	https://recherche.wallonie.be/international
Contact persons	Pierre DEMOITIÉ pierre.demoitie@spw.wallonie.be 32 (0)81 77 86 85
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
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Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No

Mandatory participation of a partner type	Participation of at least one Walloon company in the Walloon consortium. Budget dedicated to the companies represents at least 40% of the total requested budget for the Walloon partners.
Eligible costs	https://recherche.wallonie.be/guide-depenses-eligibles
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	n.a.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Submission on the Walloon ONTIME portal is mandatory
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

BE – Belgium

VLAIO	*Vlaams Agentschap Innoveren en Ondernemen* FLANDERS INNOVATION & ENTREPRENEURSHIP		
Geographical coverage	Regional / Flanders		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	www.vlaio.be		
Contact persons	Elsie De Clercq elsie.declercq@vlaio.be T +32 2 432 42 78		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Not specified		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	25000 EURO	3000000 EURO	-

	Topic 1	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
Eligible topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Non-eligible activities include the following activities: Engineering activities, routine improvements, technology implementation, and the application of existing knowledge without a significant learning challenge. Routine or periodic modifications to existing products, processes, or services, and activities that do not lead to a clear increase in the company's knowledge base. General support and operational activities (e.g. HR, finance, logistics). Training and general knowledge acquisition not specific to the project. Activities aimed at industrialisation and market launch, including final design, user interfaces, documentation, and manuals. Market research and marketing beyond orientation within the R&D phase. Activities to comply with standards, labels, accreditations, registrations, or legal obligations. Preparation and implementation of investments for production facilities (R&D facilities needed for the project are eligible). Business plan development is generally not eligible, except in multipartner projects (minimum two companies), where up to three

	person.months for a business plan supporting the development of a new product, service, or process may be funded.

Eligible TRL	TRL 1	TRL 2	TRL 3	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7	TRL 8	TRL 9
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	as a subcontractor/research partner of the mandatory company
Public research centres	Yes	as a subcontractor/research partner of the mandatory company
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	

Mandatory participation of a partner type	Any legal company, from an SME to a Flemish branch of a multinational, as long as it has an operating location with operational research and development activities in the Flemish region, is eligible for support. Under European law, a company may not be facing difficulty at the time of the support being granted.
Eligible costs	Eligible costs are classified into five major cost categories: •Staffing costs; •Overhead costs; •Operating costs; •Third-party costs; •Investments; see "Guide to cost model" on https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject and https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	see "Guide to cost model" on https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject and https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	"Template annex international en interregional projects" see https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject and https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance

BG – Bulgaria

BNSF	*Фонд Научни Изследвания* Bulgarian National Science Fund		
Geographical coverage	National / Researchers of other countries may participate in the Bulgarian team of the Call under specific rules		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	450 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://bnsf.bg/		
Contact persons	Milena Aleksandrova International Programmes +359 884 171 363; aleksandrova@mon.bg Bulgarian National Science Fund https://bnsf.bg/ Al. Stamboliyski Blvd., 239 B, 1309 Sofia Bulgaria; Prof. DSc. Yuri Kalvachev - General manager; kalvachev@mon.bg		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Up to 3 projects with 150000 Euro for a single project.		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑**Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	Up to 150000 EUR	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Overcoming social, legal and economic barriers in the supply and production of raw materials and the circular economy

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	
Public research centres	Yes	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	Yes	Other research institutions according to some legal requirements

Mandatory participation of a partner type	-
Eligible costs	Direct eligible costs: Personnel costs, Travel costs, Costs for materials, consumables and equipment, Costs for organizing scientific events Indirect eligible costs: Overhead: Costs for servicing the project by the base organization (up to 7% of the project value) Costs for financial audit of the project (up to 1% of the project value)
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Already listed above
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Administrative compliance and eligibility check
☑ **Stage 2**	Administrative compliance and eligibility check
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	Indirect costs of 7+1% are obligatory in the project proposals of the BG teams

BR – Brazil

CONFAP	*Conselho Nacional das Fundações Estaduais de Amparo à Pesquisa* Brazilian National Council for State Funding Agencies
Geographical coverage	Regional / Candidates should be considered eligible from the following State Funding Agencies (FAPs): Fundação Araucária (State of Paraná), FAPEAM (State of Amazonas), FAPEG (State of Goiás), FAPEMIG (State of Minas Gerais), FAPERGS (State of Rio Grande do Sul), FAPERJ (State of Rio de Janeiro), FAPES (Espírito Santo), FAPESB (State of Bahia), FAPESP (State of São Paulo), FAPESPA (State of Pará), FAPESQ (State of Paraíba) and FAPERO (State of Rondônia). Other FAPs may join this activity.
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 923 838 € **Eligible for EC cofund** no
Call webpage	CONFAP: https://confap.org.br/pt Fundação Araucária (State of Paraná): https://www.fappr.pr.gov.br/ FAPEAM (State of Amazonas): https://www.fapeam.am.gov.br/ FAPEG (State of Goiás): https://goias.gov.br/fapeg/ FAPEMIG (State of Minas Gerais): https://fapemig.br/ FAPERGS (State of Rio Grande do Sul): https://fapergs.rs.gov.br/inicial FAPERJ (State of Rio de Janeiro): https://www.faperj.br/ FAPES (State of Espirito Santos): https://fapes.es.gov.br/ FAPESB (State of Bahia): https://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br/ FAPESP (State of São Paulo): https://fapesp.br/ FAPESPA (State of Pará): https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br/ FAPESQ (State of Paraíba): https://fapesq.rpp.br/ FAPERO (State of Rondonia); https://rondonia.ro.gov.br/fapero/
Contact persons	General inquiry regarding the FAPs participation: Mrs. Flávia Cerqueira - internacional.confap@gmail.com For specific inquiries regarding the FAPs support: Fundação Araucária (State of Paraná): internacional.confap@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br FAPEAM (State of Amazonas): internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br FAPEG (State of Goiás): atendimento.fapeg@goias.gov.br FAPEMIG (State of Minas Gerais): internacional@fapemig.br FAPERGS (State of Rio Grande do Sul): dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br FAPERJ (State of Rio de Janeiro): central.atendimento@faperj.br FAPES (State of Espírito Santo): global4@fapes.es.gov.br FAPESB (State of Bahia): coopinter@fapesb.ba.gov.br FAPESP (State of São Paulo): TBC FAPESPA (State of Pará): assessoriainternacional@fapespa.pa.gov.br FAPESQ (State of Paraíba): programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br FAPERO (State of Rondônia); TBC
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Fundação Araucária (State of Paraná): is expected to fund one project of EUR 50.000,00 FAPEAM (State of Amazonas): is expected to fund up to two projects (maximum per project: EUR 25.000,00 - total amount for the activity: EUR 50.000,00). FAPEG (State of Goias): the total amount for the activity is EUR 50.000,00 FAPEMIG (State of Minas Gerais): is expected to fund up to three projects (maximum per project: EUR 100.000,00 - total amount for the activity: EUR 300.000,00). FAPERGS (State of Rio Grande do Sul) is expected to fund up to two projects (maximum per project: EUR 50.000,00 - total amount for the activity: EUR 100.000,00). FAPERJ (State of Rio de Janeiro): is expected to fund up to three projects (maximum per project: EUR 84.612,66 - total amount for the activity: EUR 253.838,00) FAPES (State of Espírito Santo): is expected to fund one project of EUR 100.000,00 FAPESB (State of Bahia): is expected to fund up to three projects (total amount for the activity: EUR 150.000,00) FAPESP (State of São Paulo): the maximum requested per project is EUR 600.000,00 (total amount

	for the activity: 800.000,00) FAPESPA (State of Pará): is expected to fund up to two projects (maximum per project: EUR 25.000,00 - the total amount of the activity is EUR 50.000,00). FAPESQ (State of Paraíba): is expected to fund one project of EUR 20.000,00 FAPERO (State of Rondônia): TBC

	☑ Min.	☑ Max.	☐ No mandatory limits
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	It is recommended that candidates verify whether FAPs in their respective states defined a minimum or maximum funding per project	It is recommended that candidates verify whether FAPs in their respective states defined a minimum or maximum funding per project	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	
Public research centres	Yes	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	Yes	Candidates are advised to verify whether other entities, such as companies, are considered eligible for participation by the FAP in their respective state.

Mandatory participation of a partner type	Candidates are advised to consult the guidelines issued by the participating FAP in their respective state.
Eligible costs	Candidates are advised to consult the guidelines issued by the participating FAP in their respective state.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Candidates are advised to consult the guidelines issued by the participating FAP in their respective state.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	It is recommended that candidates verify whether the FAP in their respective states require proposal submission through the FAP platform within the call-for-proposals deadline.
☑ **Stage 2**	It is recommended that candidates verify whether the FAPs in their respective states require proposal submission through the FAP platform within the call-for-proposals deadline.
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	

BR – Brazil

EMBRAPII	*Associação Brasileira de Pesquisa e Inovação Industrial* Brazilian Agency for Industrial Research and Innovation

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	3 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage			
Contact persons	Cooperação Internacional - inter.coop@embrapii.org.br Marcela Mazzoni - marcela.mazzoni@embrapii.org.br Leticia Claro - leticia.claro@embrapii.org.br		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information			
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☑ **Min.** ☐ **Max.** ☐ **No mandatory limits** The financial contribution of the partner company or companies must not be less than 10% of the total project value. This contribution represents the minimum level of financial commitment required from the industrial partner to ensure effective participation and alignment with the objectives of the R&D project. All financial arrangements must comply with the funding rules established in the EMBRAPII Operation Manual.		

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	No	
Public research centres	No	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	Each proposal must include the participation of at least one company legally established in Brazil and holding a valid CNPJ (Cadastro Nacional da Pessoa Jurídica). The participating company must operate in an economic activity that is eligible under the rules of the EMBRAPII Operation Manual. The list of authorized economic activities is defined according to the CNAE (National Classification of Economic Activities) codes specified in the manual. The financial contribution of the partner company or companies must not be less than 10% of the total project value. This contribution represents the

		minimum level of financial commitment required from the industrial partner to ensure effective participation and alignment with the objectives of the R&D project. All financial arrangements must comply with the funding rules established in the EMBRAPII Operation Manual.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	Proposals must be submitted exclusively by an Embrapii Unit. The proposed R&D project must fall within the accredited competence area of the submitting Embrapii Unit, as defined in its accreditation scope.	

Eligible costs	Eligible costs under this call must comply with the rules and guidelines established in the EMBRAPII Operation Manual.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	All rules and guidelines must be aligned with the EMBRAPII Operation Manual.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	All proposals submitted under this call must comply with the rules and guidelines established in the EMBRAPII Operation Manual, which is available at: https://embrapii.org.br/manuais-e-orientacoes/. Proposals must be submitted exclusively by an Embrapii Unit. The proposed R&D project must fall within the accredited competence area of the submitting Embrapii Unit, as defined in its accreditation scope. Each proposal must include the participation of at least one company legally established in Brazil and holding a valid CNPJ (Cadastro Nacional da Pessoa Jurídica). The participating company must operate in an economic activity that is eligible under the rules of the EMBRAPII Operation Manual. The list of authorized economic activities is defined according to the CNAE (National Classification of Economic Activities) codes specified in the manual. It is the responsibility of the submitting Embrapii Unit to ensure that the proposal meets all eligibility criteria, including alignment with the accredited competence area, compliance with the Operation Manual, and confirmation that the participating company's CNAE is among those authorized for EMBRAPII-supported projects.
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

CA – Canada

PRIMA Québec	*Pôle de recherche et d'innovation en matériaux avancés* Advanced Materials Research and Innovation hub
Geographical coverage	Regional / Québec
Total Funder's commitment for the call	625 000 € **Eligible for EC cofund** yes
Call webpage	https://www.prima.ca/en/funding-programs/international-call-for-projects-RAMP/
Contact persons	Michel Lefèvre DIRECTOR – PROGRAMS & INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATIONS michel.lefevre@prima.ca +1 514 241-3322
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	one to two (300 000 € max per project)

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	500 000 CAD$	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	50% funding rate from PRIMA, 80% of public funding
Public research centres	Yes	50% funding rate from PRIMA, 80% of public funding
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	Centres collégiaux de transfert de technologie (CCTT), 50% funding rate from PRIMA, 80% of public funding
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	One Quebec industrial partner is obligatory that provide min 20% in cash of the funding of the project at the academic partner	

Eligible costs	• Salaries, wages and benefits that are not the subject of any other public financial support (students, postdoctoral fellows, assistants and research professionals, technicians, etc.) o Amounts relating to the release of university professors to carry out activities within the framework of projects cannot appear in this expenditure item, unless the establishment confirms by letter, the actual cost of the period of release of the researcher from his usual responsibilities. o Salaries including benefits of professors newly recruited by an academic institution based on recognized expertise can be covered for a maximum period of three years, as long as they are part of a research chair dedicated to answering the needs of an emerging industry in Québec. These chairs also ensure the generation of highly qualified personnel to integrate into the workforce in these key industrial sectors. o It is the actual cost and not selling price that must be indicated.

	• Student scholarships • Materials, consumables and supplies o Consumables cannot be the object of commercial transactions between stakeholders (for example, purchased from one of the industrial partners) • Purchase and/or rental of equipment o Purchase: less $25k per equipment before tax otherwise must be rented o Put only the cost of renting the equipment, does not include the final amount to purchase the equipment. o The purchase and rental of equipment represent a maximum of 25% of the total eligible expenses. • Travel and living expenses for Québec researchers and students (airfare, local transportation, accommodations, meal expenses and visa costs). Travel and living expenses in Québec and abroad for Québec researchers and students must not exceed 15% of all eligible expenses (up to a maximum of 5% of all eligible expenses in Québec). When calculating the grant, only amounts that correspond to the current Government of Québec rates will be considered (see Appendix 3). • Animal facilities and platform-related costs • Costs related to subcontracting contracts o Subcontractors must be mentioned and must not be registered in the register of companies not eligible for public contracts (RENA). o Subcontractors must be systematically listed in the application form. If the subcontractor is not known, please mention possible subcontractors. • Professional fees o External services must be justified and represent a small portion of the budget. • Knowledge dissemination costs o Please mention conferences and their relevance to the project. • Intellectual property management fees • Costs related to the use of research and innovation results and intellectual property protection (publication costs, scientific and technological dissemination costs, workshop and seminar administration costs, international patent fees, etc.). Costs of maintaining or commercializing the IP are not eligible. • Legal document translation and design costs for partnership consolidations (maximum $10,000).
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	need to consult the guide from PRIMA Québec
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	complementary form from PRIMA
☑ **Stage 2**	letter of support of the Quebec industrial partner, complementary form from PRIMA
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

CH – Switzerland

FOEN	*Bundesamt für Umwelt* Federal Office for the Environment
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	180 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	https://www.bafu.admin.ch/en
Contact persons	Marlene Glauser, marlene.glauser@bafu.admin.ch, +41 58 463 23 40
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1-2 projects with a duration of 36 months (60'000 Euros/year)

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	should be covered by swiss national science foundation (https://www.snf.ch/en) also partner in RAMP
Public research centres	Yes	should be covered by swiss national science foundation (https://www.snf.ch/en) also partner in RAMP
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-	

Eligible costs	all
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Projects have to be in-line with our laws and regulations, in particular according with · Loi sur la protection sur l'environnement (LPE, RS 814.01) · Loi fédérale sur les aides financières et les indemnités (loi sur les subventions, LSu, RS 616.1) · Ordonnance sur la limitation et l'élimination des déchets (OLED, RS 814.600) · Ordonnance sur les mouvements de déchets (OMoD, RS 814.610) · Ordonnance du DETEC concernant les listes pour les mouvements de déchets (RS 814.610.1) · Ordonnance sur les emballages pour boissons (OEB, RS 814.621)

	· Ordonnance sur la restitution, la reprise et l'élimination des appareils électriques et électroniques (OREA, RS 814.620) · Ordonnance sur l'assainissement des sites pollués (OSites, RS 814.680) · Ordonnance relative à la taxe pour l'assainissement des sites contaminés (OTAS, RS 814.681) · Ordonnance sur les atteintes portées au sol (OSol, RS 814.12) · Verordnung zur Reduktion von Risiken beim Umgang mit bestimmten besonders gefährlichen Stoffen, Zubereitungen und Gegenständen (ChemRRV, SR 814.81) mit folgenden abfallrelevanten Regelungen: VEG-Batterien, Hg-Verbot (Umsetzung Minamata), Qualität von Recyclingdüngern, Qualität von Kompostsubstrat, Umgang mit Kältemitteln (auch im Bereich der Entsorgung von Elektroschrott) · Basler Übereinkommen (BUe, SR 0.814.05) · OECD-Beschluss C(2001)107/FINAL · Minamata Konvention (Quecksilber) · Stockholm Konvention (PCB, PFAS, etc.)
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	We suggest checking whether projects are in-line with our national laws and regulations at this stage. Project proposals to be submitted to innovation@bafu.admin.ch
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

CH – Switzerland

SNSF	*Schweizerischer Nationalfonds* Swiss National Science Foundation		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	660 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://www.snf.ch/en		
Contact persons	Clémence Le Cornec ramp@snf.ch +41 31 308 22 60 All questions related to the SNSF rules and eligibility requirements		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	2-3 projects		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	100 000 CHF per project	400000 CHF per PI over 3 years (266667 CHF per PI over 2 years)	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	100%
Public research centres	Yes	100%
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	0%
SMEs, large companies	No	0%
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	Please contact the SNSF administrative office to check your institution's eligibility.
Others	Yes	Please contact the SNSF administrative office to check your institution's eligibility.
Mandatory participation of a partner type		-

Eligible costs	Eligible costs are outlined in the SNSF Funding Regulations (Art. 28) and the SNSF General Implementation Regulations (Section 2). Project overhead costs cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Overhead contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate to the institutions of the SNSF awardees.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations. All applicants and co-applicants seeking SNSF support must be eligible for SNSF Project Funding. Please note that applications submitted by a non-eligible person will not be considered nor evaluated. Please refer to the regulations and contact the national contact person for questions and reassurance. Besides the eligibility check, the SNSF proceeds to a material check. This refers to the applicant's experience and research activity during several years as well as the demonstration of their scientific independence (Art. 3 and 4, Project funding regulations).

Participation of Swiss-based partners requesting financial support from the SNSF is restricted to one project (Art.7.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding).

The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial. Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.

Swiss-based investigators are not permitted to join research consortia as full partners at the stage of full-proposal submission. However, replacement of an existing Swiss-based, full partner may be permitted if duly justified. Swiss-based investigators joining as self-funded partner at full-proposal submission stage is permitted.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Swiss-based partners must submit pre- and full proposals via mySNF at the same submission deadline as the consortium application. Pre-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: RAMP: Pre-proposal". In case of multiple, Swiss-based partners participating in the same consortium, only one application is to be submitted on *my*SNF, whereby one Swiss-based partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss-based partners are to be listed as "other applicants".
☑ **Stage 2**	Swiss-based partners must submit pre- and full proposals via mySNF at the same submission deadline as the consortium application. Full-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: RAMP: Full proposal" and are to be linked to the pre-proposal by selecting its number in the data container "Relation to pre-proposal". In case of multiple, Swiss-based partners participating in the same consortium, only one application is to be submitted on *my*SNF, whereby one Swiss-based partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss-based partners are to be listed as "other applicants".
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	SNSF Funding Regulations: https://www.snf.ch/media/en/lCCrvpOHZ38Hbg5Y/allg_reglement_16_e.pdf SNSF General Implementation Regulations: https://www.snf.ch/media/en/B0SWnPsrDCRTaiCx/snsf-general-implementation-regulations-for-the-funding-regulations-e.pdf SNSF Regulations on project funding: https://www.snf.ch/media/en/FuUlveEikmunxb4X/projektfoerderungsreglement-e.pdf

CZ – Czechia

TA CR	*Technologická agentura České republiky* Technology Agency of the Czech Republic		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://tacr.gov.cz/programme SIGMA		
Contact persons	Kateřina Volfová katerina.volfova@tacr.cz +420 778 463 138		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	expected no. of funded projects: 4-5 max. funding per project: €250 000		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	€250 000 per project	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	up to 100 %
Public research centres	Yes	up to 100 %
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	25 - 80 %
SMEs, large companies	Yes	25 - 80 %
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	25 - 80 %
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-	

Eligible costs	Personnel costs (including scholarships) Subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period) Other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables) Indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate up to 25% (indirect costs in the respective year are calculated as 25%) Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the General Terms & Conditions: https://tacr.gov.cz/wp-content/uploads/documents/2024/05/10/1715326499_V%C5%A1eobecn%C3%A9%20podm%C3%ADnky%20v8.pdf
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	The project meets the definition of applied research. The research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.). The aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme

	SIGMA. The project must achieve at least one of the results that are supported in this Call. TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise: • against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid; • meeting the definition of an “undertaking in difficulty”; • which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík”; • which has not disclose its ownership structure in the so-called “Evidence skutečných majitelů”.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Czech applicants must provide required information/documents through databox within the same deadline as the Call deadline (stage 1).
☑ **Stage 2**	Only if requested by TA CR: Czech applicants must provide requested information/documents within the same deadline as the Call deadline (stage 2).
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	“Guide for Czech applicants” and all mandatory forms are available on TA CR website (in Czech).

DE – Germany

BMFTR	*Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt* Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	2 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://www.fona.de/de/massnahmen/foerdermassnahmen/ramp.php		
Contact persons	Holger Gruenewald / Florian Selge, ptj-ramp@ptj.de, +49 30 20199-3678		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Expected number of funded projects: at least 6 Range of funding demand: 100 000 € (per partner) to 450 000 € (total for all BMFTR funded partners of a project).		

	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	100 000 EUR (per Partner)	300 000 EUR (per partner). 350 000 EUR (for coordinators) 450 000 EUR (total for all partners of a project)	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	No, however, the participation of companies is encouraged.

Eligible costs	Personnel, Travel, Consumables, Equipment, Subcontracts, Overhead, Other. For further information on the eligibility of costs see: https://www.fona.de/de/massnahmen/foerdermassnahmen/ramp.php.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	For further information on eligibility criteria / specific rules see: https://www.fona.de/de/massnahmen/foerdermassnahmen/ramp.php

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

- ☐ **Stage 1**
- ☐ **Stage 2**
- ☐ **Other**
- ☑ **No additional procedures**

Further guidance	For further information, guidance or details see: https://www.fona.de/de/massnahmen/foerdermassnahmen/ramp.php

DE – Germany

SMWK	*Sächsisches Staatsministerium für Wissenschaft, Kultur und Tourismus* Saxon State Ministry for Science, Culture and Tourism
Geographical coverage	Regional / Saxony
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 € **Eligible for EC cofund** yes
Call webpage	https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027 https://www.forschung.sachsen.de/aktuelles-4448.html
Contact persons	Gabriele Süptitz gabriele.sueptitz@smwk.sachsen.de EuProNet@smwk.sachsen.de Phone +49 351 564-64210
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	No limitation regarding number of funded projects and range of funding. At least TRL 3 at the beginning of the Saxon project part until at least TRL 6 at the end of the joint project is required. A higher TRL is required if scaling is necessary prior to market launch. Saxon part of the projects has to be finished until 30 June 2029. Before the RAMP pre-proposal submission deadline, Saxon applicants must submit a STEP criteria compliance form per email to EuProNet@smwk.sachsen.de (see https://www.forschung.sachsen.de/aktuelles-4448.html) in order to fulfil the STEP criteria. In the case of a positive funding recommendation of the full proposal Saxon applicants will be asked to submit a regional application according to the Saxon funding guideline https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	no limitations

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	up to 100% (see https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027)
Public research centres	Yes	up to 100% (see https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027)
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	

SMEs, large companies	No	participation only possible as subcontractors of Higher education organisations and research organisations based in Saxony
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-	

Eligible costs	See Saxon funding guideline https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Saxon proposals have to fulfil the STEP criteria and the criteria of the Saxon funding guideline https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Before the RAMP preproposal submission deadline, Saxon applicants must submit a STEP criteria compliance form per email to EuProNet@smwk.sachsen.de (see https://www.forschung.sachsen.de/aktuelles-4448.html) in order to fulfil the STEP criteria ("Strategische Technologien für Europa").
☐ **Stage 2**	
☑ **Other**	In the case of a positive funding recommendation of the full proposal Saxon applicants will be asked to submit a regional application according to the Saxon funding guideline https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/20202-EFRE-JTF-RL-Forschung-InfraProNet-2021-2027
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	For further information please see https://www.forschung.sachsen.de/aktuelles.448.html

DK – Denmark

IFD	*Danmarks Innovationsfond* Innovation Fund Denmark		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://innovationsfonden.dk/da/p/internationale-samarbejder		
Contact persons	For questions related to the national application process, funding and national eligibility: Daniel G. Marques, daniel.g.marques@innofond.dk, +45 6190 5006 Functional mailbox: internationale@innofond.dk		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4-8 projects		

	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	€50.000 per partner.	€300.000 per partner and €500.000 per project if there is more than one Danish partner.	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	90%*
Public research centres	Yes	90%*
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	90%*
SMEs, large companies	Yes	25%-75%*
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	25%-75%*
Others	Yes	25%-90%*
Mandatory participation of a partner type	Projects must include at least one IFD-funded Danish or Greenlandic partner that is a company, public authority, hospital, GTS institute, end-user or stakeholder organisation, or national cluster organisation.	

Eligible costs	Salaries; Travel; Subcontracting; Materials; Communication and knowledge sharing; Other expenses; Overhead, if applicable (see overhead rates in tables 1-4 in the Guidelines).

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	All Danish legal entities involved in project activities are eligible for funding from IFD. **Greenland:** Legal entities established in Greenland may be eligible for funding from IFD in international projects, provided that at least one other Danish partner in the same project also receives IFD funding. Eligibility is subject to prior written approval from IFD; applicants must request such approval before submitting their proposal.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Applicants to IFD are not required to submit documentation to IFD beforehand. After the central application deadline, IFD will invite the Danish applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant. The invitation is sent up to 2–4 weeks after the application deadline. Please contact IFD, if you do not receive this invitation from the national e-grant system. All organisations must then submit to e-grant the same international proposal including budgets. Non-public organisations will also be requested to upload a “No undertaking in difficulty declaration” and a “Financial and legal declaration”. In addition, SME’s will be required to upload an “SME declaration”. Only if requesting de minimis funding, then a “de minimis aid compliance form” is required. All templates for declarations are available at IFD’s website (link above)
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	Please refer to IFD's Guidelines for international projects *The maximum investment rate varies between 25–90% for each individual participant according to their organisation type and project activities. Please see tables 1–4 in the Guidelines.

EE – Estonia

ETAG	*Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur* Estonian Research Council		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	300 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://etag.ee/en/		
Contact persons	Margit Suuroja margit.suuroja@etag.ee +372 731 7360		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1		

	☐Min.	☑Max.	☐ No mandatory limits
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	-	max. 150 000 EUR as a project partner and max. 300 000 EUR as a project coordinator	-

Eligible topics	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Particular conditions
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	-

Eligible TRL	TRL 1	TRL 2	TRL 3	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7	TRL 8	TRL 9
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No

Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs	Direct costs: 1. 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. 2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - 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. 3. 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. 4. 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 are 15% of the total costs of the Estonian sub-project. 5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable. 6. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	The Principal Investigator: 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the preproposal submission deadline of the grant application 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 proposal submission deadline. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, 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 Center 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 Funding Organisation 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. If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑Stage 1	Upon the notice from ETAG, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia

		and that they will employ the PI during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.
	☑**Stage 2**	If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, upon the notice from ETAG, the Host Institution must fill in the State aid form.
	☐**Other**	
	☐**No additional procedures**	
Further guidance		https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_-EN_marts2026-2.pdf

ES – Spain

AEI	*Agencia Estatal de Investigación* Research State Agency of Spain		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales		
Contact persons	era-mat@aei.gob.es		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	5-6		

	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	50 000 €	Total Costs* per proposal modalities: a) 175000€: One AEI applicant Partner, b) 275000€: One AEI applicant Coordinator, c) 325000€: One Coordinator + one partner as AEI applicants. Up to additional € 37.500 (total costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget. **Total Cost=Direct cost + Indirect Cost (IC represent 25% of DC).*	-

	Topic 1	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
Eligible topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	The projects granted by the AEI must be aligned with the main objectives described in the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Tecnica e Innovación. https://www.ciencia.gob.es/Estrategias-y-Planes/Planes-y-programas/PEICTI.html

TRL 1	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**

Eligible TRL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	
Public research centres	Yes	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	Private non-profit institutions performing R&I activities in Spain), as per PCI call document (or equivalent).
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type		

Eligible costs

Please refer to the document *"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships"*, available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales

Additionally, See Article 8 in PCI2026-1 for reference: https://www.aei.gob.es/convocatorias/buscador-convocatorias/proyectos-colaboracion-internacional-pci2026-1/convocatoria

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules

Maximun Funding per project:

The following funding limits of direct costs are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

	Maximum DC (€)	IC (25%) (€)	Total Costs (€)
One AEI applicant as partner	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI applicant as Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
One Coordinator + one partner as applicants	260.000	65.000	325.000
Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500

The previous table shows that:

- Only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI is allowed per proposal as partner.
- Two AEI applicants are allowed in the same proposal if one of them is acting as coordinator.
- These amounts refer to 3-year projects. In case of shorter projects, the amount will be adjusted accordingly.
- **Additional € 30.000 (direct costs)** can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks.

To know other eligibility criteria and conditions, please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

☑ **Stage 1**	Please refer to the document "General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships", available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales Submission of proposals at the AEI. Within one week after the RAMP pre-proposal submission deadline, the Spanish PI must submit the Spanish application into the AEI application tool through the following link: https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ Applicants are encouraged to read the application manual and follow the instructions. The application should include a copy of the international joint proposal, submitted by the consortium coordinator through the international submission platform and the "Declaración responsable del investigador principal" (Please refer to the Word document available at the AEI website https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales) duly signed by the Spanish principal investigator. The national application must complete not later than one week after the deadline of the international 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 submitted. The submission process steps, documents needed and link to the AEI application system will be available in a RAMP dedicated section in this website: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales
☑ **Stage 2**	Please refer to the document ***"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",*** available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	Please refer to the document *"General Conditions for Participation in the Transnational Open Call: European Partnerships",* available at: https://www.aei.gob.es/colaboracion-internacional/convocatorias-internacionales

ES – Spain

CDTI	*Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación* CDTI

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	500 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://www.cdti.es https://www.cdti.es/presentacion-de-solicitudes-y-evaluacion		
Contact persons	Virginia Tevar virginia.tevar@cdti.es partenariadosHE@cdti.es		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Non-applicable		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	No	
Public research centres	No	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	Companies (large and SME) with tax residence and permanent establishment in Spain
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	Non-applicable	

Eligible costs

- Costs of the personnel performing R&D tasks and project management.
- Overheads (up to 25% of all direct cost, excluding subcontracting and travel expenses).
- Instruments, equipment, materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the project (to the extent that they are used and for the duration of the project).
- Contractual research, knowledge and patents.
- Subcontracting a consultancy firm (up to 8.000€).
- Subcontracting costs cannot exceed 50% of the participant's eligible costs.
- Travel expenses (up to 8.000€).
- Costs of communication, dissemination and publication of the project results (up to 15.000€).
- Audit reports (up to 2.000€ per financial year).

Other operating expenses are not eligible for funding.

	Only the costs incurred during the project duration (since the project start date to the project end date) are eligible for funding.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	• Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs. • The Spanish applicant's activities must be carried out in Spain and represent a high scientific-technical quality and a relevant innovative nature. • It is recommended a minimum budget of 175.000€ • The funding will be implemented in the modality of grants. CDTI´s funding is subject to final availability. • The activities and tasks related to preparation for entry into the market, commercialisation, industrial-scale trials and registration of industrial property are not eligible for funding.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI´s electronic submission system. Deadline to complete CDTI´s application process: Same as international Deadline. Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call, and, as a consequence, the whole project may be deemed ineligible. CDTI´s application process consists of completing an online application form (PAR application form) which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that Spanish the company will assume in the project. Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	https://www.cdti.es/presentacion-de-solicitudes-y-evaluacion

FI – Finland

BF	*Innovaatiorahoituskeskus Business Finland* Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	2 000 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	https://www.businessfinland.fi/
Contact persons	Maarit Kokko, maarit.kokko@businessfinland.fi Matti Säynätjoki, matti.saynatjoki@businessfinland.fi
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	NA

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	80 %
Public research centres	Yes	80 %
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	SMEs max 60 %. Large companies max 50 %. Funding awarded is grant. Stated funding rates are maximums. The funding rates for companies will be assessed and defined during application processing based on the share of industrial research costs of the project budget.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	Finnish companies can participate in the consortium either alone or together with other Finnish partners. If one or more Finnish research organization is involved in the project, Co-Innovation criteria is applied. Exceptionally, one Finnish research organisation and one Finnish company with their parallel project, as well as two other companies funding a research project of a Finnish research organisation, are sufficient to form a Co-Innovation consortium. Learn about funding and requirements: Co-Innovation https://www.businessfinland.fi/palvelut/rahoitus/rahoituspalvelut/yritysten-ja-tutkimusorganisaatioiden-yhteistyo/co-innovation/	

Eligible costs	According to Business Finland general funding terms and conditions for research organisations and companies' R&D projects: • Salaries and wages • Indirect personnel costs • Overheads • Travel expenses • Equipment, materials and supplies • Purchased services
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Eligible beneficiary partners are companies of any size and research organisations registered in Finland. Beneficiary partners applying for funding need to fulfil Business Finland general funding criteria. Following criteria are applied to companies: • Finnish business ID, genuine business activities in Finland and created value accumulates in the Finnish company • No financial and tax irregularities, no sanction listed owners • Financial resources required for internationalization • Versatile expertise and team, employs at least two persons full-time in Finland • Aiming to grow in the international market • Competitive edge on the international market and sufficient export potential Business Finland general funding criteria as well as general terms and conditions are applied. The criteria of Business Finland R&D funding are applied to funding of companies. The criteria of Business Finland Co-Innovation funding are applied to funding of research organizations. For further information please check national funding call information on Business Finland webpages. Please contact Business Finland for guidance as early in the process as possible.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☑ **Other**	The invited parties must submit national supplementary applications to the Business Finland's online service after the full proposal phase.
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/services/funding/funding-services/guidelines-terms-and-forms/funding-terms/ https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/services/funding/funding-services/research-and-development-funding/

FI – Finland

RCF	*Suomen Akatemia* Research Council of Finland
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 500 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	www.aka.fi/en/ www.aka.fi
Contact persons	Tommi Laitinen, tommi.laitinen@aka.fi , +35840 674 4490, call issuers etc Saila Seppo, saila.seppo@aka.fi , +35840 591 3518, call issues etc Paula Pesola, paula.pesola@aka.fi , +35840 180 1591, timesheets and financial issues
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	around 5

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐Min.	☐Max.	☑ No mandatory limits
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Eligible topics	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Particular conditions
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	TRL 1	TRL 2	TRL 3	TRL 4	TRL 5	TRL 6	TRL 7	TRL 8	TRL 9
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	No

Eligible costs	Funding is provided in full cost model, covering up to 70% of total project costs. It applies equally to both direct and indirect costs. The funding supports various research team activities, including salaries, research expenses, travel, collaboration and mobility (national and international), work and training abroad.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Applicant should have the qualifications of a docent

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☑ **Other**	The invited parties must submit national supplementary applications to the Research Council of Finland's online service after the full proposal phase.
☐**No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	Finnish coordinators are restricted from submitting more than one application. Finnish partners of projects that have been selected for funding will be invited to submit national applications through the Research Council of Finland's online services. Then 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/ Research Council of Finland's annually updated document concerning the funding terms and conditions: https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/

FR – France

ANR	*Agence Nationale de la Recherche* French National Research Agency

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 500 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://anr.fr/RAMP-2026		
Contact persons	Larissa CHAPERMAN, Larissa.CHAPERMAN@anr.fr Alessia MORI, Alessia.MORI@anr.fr		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	ANR expects typical funding requests per project to range between 200 000 € and 350 000 €, depending on the ambition of the project and the number of ANR-funded partners involved.		

	☑ Min.	☑ Max.	☐ No mandatory limits
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	15 000 €	The maximum (eligible) funding amounts that can be requested from ANR per proposal are: - 350 000 € for a single partner taking the role of coordinator; or a total of 500.000 € if there are other partner(s) in addition to the coordinator; - 300 000 for a single partner; or a total of 450 000 € for all partners requesting funding from ANR.	

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	It is mandatory to refer to the funding regulations of ANR at https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ "at actual costs" version to construct the project budget (e.g. eligible costs, funding rates, indirect costs).
Public research centres	Yes	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	The consortium of a proposal requesting funding from ANR must include the least one French public research institution requesting (and eligible for) funding in the present call.	

Eligible costs	ANR may finance fundamental research, industrial research and experimental developments within a TRL start-end range from 1 to 5. TRL 6 and above are not eligible for ANR funding. Funding rates vary based on the type of research and the type of partners requesting support, it is mandatory to refer to the funding regulations of ANR at https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ to construct the project budget. Standard ANR funding rules apply for eligible costs, unless stated otherwise in the Annex « *Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR* ». These rules are specified in ANR's "ANR Funding regulations" details ("at actual costs" version, https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2025/ANR-RF-072025-cout-reel.pdf). An explanatory note regarding the eligible costs is also available at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/fiche-couts/ Eligible costs (e.g.: personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, additional overheads and other

	operating expenses incurred directly as a result of the research project such as, for instance: travel costs) and funding rates vary based on the type of research and research partner (more info here https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2020/ANR-NOTICEFormulaire_2020.pdf). Please note that expenses related to permanent staff stipends are not eligible for the Beneficiaries "à coût marginal". Detailed information, factsheets, FAQs and other resources are available at https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations at actual costs for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France. Within this framework, research institutions such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, Hospitals as well as most Foundations, Associations and Enterprises can apply. This list is not comprehensive and funding rates vary. Please consult the ANR Funding regulations (https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2025/ANR-RF-072025-cout-reel.pdf) for more details ("at actual costs" version). Please note that companies in difficulty are excluded from ANR subventions (More details here: https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2021/ANR-RF-Fiche-EED-2021.pdf) Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, territories of Ukraine not controlled by the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union. In keeping with the national "PPST" policy (scientific and technological potential protection), applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defence officer, where available) on 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 may cause ANR to reject the proposal.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	In stage 1 the centralized submission at RAMP level is sufficient. It is not necessary to request ANR's formal approval before submitting a pre-proposal.
☑ **Stage 2**	Projects invited to stage 2 will be contacted via email by ANR to submit their full proposal to the national platform, in addition to the centralized submission (deadlines and link to the ANR submission platform will be specified).
☑ **Other**	The ANR funded partners must communicate to ANR the required Scientific reports, Consortium Agreement, Data management plans according to the funding contract, in addition to the monitoring at central level between RAMP and the project coordinator. Administrative reporting documents (financial reports or certificate of closure, depending on the type of beneficiary, must be communicated to ANR according to the provisions of ANR Funding regulations ("at actual costs" version). If applicable, Declarations of Due Diligence for the financed projects (Nagoya Protocol) must also be transmitted to ANR in due time.
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	Applicants requesting support from ANR must ensure they comply with the specific national appendix available on ANR's website (https://anr.fr/). A project proposal cannot be similar, in whole or in part, to another proposal submitted for a call currently being evaluated by ANR (all calls for proposals and evaluation stages considered) or already funded by ANR. Similarity between two projects is established when these projects (in whole or in part) describe identical main objectives or are the result of a simple adaptation. See Annex « *Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR* » for additional ANR rules, available on the ANR website. The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the Annex. In case of updates or inconsistencies, the terms of the latest version of ANR Funding regulations and the Annex shall prevail. Please consult these documents for more details.

FR – France

CNRTEC	*Centre du Nickel Recherche Technologie Environnement Compétitivité* Center of Nickel Research Technology Enviroment Competitiveness
Geographical coverage	Regional / New Caledonia
Total Funder's commitment for the call	150 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	www.cnrtec.nc
Contact persons	Médéric SUON Mederic.suon@cnrtec.nc +687799758
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1 to 2

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	75 000 €	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	minimum 1 research institution and 1 mining or/and metallurgical company from New Caledonia

Eligible costs

- eligible costs:
  - salaries and wages: 33% for EPIC research institute, none for EPST research institution, private company or NGO
  - travel expenses
  - Equipment, materials and supplies (no investment)
  - Purchased services (for punctual and specific skills)
  - Overhead: up to 10% of total cost (including salaries)
- double founding of activities is not acceptable

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	10% maximum of direct (research and innovation costs) in management fees

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

☑ **Stage 1**	letter of consortium for New Caledonian partners
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	It is strongly recommended to contact a CNRTEC advisor before submitting a project to ensure that all the rules are followed.

HR – Croatia

MZOM	*Ministarstvo znanosti, obrazovanja i mladih* Ministry of Science, Education and Youth

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	500 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://mzom.gov.hr/		
Contact persons	Mr. Mateo Ante Bosnić mateoante.bosnic@mzom.hr +38514594166		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	125 000 €	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	100%
Public research centres	Yes	100%
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	Micro, small and medium enterprises (SME's) entered in the relevant National Register (Court or Craftsmen) and registered to perform research and development activities, the maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 70%. Also, other legal entities from business sector, which are not SME's can apply as project partners, but they must ensure their own funding for their participation in the project activities since they are not eligible for MSEY funds.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGO's) 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, 100%
Others	Yes	other public organizations, only in consortia with institution(s) registered for research activity

Mandatory participation of a partner type -

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: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	**Applicants are required to notify the National Contact Point of their project application prior to the project submission in order to undergo a pre-eligibility check.** MSEY funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner can be a consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a single legal entity. All budget items must be justified and eligible, and all costs must be incurred during the project duration. 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.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☐ **Stage 1**
☐ **Stage 2**
☐ **Other**
☑ **No additional procedures**
Further guidance

HU – Hungary

NKFIH	*Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal* National Research, Development and Innovation Office

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	500 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-calls-2024-121-he-partnerseg/call-for-proposals		
Contact persons	Elod Nemerkenyi elod.nemerkenyi@nkfih.gov.hu 36-1-896-3987		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	To be discussed		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	150 000 € per partner	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Preference to basic research

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-calls-2024-121-he-partnerseg/call-for-proposals
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-calls-2024-121-he-partnerseg/call-for-proposals

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

- ☐ **Stage 1**
- ☐ **Stage 2**
- ☐ **Other**
- ☑ **No additional procedures**

Further guidance

IL – Israel

IIA	*רשות החדשנות* Israel Innovation Authority
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	500 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	innovationisrael.org.il/programs/
Contact persons	Assaf Shechner - Assaf.s@iserd.org.il Rachel Loutaty - Rachel.l@iserd.org.il
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐**Min.**	☐**Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	Under the condition to partner with an Industry partner (see below for more details)
Public research centres	Yes	Under the condition to partner with an Industry partner (see below for more details)
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	A minimum 10% of industrial partner's support in Academia's submission	

Eligible costs	According to the following procedure - https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules/%D7%A0%D7%95%D7%94%D7%9C-%D7%A0%D7%99%D7%94%D7%95%D7%9C-%D7%9E%D7%A2%D7%A8%D7%9B%D7%AA-%D7%94%D7%9B%D7%A1%D7%A4%D7%99%D7%9D-%D7%95%D7%94%D7%92%D7%A9%D7%AA-%D7%93%D7%95%D7%97%D7%95%D7%AA-%D7%91%D7%99/
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	According to the following procedure - https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules/%d7%a0%d7%95%d7%94%d7%9c-%d7%a0%d7%99%d7%94%d7%95%d7%9c-%d7%9e%d7%a2%d7%a8%d7%9b%d7%aa-%d7%94%d7%9b%d7%a1%d7%a4%d7%99%d7%9d-%d7%95%d7%94%d7%92%d7%a9%d7%aa-%d7%93%d7%95%d7%97%d7%95%d7%aa-%d7%91%d7%99/

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑**Stage 1**	According to the agency's Consortium submission procedure, as specified in the relevant call
☑**Stage 2**	According to the agency's Consortium submission procedure, as specified in the relevant call
☐**Other**	
☐**No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	

MD – Moldova

NARD	*Agentia natioanla pentru Cercetare si Dezvoltare* National Agency for Research and Development

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	100 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	ancd.gov.md		
Contact persons	Natalia Bolocan, natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md , +37369068281		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1-2 projects		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	50 000	100 000	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	
Public research centres	Yes	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	only in cases where R&I is specifically indicated in the statute, and only in partnership with HEIs, according to HG382/2019.
SMEs, large companies	Yes	only in cases where R&I is specifically indicated in activities register, and only in partnership with HEIs, according to HG382/2019.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	only in cases where R&I is specifically indicated in the statute, and only in partnership with HEIs, according to HG382/2019.
Others	No	

Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs	The following expenses are eligible: staff costs - up to 70% travels - up to 10% with argumentation consumables, raw materials, conference participations, article publishing fees, software, licensing Non-eligible costs: - costs related to infrastructure development - accountant salary is eligible only for HEIs, and no more than 3% of the project staff salary budget
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	All project proposals have to be prepared according to the Governmental Decision 382/2019 and the Methodology of the Agency.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☐ **Stage 1**
☐ **Stage 2**
☐ **Other**

☑ **No additional procedures**	All applications should be prepared according to the Governmental Decision 382/2019.
Further guidance	Further guidance can be obtained contacting the NARD responsible person.

NL – Netherlands

NWO	*Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek* Dutch Research Council
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	2 000 000 € **Eligible for EC cofund** yes
Call webpage	https://www.nwo.nl/onderzoeksprogrammas/internationale-programmas/europese-partnerschappen/raw-materials-for-the-green-and-digital-transition-ramp
Contact persons	Nadine Prust, Policy Officer, +31 (0)70 349 47 31 Anna De Graaf-van Dinther, Policy Officer, +31 (0)30 600 12 93 Do not hesitate to contact the national contact points in case of questions on NWO funding via ep-rawmaterials@nwo.nl
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	5

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	400 000 €	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No

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.

Mandatory participation of a partner type

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 (https://www.nwo.nl/en/nwo-grant-rules);
• university medical centres, as described in Article 1.13, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act;
• KNAW institutes (https://www.knaw.nl/en/institutes) and NWO institutes (https://www.nwo-i.nl/en/nwo-institutes-organisation/nwo-institutes/);
• TO2 institutions[5] ;
• 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.

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. This applies to a national main applicant as well as national co-applicant (see below).

National co-applicant
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 with 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 or, if possible at that stage according to the Call for proposals, full 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 ep-rawmaterials@nwo.nl no later than 20 working days

[5] The TO2 institutions are Deltares, NLR, TNO, WUR and MARIN.

	before the submission deadline (i.e. by 22 September 2026, 14:00:00 CEST): • 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[6]; • a completed Research Organisation Statement, which is available on the funding page of this Call for proposals. 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 submission deadline (i.e. by 22 September 2026, 14:00:00 CEST) 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 proposal.
Eligible costs	1. 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 (research) organisations*: using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 'average total salary cost per salary scale', column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT'. 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[7]. 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 at the time of the transnational deadline.

[6] 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.

[7] All activities included in this budget module must fit the European Commission's definition of 'knowledge transfer activities' in the State aid framework for research and development and innovation (OJ 2022, C 414).

	A detailed "Explanation of budget modules and indexing" can be found on the NWO funding page of this call. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	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.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

☐ **Stage 1**	
☑ **Stage 2**	NWO Budget Form
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	The NWO Grant Rules 2024 (https://www.nwo.nl/en/nwo-grant-rules) and the Approval of Funding for Scientific Research https://www.nwo.nl/en/approval-funding-scientific-research-2008) are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid. Once proposals are recommended for funding on a transnational level, the consortia will be notified by the Joint Call Secretariat 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. 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. Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. Granted consortia will be informed.

NO – Norway

RCN	*Norges forskningsråd* The Research Council of Norway
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	850 000 € **Eligible for EC cofund** yes
Call webpage	https://www.forskningsradet.no/
Contact persons	Linda Markussen, Senior Advisor, The Research Council of Norway Tel: +47 909 87 889 Oystein Asphjell, Senior Advisor, The Research Council of Norway Tel: +47 926 28 910 Any type of inquiries: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/about-the-research-council/Contact/
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	2-3 projects that can have one or more Norwegian partners included.

	☑ Min.	☑ Max.	☐ No mandatory limits
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	€50,000	In total, Norwegian partners may receive up to €425,000 per project, allocated as most suitable among the Norwegian partners, but with a minimum of €50,000 for each partner. The maximum funding for one Norwegian partner per project is always €375,000.	-

	Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3	Topic 4	Topic 5	Topic 6	Particular conditions		
Eligible topics	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-		
	TRL 1	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
Eligible TRL	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	
Public research centres	Yes	Eligible Norwegian partners: Approved research organisations in Norway; https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/research-organisations/ These organisations do not count as industry partner. ·Undertakings that carry out economic activity in Norway and have been issued an

		enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises.
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	Undertakings that carry out economic activity in Norway and have been issued an enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type	The participation of a Norwegian undertaking is strongly encouraged across all topics. Pre-proposals including such participation may be prioritized when assessing which applications progress from the pre-proposal stage to the full proposal stage.	

Eligible costs	Norwegian partners must comply with the Research Council of Norway (RCN) cost model, regulations, and contractual framework. The following conditions apply: Budget Budget and Cost Model https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/how/budget/ The budget for Norwegian partners shall follow the national RCN cost model and applicable RCN financial regulations. Generally, indirect cost and overhead is not to be separately added to the budget, as they already are included in the RCN cost model. For funding research time and research fellows in the higher education sector and in the health trusts, actual personnel and indirect costs shall be the basis for calculating project support. Norwegian partners will enter into a separate contract with RCN. All Norwegian contracts will be issued in NOK to avoid currency risk. The currency exchange rate used will be the rate applicable on the pre-proposal deadline
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	State Aid Rules (for activities by undertakings). The funded activities must fall under one of the following categories, as defined by EU state aid regulations: Industrial Research, or Experimental Development. The aid must comply with the EU Block Exemption Regulation (Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014), Article 25. Funding may only be used in accordance with these rules. Entities classified as an "undertaking in difficulty" under state aid regulations are not eligible for support. Further information is available under State aid; https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/state-aid/

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☐ **Stage 1**
☐ **Stage 2**
☐ **Other**
☑ **No additional procedures**

Further guidance	Eligible Funding Level. In this call, undertakings may apply for up to 50 percent funding of eligible project costs. Other approved research performing organisations (see the link below) can apply for 100 percent funding. General Conditions, https://www.forskningsradet.no/nyheter/2025/nye-generelle-vilkar/ In accordance with the Partnership's Grant Agreement with the European Commission, any project and its Project Owner co-funded by the European Commission can be subject to checks, reviews, audits and investigations by the European Commission, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) and the European Court of Auditors (ECA)

In addition, the Project Owner must comply with the following obligations as they are described in the Model Grant Agreement for Horizon Europe:

- Article 12 – Conflict of Interests
- Article 13 – Confidentiality and security
- Article 14 – Ethics and values
- Article 17.2 – Visibility – European flag and funding statement
- Article 18 – Specific rules for carrying out the actions, including national guidelines
- Article 19 – General information obligations
- Article 20 – Record-keeping

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.

PL – Poland

NCBR	*Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju* National Centre for Research and Development

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 500 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR): https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr		
Contact persons	Kinga Szymańska-Rzeźnik kinga.szymanska@ncbr.gov.pl +48 519 684 066		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4-6 funded projects. Maximum Amount Per Proposal: up to 300.000,00 EUR for one Polish partner in the project up to 400.000,00 EUR for all Polish partners in the project		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	Maximum funding demand: up to 300.000,00 EUR for one Polish partner in the project; up to 400.000,00 EUR for all Polish partners in the project	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates

Higher education organisations	Yes	Research organisations: Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for universities and research organisations. Eligible research types: Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development. Research organisation - an entity as defined in Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, and in Article 37(1) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1170 as amended), in conjunction with Article 7(1)(1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 8) Act of 20 July 2018 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended).
Public research centres	Yes	Research organisations. Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for research organisations. Eligible research types: Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development.
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	For enterprises, the quota will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account company size and the type of research and development activity, pursuant to the provisions of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 783 as amended.). Eligible research types: Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development. Micro, small, medium and large enterprises - as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014");

Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	Yes	Groups of entities consisting of: • Minimum one research organisation and minimum one enterprise (micro, small, medium or large) • Two enterprises (micro, small, medium or large)
Mandatory participation of a partner type	The project consortium with Polish participation must involve **at least one Polish enterprise** (with a declared budget and assigned tasks) to be eligible for funding. For a group of entities to participate as an Applicant in the call, it must formally exist on the date the pre-proposal is submitted. This existence must be evidenced by an agreement made by the members - at least conditionally - to create the group of entities (consortium).	

Eligible costs

The eligible costs shall be the following:

For research organisations:

1. personnel costs
2. consumables
3. equipment
4. travel
5. other direct costs
6. subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
7. additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs should account 25% of all eligible direct costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (6); It means 7 = (1+2+3+4+5)x25%.

For enterprises:

1. personnel costs
2. equipment
3. other direct costs: please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details
4. subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
5. additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs for enterprises include costs related to consumables, travel and other direct costs. Additional overheads costs should account 20% of eligible direct project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs; It means 5 = (1+2+3+4)x20%.

For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.

Maximum funding percentages:

Type of research	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities and research organisations

Industrial/Applied Research	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75%)	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 100%
Experimental Development	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)	Up to 100%

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

Participating entities must be established as legal persons[1] under Polish law and conduct business, R&D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register[2].

[1] Legal person - a legal entity other than a natural person that has the legal capacity to hold and to exercise legal rights and obligations within a given legal system, including the capacity to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued.
[2] if applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules

Other activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) shall not be included into separate tasks. If an enterprise applies individually at the national level (i.e. there is no Polish group of entities or group of enterprises), the state aid intensity for industrial research and experimental development shall not be increased on the basis of “effective cooperation” between enterprises or between enterprises and research organisations.

In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding.

In justified cases, the composition of group of entities may be changed be-fore the funding decision is issued by NCBR. Any changes must meet the call’s eligibility criteria and be approved in advance by the international project consortium, the call secretariat, NCBR, and any other funding insti-tutions involved. Changes must also respect the principle of equal treat-ment of applicants.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level

☐ **Stage 1**

☐ **Stage 2**

☑ **Other**

After international evaluation of full proposals and the selection of projects to be funded, Polish participants will be invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF). The NAFs will be examined for the appropriateness of funding requested. The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call. If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish partners. Document templates are available at: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy-w-lsi

☐ **No additional procedures**

Further guidance

All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:

- The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended;

- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1170);
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 783 as amended), which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation);
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2010 No. 178, item 1200 as amended);

NCBR may enter into a project contract provided that the participating entity:

1) is not excluded from applying for funding on the basis of:
   a) Article 207(4) of Act of 27 August 2009 on Public Finance (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1483 as amended);
   b) Article 12(1)(1) of the Act of 15 June 2012 on the consequences of entrusting work to foreigners staying illegally in the territory of the Republic of Poland (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1567 as amended);
   c) Article 9(1)(2a) of the Act of 28 October 2002 on the liability of collective entities for acts prohibited under penalty (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1822 as amended);
2) is not an entity subject to an obligation to repay aid because the European Commission has declared such aid unlawful and incompatible with the internal market,
3) is not in arrears with payments of public dues or with social security and health insurance contributions,
4) is not an undertaking in difficulty within the meaning of EU state aid rules and is not under receivership,
5) is not subject to exclusion from applying for funding due to sanctions.

Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/programy--miedzynarodowe

PT – Portugal

CCDRC	*Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro* Regional Coordination and Development Commission of Centro		
Geographical coverage	Regional / Centro Region of Portugal		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	350 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage			
Contact persons	Sophie Patrício Carlos Silveira ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	-		

	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	-	150 000,00€, if the regional entity is the main applicant of the international project; 100 000,00€, if the regional entity is a project applicant in the context of the international project. If more than one regional applicant participates in the same international consortium applying for CCDR Centro's funding, the combined funding demanded by all the regional applicants must not exceed the maximum financial threshold established before.	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	From Centro Region of Portugal
Public research centres	Yes	From Centro Region of Portugal
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	

Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type		-

Eligible costs	The eligible costs of operations are financed under a simplified cost model, based on a unit cost of €4,684 per FTE/Month. To be considered eligible, all expenses must be executed until the 31st of December of 2029. The maximum funding rate to be considered is 85%.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	The activities performed by regional stakeholders, within the projects, must : I. Incorporate at least one activity of experimental development or industrial research, according to the concepts presented in r) and y) of article 3.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital; II. Fit the scope of the following types of operations: - Scientific Research and Technological Development (R&D); - Proofs of Concept; according to a) and b) of article 136.º of the Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital. To all other criteria and conditions consult Centro2030-2025-35.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Declaration: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-decompromisso-saccct/viewdocument . The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the proposal to ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt .
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	Once funding decisions are known (at international level), the beneficiaries from Centro region will have to apply to the Regional Programme Call Centro2030-2025-35 (SACCCT - Projetos de Ciência em Contexto Europeu), until 6pm (local time) of October 27th 2027. Only applies to stakeholders that are partners of projects selected for funding.
☐ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	All applicants contact CCDR Centro (ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt) before applying to the international call.

RO – Romania

ANC, through **UEFISCDI**	*Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanţarea Învăţământului Superior, a Cercetării, Dezvoltării şi Inovării* Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 000 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	Agency website: https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/ Website of the programme/initiative: https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene		
Contact persons	Mihaela Manole (mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro, 0040213023863), Nicoleta Dumitrache (nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro, 0040213023886)		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4-5		

	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	-	• 250.000 euro in case a Romanian institution is the coordinator (together with other Romanian partner(s) – if it is the case); • 200.000 for one/all Romanian partner(s) participating in a proposal.	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**		
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-		
Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	with RDI activity in their scope of activity.
Public research centres	Yes	with RDI activity in their scope of activity.
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	with RDI activity in their scope of activity.
SMEs, large companies	Yes	with RDI activity in their scope of activity.
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	with RDI activity in their scope of activity.
Others	No	

Mandatory participation of a partner type	no

Eligible costs	a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 25 % of direct costs.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	A person, as project manager, regardless of whether the Romanian institution is a project coordinator or partner, at the level of a transnational competition, can participate in a single project proposal.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☑ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene tab Pachet de informatii

SE – Sweden

Vinnova / SWEA	*Verket för innovationssystem / Energimyndigheten* Sweden's Innovation Agency / Swedish Energy Agency		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	3 420 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	www.vinnova.se		
Contact persons	Eva Ahlner, eva.ahlner@vinnova.se, +46 847 332 90 Ninad Bondre, ninad.bondre@vinnova.se, +46 847 332 89 Tobias Kampmann, tobias.kampmann@vinnova.se, +46 847 332 46		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	at least 7		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	500000 EUR	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs

Vinnova's grant is a contribution to the project's total eligible costs or parts thereof. The following costs are eligible (see link below for limitations):

1. personnel costs,
2. costs of equipment, land and buildings,
3. costs of consultants and licenses etc.,
4. other direct costs including travel expenses, and
5. indirect costs.

For more information see:
https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/terms-and-conditions-for-our-funding/ and
https://www.vinnova.se/en/apply-for-funding/rules-for-our-funding/state-aid-to-companies/

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	• Applicants must be Swedish legal entities (the entity must have a Swedish organisational number). • Applicants must comply with any requests by Vinnova during any stage of the proposal process. • Companies (both privately and publicly owned) that want to be classified as small or medium sized companies need to submit the "Model declaration" certifying their size. It can be found here: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52003XC0520(02) • Small companies and/or NGOs that are seeking de minimis funding need to submit a declaration about received de minimis funding. It can be found here: https://www.vinnova.se/globalassets/huvudsajt/sok-finansiering/gora-ansokan/dokument/declaration-about-other-de-minimis-aid-240102-.docx For questions about the model declaration or de minimis declaration, please contact the Vinnova contact point.
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☑ **No additional procedures**	
Further guidance	• Swedish applicants involved in proposals recommended for funding after stage 2 will be contacted by Vinnova with further information on how to submit their proposal and relevant information to Vinnova's electronic (e-tjänster) system. • As a Swedish public authority, Vinnova is required to apply the principle of public access to information. The principle of public access to information means that the public and the mass media are entitled to transparency regarding public sector activities. Everyone is entitled to read the documents of public authorities. At Vinnova, these documents may include reports, applications, decisions or tenders in public procurement. The right to access to information can be limited through confidentiality, in accordance with our national legislation, the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). There are for instance provisions to protect certain business information. The principle of public access to official documents - Government.se

SE – Sweden

VR	*Vetenskapsrådet* Swedish Research Council
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 500 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	https://www.vr.se/
Contact persons	Ekaterina Osipova, ekaterina.osipova@vr.se, +46854644197
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	Min 3

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	150 000/project	500 000/project	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	No
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs	All types of project-related costs, such as salaries, premises, running costs (such as consumables, travel, publication costs and minor equipment), depreciation costs
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	We cannot fund industrial partners. We can fund all scientific disciplines,

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	A parallel submission must also be made to the VR's system, PRISMA. Detailed instructions on national submission and reporting requirements will be published on the VR website. Failure to submit a parallel proposal within the deadline will result in the Swedish partner being declared ineligible.
☑ **Stage 2**	A parallel submission must also be made to the VR's system, PRISMA. Detailed instructions on national submission and reporting requirements will be published on the VR website. Failure to submit a parallel proposal within the deadline will result in the Swedish partner being declared ineligible.
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	As a Swedish public authority, the Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet) is subject to the principle of public access to official documents. This principle gives the public and the media the right to transparency and insight into the activities of public authorities. In practice, this means that anyone may request access to documents held by Vetenskapsrådet. Such documents may include, for example, reports, grant applications, decisions, correspondence, or tenders submitted in public procurement procedures. However, the right of access is not unlimited. Access to information may be restricted where confidentiality applies under Swedish law, in particular the Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act (2009:400). For example, in grant applications submitted to Vetenskapsrådet, certain information may be protected if disclosure could harm an individual applicant, a research organisation, or a company, such as sensitive personal data, confidential business information, or commercially valuable research and innovation plans. Each request for access is assessed individually by Vetenskapsrådet in accordance with the applicable legal provisions. For more information, see: The principle of public access to official documents - Government.se

SI – Slovenia

MVZI	*Ministrstvo za visoko solstvo, znanost in inovacije* Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
Geographical coverage	National
Total Funder's commitment for the call	1 200 000 €
Eligible for EC cofund	yes
Call webpage	https://www.gov.si/zbirke/projekti-in-programi/ramp/
Contact persons	Doroteja Zlobec, doroteja.zlobec@gov.si , +386 (0)1 478 4624
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	4

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	Max co-funding 300.000 EUR/project (100.000 EUR/year).	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	if "Research organizations" - see Other eligibility criteria / specific rules
Public research centres	Yes	if "Research organizations" - see Other eligibility criteria / specific rules
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	if "Research organizations" - see Other eligibility criteria / specific rules
SMEs, large companies	Yes	if "Research organizations" - see Other eligibility criteria / specific rules
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes	if "Research organizations" - see Other eligibility criteria / specific rules
Others	No	

Mandatory participation of a partner type	No mandatory participation of a specific partner type.

Eligible costs	The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation will finance all eligible costs of Slovenian applicants in selected transnational projects, in accordance with the Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Eligible costs must be directly related to the research carried out and must include all of the following categories of direct costs: • personnel (including social, health, pension and other contributions in accordance with national legislation); • materials (travel and meeting expenses, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs and other costs); • depreciation costs. Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.

	Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnem naročanju (Uradni list RS, št. 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – odl. US, 100/22 – ZNUZSZS, 28/23 in 88/23 – ZOPNN-F)) applies. This call is suitable for implementing Article 64 of the Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti (ZZrID) (Uradni list RS, št. 186/21 in 40/23) inline with Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers (Pravilnik o določitvi posebnih projektov nacionalnega značaja in sistemskega okvirja za določitev plač raziskovalcev (Uradni list RS, št. 126/23)). **Period of eligibility of public expenditures**: as of budgetary year 2027 until the end of the budgetary year 2029. **Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project**: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30 day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MVZI and the selected Slovenian partner, after the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners enters into force. For more detailed explanations, please refer to the guidelines for Slovenian applicants (Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence) available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI).
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	**All Slovenian applicants must refer to the guidelines for Slovenian applicants published on the webpage**: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI **Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution: "**Research organizations" as defined in the national Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS). **Eligibility of principal investigator and other research team members:** The project activities of every Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the primary investigator/primary researcher who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Art. 63 of the national Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti). The criteria are further determined in the Rules on the Criteria for Establishing Compliance with the Conditions for being the Head of a Research Project (Kriteriji za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja izkazovanja mednarodno primerljivih raziskovalnih rezultatov in obdobje zajema mednarodno primerljivih raziskovalnih rezultatov za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta in programa). All participating researchers have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers (Sicris) and must have available research hours. **State Aid Rules** Funding of 100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is **non-economic** in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required. For research organizations whose financed activity is **economic** in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198,

	27. 6. 2014) and the national scheme for state aid in Research and Development (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za visoko šolstvo, znanost in inovacije 2022-2030), applies. **All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person.**
Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☑ **No additional procedures**	National contracting negotiations will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation, including evidence of the starting date of the transnational project (in the form of a Consortia Agreement or statement on the starting date by the transnational project coordinator), will be a prerequisite for signing the contract on national level.

Further guidance	**Legal basis – national regulation** State Administration Act (Zakon o državni upravi (Uradni list RS, št. 113/05 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 89/07 – odl. US, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10 – ZUP-G, 8/12 – ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 in 18/23)) - Article 16 and 39; Public Finance Act (Zakon o javnih financah (Uradni list RS, št. 11/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 14/13 – popr., 101/13, 55/15 – ZFisP, 96/15 – ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – odl. US, 18/23 – ZDU-1O in 76/23)) - Article 106. j; Regulation on the procedure of standards and manners to allocate means for the promotion of the evolutional programme and the preferential tasks (Uredba o postopku, merilih in načinih dodeljevanja sredstev za spodbujanje razvojnih programov in prednostnih nalog (Uradni list RS, št. 56/11)); Implementation of the Republic of Slovenia's Budget for 2022 and 2023 Act (Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2024 in 2025 (Uradni list RS, št. 123/23 in 12/24 – ZIPRS2425)); Intergrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Zakon o integriteti in preprečevanju korupcije (Uradni list RS, št. 69/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb in 16/23 – ZZPri)); Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Resolucija o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski strategiji Slovenije 2030 (Uradni list RS, št. 49/22)); Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Uredba o financiranju znanstevnoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 35/22, 144/22 in 79/23)), Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21 – ZZrID); Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and 108 Innovation the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014) (Okvir za državno pomoč za raziskave in razvoj ter inovacije (UL C 414/2022 z dne 28.10.2022)); National scheme for state aid in Research and Development (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za visoko šolstvo, znanost in inovacije 2022-2030); National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (Nacionalna strategije odprtega dostopa do znanstvenih objav in raziskovalnih podatkov v Sloveniji 2015-2020, št. 60300-5/2015/5 z dne 3. 9. 2015).

SK – Slovakia

CVTI SR	*CENTRUM VEDECKO-TECHNICKÝCH INFORMÁCIÍ SR* SLOVAK CENTRE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION		
Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	800 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://eraportal.sk/horizont-europa/partnerstva/ https://www.cvtisr.sk/		
Contact persons	Ing. Viktor Rychtárik; viktor.rychtarik@cvtisr.sk; +421 902 410 454; European Partnerships Coordinator		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	1		

	☑ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	100 000 €	EUR 200 000 for a project partner and EUR 300 000 for a project coordinator. Additional funding: EUR 15,000 in the case of a published peer-reviewed (WoS/Scopus-indexed) article.	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates	
Higher education organisations	Yes
Public research centres	Yes
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes
SMEs, large companies	Yes
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	Yes
Others	No
Mandatory participation of a partner type	-

Eligible costs	Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, including salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project), costs of instruments and equipment, and 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 Programme Slovakia; and the Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	None

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☐ **Stage 1**	
☐ **Stage 2**	
☐ **Other**	
☑ **No additional procedures**	A dedicated webpage through which the submission process and implementation of the project at the national level will be carried out will be published at a later stage.

Further guidance	All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR contact points before submitting their proposals. After being informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will also require the submission of a separate application for national funding via the national submission platform. The final formal funding decision is made by CVTI SR and only after the project has been recommended for funding by the Partnership. Other relevant information: 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. Useful links: SK RIS3 2021+; Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027; Programme Slovakia 2021–2027.

SK – Slovakia

SAS	*Slovenská akadémia vied* Slovak Academy of Sciences

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	240 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://oms.sav.sk/en/		
Contact persons	Martin Novak, martin.novak@urad.sav.sk, +421 2 51570119		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	2 projects (120000/project)		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
	-	120000€	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	No	
Public research centres	No	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	No	
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	Yes	Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences
Mandatory participation of a partner type	no	

Eligible costs	Personnel costs up to 15 % of all direct costs or up to 30% of all direct costs, if the Slovak team is the consortium's coordinator. Overheads up to 20% of all direct costs No capital expenditures are allowed https://oms.sav.sk/en/documents/documents-of-the-department-of-international-projects/
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%). The main applicant must have, at the time of submission, a contract(s) with one or several of the 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/centre.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level
☐ **Stage 1**
☐ **Stage 2**
☐ **Other**
☑ **No additional procedures**
Further guidance

TR – Türkiye

TÜBİTAK	*Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu* The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	750 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr and https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/tr		
Contact persons	Dr. Hale AY, hale.ay@tubitak.gov.tr		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information			

	☐ **Min.**	☑ **Max.**	☐ **No mandatory limits**
Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	-	Maximum funding amount per project and per partner will be announced in the national call text.	-

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	100 %
Public research centres	Yes	100 %
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	Yes	100 %
SMEs, large companies	Yes	SMEs: 75% Large companies: 60 %
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	
Mandatory participation of a partner type		-

Eligible costs	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables.
Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	The national call text which will be announced on https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr and https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/ has to be followed.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level	
☑ **Stage 1**	Electronic application is required via https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
☑ **Stage 2**	Electronic application is required via https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
☐ **Other**	
☐ **No additional procedures**	

Further guidance	The national call text which will be announced on https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr and https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/ has to be followed. All applicants from Türkiye are strongly advised to contact the TÜBİTAK contact point before submitting their proposals.

ZA – South Africa

DSTI*	*Department of Science Technology and Innovation* Department of Science Technology and Innovation

Geographical coverage	National		
Total Funder's commitment for the call	400 000 €	**Eligible for EC cofund**	yes
Call webpage	Agency:Department of Science, Technology and Innovation Website: www.esastap.org.za		
Contact persons	1. Ms Tugela Matubatuba: tugela.matubatuba@dsti.gov.za 2. Ms Anita Mnisi: anita.mnisi@dsti.gov.za 3.Ms Ntombi Mchuba: ntombi.mchuba@dst.gov.za		
Expected number of funded projects, indicative range of funding demand, other relevant information	The number of projects will be determined by approved projects that would have met the eligibility criteria and recommended for funding.		

Funding demand thresholds per partner or project	☐ **Min.**	☐ **Max.**	☑ **No mandatory limits**
	-	-	National : Submission of financial and scientific reports will be stipulated in the contracts negotiated between the DSTI and the institutions

Eligible topics	**Topic 1**	**Topic 2**	**Topic 3**	**Topic 4**	**Topic 5**	**Topic 6**	**Particular conditions**
	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	-

Eligible TRL	**TRL 1**	**TRL 2**	**TRL 3**	**TRL 4**	**TRL 5**	**TRL 6**	**TRL 7**	**TRL 8**	**TRL 9**
	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Eligible types of partner and applicable funding rates		
Higher education organisations	Yes	Universities & Research Institutions will be funded 90%
Public research centres	No	
Other public bodies (e.g., municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)	No	
SMEs, large companies	Yes	Medium & Small Enterprises will be funded 90%; Large Enterprises and mines will not be funded
Non-profit private entities (NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies, foundations)	No	
Others	No	

Mandatory participation of a partner type	South African institutions will have to involve the Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDI) in their projects, this is for eligibility on National funding.
Eligible costs	Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation:The DSTI will cover travel costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations. Consumables and supplies: Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project. Costs of personnel:DSTI will cover personnel cost to be incurred during project implementation.. Subcontracting:DSTI will not prevent SA applicants from subcontract activities within the project but encourages SA researchers to commit to activities that they are mostly able to implement. And will not support subcontracting of parties outside South Africa. The co-investment contract will be between DSTI and the main SA applicant and not the subcontractor.

Other eligibility criteria / specific rules	South African institutions will have to involve the Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDI) in their projects, this is for eligibility on National funding.

Additional submission procedures required at national/regional level		
☑	**Stage 1**	The deadlines will be indicated on the call; however, researchers are advised to submit their proposals to DSTI for advice one month in advance of submitting them to the coordinator.
☐	**Stage 2**	
☐	**Other**	
☑	**No additional procedures**	National: Submission of financial and scientific reports will be stipulated in the contracts negotiated between the DSTI and the institutions

Further guidance	Please note that only the following eight (8) universities will be recognized as historically: 1. University of Limpopo (UL) 2. University of Fort Hare (UFH) 3. University of Venda (Univen) 4. Walter Sisulu University (WSU) 5. University of the Western Cape (UWC) 6. University of Zululand (UniZulu) 7. Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) 8. Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU). Historically Disadvantaged Institutions and Individuals also refers to: SMEs owned by Black and Female Individuals. The inclusion of emerging researchers and youth innovators is strongly encouraged.

Annex 2 – FAQ – Frequently Asked Questions

Call Scope and general procedures

What type of projects are expected in this call?

RAMP expects to fund proposals that deliver impact across the entire RM chain. This includes relevant scientific, technical and social aspects across all TRLs (if compatible with the applicable national/regional rules).

Is it possible to select more than one topic for my proposal?

No. Inter-/transdisciplinary proposals are encouraged, and this aspect can be further highlighted in the abstract and the choice of keywords to describe the proposal. But the applicants must choose the topic which describes best the core aspects of the proposal.

What are the consequences of the choice of a topic?

The choice of the appropriate call topic is the responsibility of the applicants and is important to ensure that the proposals are assessed in a fair and efficient way. Proposals within a same topic are evaluated by the same thematic subpanel and discussed in a plenary session. Each topic has specific objectives and expected impacts, and the projects are evaluated according to their capacity of addressing them.

Who is funding this call?

Each beneficiary partner of a funded project is funded directly by their national/regional funder. In addition to that, the EC participates with co-funding proportional to the national/regional budget allocated to selected proposals, and part of this funding is used as top-up to increase the number of selected proposals. From the point of view of the funded consortia, the co-funding mechanism has no practical repercussion, as the top-up is redistributed through the funders to their own participants.

I see that my country is part of the RAMP consortium, but my funding agency does not participate in this call. What does that mean?

RAMP spans a duration of 11 years and encapsulates not only the JTCs but also a range of other activities. Some of RAMP's partners are not national/regional

funders and participate in other activities. Additionally, each funder can decide whether to participate in an individual call or not, according to national/regional budgets/priorities.

Is there a dedicated budget per topic? Is it possible that no projects are funded under a certain topic?

RAMP does not have fixed budgets per topic. The consortium will strive for reaching the most beneficial selection outcomes for the call according to the results of the topic-specific evaluation panels, the relative success rates of the topics, the budgetary situation of the participating funders and the long-term objectives of the Partnership.

Consortium requirements

How do I know if I can apply for funding in this call?

The eligibility of applicants depends on the respective national/regional funders. SMEs, large companies, academic research groups, universities or other organisations can apply as long as they are eligible to request funding according to their regional/national regulations. National/regional rules and contact points are available in the Annex 1 – Funder-specific rules.

How do I build a consortium when different funders have different eligible topics and TRLs?

The eligibility of topics and TRLs are decided at national/regional level according to the strategy of each funder. A proposal can only be submitted to one topic. Therefore, it is only possible to build consortia for which the topic is eligible for all the funders from which the applicants will request funding. The TRL ranges within a consortium may differ between partners depending on the architecture of the workplan. In that case, the TRL of the activities of each partner must correspond to the eligible TRLs of the respective funder.

I have two partners that request funding from different regional agencies within a country different from mine. Is our consortium eligible?

No. This consortium only involves two countries.

Can I participate in more than one proposal?

Yes, provided that this is allowed by your national/regional funder.

Can my organisation participate in more than one proposal?

Yes, if allowed by the respective funder.

I do not see my national/regional funding organisation in the list of participating funders. Can I request funding in this call?

No. In RAMP JTCs, each project partner is funded directly by their respective national/regional funder; there is no centralised or cross-border funding. Therefore, only partners eligible to the national/regional funder participating in the current call can request funding.

You can still participate in a proposal as a self-funded partner (self-funded partners are also to be included in the Consortium Agreement), as an external collaborator, or as a service provider (if compatible with national/regional rules), depending on the extent of the work to be carried out.

I believe my national/regional funding organisation should participate in this call. Can they join?

RAMP is open to new participants, however, the national/regional decision to join a given call is made several months prior to the call launch. Funders interested in participating in future calls can contact RAMP's coordination office (ramp@vinnova.se) for further information.

Preparing and submitting a proposal

How many partners does a consortium need?

An eligible consortium needs at least 3 beneficiary partners from 3 different countries (2 of which EU member states or associated countries). There is no upper limit as long as all partners have a justified role and add clear value to the objectives of the proposal. Larger consortia should also keep in mind adequate management and exploitation strategies, and realistic ambitions within the maximum project duration of 36 months.

I have prepared a pre-proposal but am still missing one partner. Can I submit it as it is and complete my consortium later?

No. The pre-proposal must be complete at stage 1 of the submission. Consortia that do not comply with the central eligibility criteria will be considered ineligible and

the pre-proposal will not be evaluated. A partner search tool is available in RAMP's website.

Can I submit a full proposal (stage 2) without submitting a pre-proposal (stage 1)?

No.

Can I modify the proposed template or add hyperlinks to extra supporting information?

No. The proposed templates and page limits are in place to ensure the fairness of the evaluation procedure.

Can I submit a proposal to RAMP in my national language?

No. In both stages, proposals must be submitted to RAMP by the Coordinator in English. The language of national/regional funding applications depends on the rules of the respective funders. Applicants must contact their respective funders for specific details and procedures.

Can I make use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to write my proposal?

Generally, AI can be used for proposal writing provided it adheres to the guidelines of the EC/European Research Area on the responsible use of generative AI in research, which can be found here. Critical points are that i) researchers remain ultimately responsible for scientific output and ii) the use of generative AI must be made transparent.

What is the maximum amount of funding I can request?

Each partner must comply with the funding rules of their respective funder. National/regional budgets and funding limits (if applicable) are available in the Annex 1 – Funder-specific rules.

Do I need to provide budget information in stage 1?

Yes. Budget information is mandatory in both stages. In stage 1, this information will undergo eligibility checks by the concerned funders, and a qualitative assessment by the CEP. In stage 2, it undergoes eligibility checks and a full assessment (with the corresponding score).

Do all partners need to request a similar amount of funding?

No. Budgets must be built in a reasonable way, according to the planned tasks, pre-existing infrastructure/equipment, the eligible costs and the overall economic context of each partner. It is recommended to explain apparent disparities between partners (if for example currency differences or cost eligibility make one partner remarkably more/less "expensive" than the others).

Do self-funded partners need to provide their costs in the proposal?

Yes. If they are a partner supporting the project through R&D activities (as opposed to an external collaborator or service provider), they need to provide their efforts (PM) and other costs. Only their requested funding will be zero.

What is the difference between costs and requested funding?

The costs reflect the entirety of the resources (including human effort) that are going to be mobilised in the framework of the project, even if these resources are funded through other means. The requested funding corresponds to the part of the project costs that are eligible for funding within this call, which the applicants request from their respective funders.

Can I modify my budget in stage 2?

It is highly recommended that budget calculations are made as accurately as possible in stage 1 since most funders do not allow budget increases between the two stages, and the ratio between funding demand and available budget are an important factor in the selection process. The main exception to this is the case of changes to the consortium within the Widening procedure and the Fallback procedure.

How do I calculate a partner's efforts in person-months?

A person.month (PM) is the metric for the time (human effort) that the key personnel of an organisation devote to the project, regardless of the source of funding. "Key personnel" includes the entire project team and not only the permanent staff, even if these efforts are funded through another source, and not by the funding requested in this call.

To calculate PM, please follow the EC definition:

https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/just/items/643967

Does every applicant have to submit a proposal to RAMP?

No. In both stages, only the Coordinator must submit the proposal and respective mandatory forms in the RAMP ESES. Once the Coordinator creates the proposal in the ESES, each partner will be required to log in the system and input their specific information. It is strongly recommended that all partners familiarise themselves with the platform in advance to ensure a smooth submission process.

Since each applicant applies for funding to their respective funder, additional procedures may apply. Please note that it may be necessary to submit additional information to the national/regional funder.

What is a Participant Identification Code (PIC)?

The PIC is a 9-digit number serving as a unique identifier for organisations (legal entities) participating in EU funding programmes / procurements. Please refer to the website: Registration and validation of your organisation - Online Manual - Funding Tenders Opportunities

Is the PIC mandatory? How do I know if my organisation has one?

Yes, the PIC is mandatory, and a proposal cannot be submitted if a partner does not have one. It is possible, however, to submit a proposal with a temporary PIC if your organisation does not still have a validated one. In the following website you can check if your organisation has a PIC, and find information on how to apply for one if necessary: Participant register | EU Funding & Tenders Portal

Please note that if your organisation's name was registered without accents/special characters, the tool will not be able to find it if you type it with accents/special characters.

I lost internet access or had another technical issue; can I ask for an extension of the submission deadline?

No. Out of fairness to all applicants and to ensure the evaluation schedule is respected, RAMP will not accept any submission or modification of proposals after the deadline. Applicants must ensure they are familiar with the submission platform and that they prepare their proposals in due time to avoid last minute issues. Please contact your national/regional funder to confirm national/regional deadlines if applicable.

Evaluation and selection process

Will my proposal be evaluated by all the involved funders?

No. For both stages the evaluation is centralised and managed by RAMP's JCS. However, each funder will verify the eligibility of their own applicants.

What happens if one or more of my partners are considered ineligible or not selected (for stage 2 or for funding)?

If the proposal would become ineligible without the partner(s) in question (see transnational eligibility) and if the partner(s) cannot be replaced (see widening procedure and fallback procedure), the entire proposal becomes ineligible. If the proposal would remain eligible without said partner(s) and they are not replaced, the remaining funders will decide on whether they would still support the proposal in its current state, on a case-by-case basis and according to the scope of the works and the role of the leaving partner(s).

My proposal was scored above threshold but was not selected (for stage 2 or for funding) due to financial constraints. What does that mean and can I appeal?

A score above threshold does not mean that the proposal will be selected or funded, it means that it has reached the minimum possible score that allows it to be included in their topic's ranking list. If a proposal was not selected (for stage 2 or for funding) due to financial constraints, it means that at least one of the funders involved in the proposal has already selected enough proposals to reach their oversubscription or their budget limit. Therefore, appeals on selection decisions based only on a proposal's score will not be accepted.

Changes between stages 1 and 2

12.1.1.1 Can I add partners to my consortium between stages 1 and 2?

This can be done in specific circumstances, provided that the addition of the partners is accompanied by relevant and well-dimensioned activities, and as long as it doesn't cause significant deviation of the main objectives of the proposal. All changes in the consortium must be approved by the concerned funders.

In case the potential new partners are to request funding from a funder not originally present in the pre-proposal, they must be eligible for funding from one of the funders participating in the Widening procedure. This list is published along with the results of the stage 1 of a call.

In case the partner is to request funding from a funder already present in the pre-proposal, this must be compatible with their specific rules, and not cause significant change in the overall funding requested for the funder in question (this would typically mean replacing partners or redistributing tasks and the corresponding budget).

See Changes in the proposal between stages 1 and 2 for more details.

Project implementation

Can each partner have different start and end dates?

Since projects are expected to carry out effective collaboration, and not to be assimilated to national projects running in parallel, it is highly recommended that all parties have similar start and end dates. If necessary, and in exceptional cases, different start and end dates must be agreed upon by all involved funders.

Can a project duration be extended?

Only in exceptional cases, under the condition that all involved project partners, funders and RAMP agree with and confirm the extension.

What happens if a partner leaves the consortium after the project start?

This issue should be covered by the Consortium Agreement. In addition, all significant changes to the project must be brought to the attention of RAMP (via the change request form that will be made available to the funded partners in due time) and of all involved funders. The changes are to undergo approval of all involved parties, and to be managed according to the relevant national/regional rules.

Do I need to submit a report to RAMP?

Yes. It is mandatory to submit a mid-term and final report at central level (submitted by the Coordinator and describing the activities of the entire consortium), as well as short monitoring questionnaires over the project lifetime (modalities will be provided in due time to funded consortia). Additionally, the national/regional reporting procedures between applicants and their funders apply.