Annex IV: Funder regulations

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AUSTRIA (BMLUK)

1. Research Funding organisation:	BMLUK/FFG
2. Name and link to funding programme:	FOREST Partnership
3. Separate national application required:	yes, until 4 December, 2026, 12:00 CET, via https://ecall.ffg.at (pre-proposal stage)
4. Type of research funded:	- TRL 1-8 (oriented basic research, industrial research, experimental development) - Possible funding organisations o HEI = higher education institutes; RO = research organizations; NGO = non-governmental organization - In the call 2026, only research organisations and non-economic organisations can participate within their non-economic activity. - For Austrian participants, all call topics are available.
5. Other specifications:	Because of necessary legal provisions at national level, further details on the regulations for Austrian participants on the FFG website (see below) will only be published on **19 October, 2026**. National applications via https://ecall.ffg.at will also be possible only from this date onwards.
6. Other relevant documents/links:	see: https://www.ffg.at/Forest/AS2026
7. Funding commitment:	640.000€
8. Maximum funding amount per proposal:	Max. per partner: 200.000 € and 250.000€ in the case of transnational coordination
9. Contact person:	**Johannes Bockstefl,** +43 5 7755-5042, johannes.bockstefl@ffg.at **Maria Bürgermeister-Mähr,** +43 5 7755-5040, maria.buergermeister-maehr@ffg.at

BELGIUM (FNRS)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: **PINT-MULTI**

3. Separate national application required: Yes

4. Type of research funded: Basic (TRL 1-3)

5. Other specifications: Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must submit an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the FOREST call to be eligible . Please select the "PINT-MULTI" funding instrument when creating the administrative application.

Admitted costs For the administrative application on e-space, costs such as "Consumables", "Travel", and "Other" should all be included in the "operating expenses" category in the form.

Overhead costs For "overhead" costs:

- Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget.
- Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.

6. Other relevant documents/links: **PINT-MULTI rules and regulations**

7. Funding commitment: 300.000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 300.000 EUR

9. Contact person:

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BELGIUM (FWO)

1. Research Funding organisation: **The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)**

2. Name(s) and link(s) to funding programme(s):

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, exploratory in nature vs. strong valorisation potential in Flanders).

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

- FWO projects fundamental research (FO)

- Strategic Basic Research projects (SBO)

Or by contacting the FWO contact points that are mentioned below (*'9. Contact persons'*) and in the call documents.

3. Separate national application required:

!! IMPORTANT !!

Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the personal FWO E-loket of the main PI from Flanders during the pre-proposal step.

- For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme fundamental research'.
- For strategic basic research projects (SBO), select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme strategic basic research'.

If the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted by the main PI (promotor-spokesperson), containing all relevant information for the different Flemish partners. International partners should not be included in the FWO pre-registration form.

The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (pre-proposal stage).

4. Type of research funded:

The FWO funds basic research (including strategic basic research). For more information about which type of research is funded, please consult point *'2. Name(s) and link(s) to funding programme(s)'* above.

5. Other specifications:

Participation in this call does not interfere with the regular/national project submission framework and is therefore not taken into account when calculating the maximum permitted number of new applications and ongoing projects combined. **However, individual researchers can only participate in two different international consortia in this call**.

Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. A potential 'spin-off route' should therefore not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form.

The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies that the funding must be budgeted and spent accordingly. Automatic extension and the use of positive financial balances after the end date are not applicable in this framework. As such, Article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and Article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply here.

The PI of each participating institution applying for FWO funds must hold an eligible appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project.

In connection with the above, Article 10, §7 of the FWO Research Projects regulations (FO) does not apply to this call. This means that supervisors/spokespersons or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year in which the project application is submitted, or during the project execution period, are not eligible.

It is strongly advised to approach the FWO contact points mentioned below, in order to avoid eligibility issues for the projects or consortia.

6. Other relevant documents/links:

FWO funding opportunity on the website, including the modalities for participation: https://fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/

7. Funding commitment:

The FWO foresees a total budget of 700 000 EUR in total, which allows for the funding of at least two projects.

8. Maximum amount per proposal (i.e. maximum funding amount per consortium for FWO):

350,000 EUR (overhead included)

The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above: *'2. Name(s) and link(s) to funding programme(s)'*), and both are capped at 350,000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel; see explanation below). If several FWO-funded partners are involved in one project, the funding must be shared between them.

For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) apply 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.

The overhead cost needs to be inserted into the FOREST budget table, but should not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form (only the direct costs there).

9. Contact persons:

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BULGARIA (BNSF)

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	https://bnsf.bg
3. Separate national application required:	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the porposals. The formulier should be filled and elecronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://eumis2020.government.bg/
4. Type of research funded:	Basic research
5. Other specifications:	No
6. Other relevant documents/links:	Other additional eligibility rules are specified in National requirements and eligibility conditions of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: https://bnsf.bg
7. Funding commitment:	900 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	300 000 EUR
9. Contact person:	**Milena Aleksandrova,** +359 884 171 363, Email: aleksandrova@mon.bg

BRAZIL (CONFAP)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Conselho Nacional das Fundações Estaduais de Amparo à Pesquisa (CONFAP)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: Verify if the respective FAP the eligible modalities.

Verify specific FAP's requirements.

3. Separate national application required: Verify if the respective FAP requires the submission on its own platform.

Verify specific FAP's requirements.

4. Type of research funded: basic and applied research and from TRL 1 to TRL 4.

5. Other specifications: Specific rules may be published by each participating FAP and can be checked on their websites. Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs.

6. Other relevant documents/links: CONFAP call website: https://confap.org.br/pt/editais

Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules:

1. Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br
2. FAPEAM: http://www.fapeam.am.gov.br
3. FAPERJ: https://www.faperj.br/
4. FAPES: https://fapes.es.gov.br/
5. FAPESP: https://fapesp.br/
6. FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br

7. Funding commitment: EUR 537.050,00

8. Maximum amount per proposal: Detailed for each participating State Funding Agency (FAP) below indicating within the maximum budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable):

Nº	FAP	State	Budget (EUR)	Max.number of projects within the max. allocated budget	Contact
1	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	132.000,00	2	internacional.confap@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
2	FAPEAM	Amazonas	60.000,00	2	internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br
3	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	250.050,00	3	central.atendimento@faperj.br
4	FAPES	Espírito Santo	75.000,00	1	global4@fapes.es.gov.br
5	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000,00	1	programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br

9. Contact person: **Flavia Cerqueira**: internacional.confap@gmail.com

CROATIA (MZOM)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Ministry of Science, Education and Youth (MZOM)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: **n/a**

3. Separate national application required: No. However, there are specific national submission and reporting requirements: Applicants are required to inform the national contact person about the project application and consult with him/her regarding the pre-eligibility check.

4. Type of research funded: Research at TRL levels 1-4

5. Other specifications:

Eligible institutions: Research organizations: public research institutes; public higher education institutions; other legal entities performing research activity

Other legal entities performing research activities: non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGOs) or institutions whose main objective is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation or other relevant national body; micro, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) entered in the relevant National Register (Court or Craftsmen) and registered to perform research and development activities; other public organizations, only in consortia with institution(s) registered for research activity.

Eligible costs: For Croatian applicants, general Horizon Europe rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply. These rules can be found in the Annotated Grant Agreement (AGA) for the Horizon Europe Programme.

For applicants/project partners from Private Sector: The maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 70%.

For applicants/project partners from Public Sector: 100% of eligible costs.

All budget items must be justified and eligible, and all costs must be incurred during the project duration.

VAT eligibility For Croatian applicants, the general Horizon Europe rules apply regarding the VAT eligibility.

a) Non-profit legal entities: VAT is an eligible cost if the entity is not entitled to a tax deduction. In such cases, VAT should be recorded in the accounts.

b) For-profit organizations: VAT is not an eligible cost and is not included in the final project cost.

For legal and financial questions, applicants are advised to contact national contact points for Horizon Europe Programme for Legal and Financial aspects.

Additional eligibility criteria: MZOM funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. The Croatian project partner can be a consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a single legal entity.

6. Other relevant documents/links: **n/a**

7. Funding commitment: 500 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 125 000 EUR (anticipated number of projects: 1-4); project duration: 36 months

9. Contact person: **Petra Reiner**, +385 1 45 94 264, Petra.Reiner@mzom.hr

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CZECH REPUBLIC (TA ČR)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA ČR)**

2. Name and link to funding programme:

Program *SIGMA*: https://tacr.gov.cz/program/program-sigma/

English Version: https://tacr.gov.cz/en/sigma-programme/

3. Separate national application required:

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	● Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation) ● Enterprises - Legal and natural persons carrying out economic activity, regardless of their legal form, in accordance with Annex 1 of the Regulation ● Organisational units of the state Aforementioned actors are eligible, both as main Czech applicants and additional Czech members of the project-consortium. **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” 22 • 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” • which will not enter a state of conflict of interests by submitting the pre-proposal Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech candidate in the project is determined based on the type of entity and type of research according to the Regulation (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 80 % of eligible costs. Type of supported research: Applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). For definitions of applied research see the Framework and the Regulation. **Czech applicants must comply with the “SIGMA - DC4 (Mezinárodní spolupráce)” programme rules**. Relevance to the programme objectives (see Guide for Czech Applicants on TA CR website) is examined as a part of the eligibility check.
Additional specific eligibility rules	For Czech Applicants to be eligible, results of the project must be applicable in the environment of the Czech Republic (Applicability of foreseen project outputs and their employment in the conditions of the Czech Republic will be assessed during the national eligibility check). **Eligible projects for TA CR:** • 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 declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal • the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity
Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements	**The Czech applicants are requested to submit:** • A Sworn statement of the applicant • Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)*

to be completed at the national/regional Level	• if the applicant plans to achieve the "O – patent application" type of result, patent search must be substantiated* • if the applicant plans to achieve the "NmetS" type of result, a certification document must be substantiated • Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (only if Czech enterprise is part of the project consortium; submitted by the main Czech applicant only) All mandatory documents to be found on TA CR website. Deadline for submitting all documents is the same as the deadline for submitting preproposals. All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner stated above shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: afth9xp). See the details in the "Guide for Czech applicants" on TA CR website. *Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox before the deadline will be considered as not eligible for TA CR funding.

4. Type of research funded: Applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). For definitions of applied research see the Framework and the Regulation.

5. Other specifications:

a) Supported results

Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal:

- G - technically realised results - prototype, functional sample
- Z - pilot plant, proven technology
- R - software
- F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design
- Nmap - specialised map with expert content
- NmetS - methodology approved by the relevant state administration authority
- S - specialised public database
- Vsouhrn - research report
- Jimp, JSC, Jost – reviewed research paper
- B – scientific book
- C – chapter in a research book
- M – holding a conference
- O – patent application
- O – Hkonc result candidate
- O – Hneleg result candidate
- Hpub – output focused on the critical analysis and evaluation of public policy or a social and political issue
- Topen – digital data collection that is freely available and accessible at no cost - at least for research purposes - under an assigned binding license (e.g., a Creative Commons International 4.0 license, with or without any specific conditions);
- Tost – other digital data collections;
- W – organization of a workshop
- O - Miscellaneous*

For "O - Miscellaneous" type of outputs:

If "O - Miscellaneous" type is the only output, the "Vsouhrn" type of output, i.e. a comprehensive research report, must be achieved simultaneously

b) Intellectual Property Rights

The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the socalled Consortium Agreement) which will 33 define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.

c) Publicity obligations

While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR.

d) Project start

Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).

Czech candidates are obliged to sign an agreement with their foreign partners (i.e. Consortium Agreement), which will define the modalities of cooperation on the project and the distribution of intellectual property rights.

e) Eligibility of costs, types and their caps

- 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. Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the General Terms & Conditions.

f) Other important information

- Czech beneficiaries must follow the rules of TA CR for reporting on the project (i.e. submission of interim and final reports and reports on the implementation of the results).
- TA ČR requests funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement

g) Further comments

Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech applicant in the project is determined based on the type of entity according to the Regulation (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is **80 %** of the total eligible costs.

Applicant	Industrial Research	Industrial research with a bonus for effective collaboration	Experimental development	Experimental development with a bonus for effective collaboration
Small enterprise*	70 %	80 %	45 %	60 %
Medium-sized enterprise*	60 %	75 %	35 %	50 %
Large enterprise	50 %	65 %	25 %	40 %
Research Organisations**	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***

*A SME is defined in Annex 1 of the Regulation

**Research organisations must satisfy the definition in the Act and the Framework

***While respecting the maximum permissible aid intensity of 80 % per project (Czech part).

6. Other relevant documents/links: https://tacr.gov.cz/soutez/forest/call-2026-4/

	https://tacr.gov.cz/en/forest/
7. Funding commitment:	500 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	170 000 EUR
9. Contact person:	**Gabriela Satková**, +420 770 397 874, Email: gabriela.satkova@tacr.cz

ESTONIA (ETAG, MoC)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Eesti Teadusagentuur (ETAG)**
Ministry of Climate (MoC)

2. Name and link to funding programme:

3. Separate national application required: NO

4. Type of research funded: TRL 1-6

5. Other specifications:

I. a) The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. Restrictions to eligible institutions and applicants may however be stated in the general call conditions which also apply to Estonian participants.

After the preproposal deadline and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the Estonian sub-project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the sub-project, should the project receive funding.

If the Host Institution is an undertaking, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.

b) The Principal Investigator (PI) is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The PI must be clearly identified in the proposal.

The Principal Investigator:

- must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal submission deadline;
- must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the preproposal submission deadline at the latest;
- must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the preproposal submission deadline

If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Centre or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use".

If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.

II. a) 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.

b) Other direct costs are: travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance; 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.

c) Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs are 15% of the personnel costs of the Estonian sub-project.

d) Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs of the Estonian sub-project.

e) Double funding of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed from different funding sources).

f) If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution per proposal of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.

6. Other relevant documents/links:	Full National Eligibility Criteria: https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_-EN_marts2026-2.pdf
7. Funding commitment:	300 000 EUR (ETAG) 150 000 EUR (MoC)
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	max. 150 000 EUR per project if the coordinating partner is not Estonian max. 300 000 EUR per project in case of Estonian coordination
9. Contact person:	**Margit Suuroja** (ETAG): +372 731 7360; Email: margit.suuroja@etag.ee **Laura Peri** (ETAG): +372 5870 7282; Email: laura.peri@etag.ee **Kristi PARRO** (MoC): +372 56466479, Email: kristi.parro@kliimaministeerium.ee **Raili ALLMÄE** (MoC): +372 56466479: Email: raili.allmae@kliimaministeerium.ee

FINLAND (AKA)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Research Council of Finland (RCF)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: NA

3. Separate national application required: 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.

4. Type of research funded: Basic and applied research.

5. Other specifications:

Eligible institutions: Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes. As a rule, funding is not intended to support economic activity.

Eligible costs: Funding is provided under the full cost model, covering up to 70% of total project costs. It applies equally to both direct (e.g. salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. premises). The funding supports various research team activities, including salaries, research expenses, travel, collaboration and mobility (national and international), work and training abroad, international project preparation, and publishing. The funded projects need to abide to / commit to the terms of funding as described for Academy projects in the Research Council of Finland's Standard Terms for Funding.

Specific national submission and reporting requirement: Finnish applicants, both partners and coordinators, are restricted from submitting more than one application.

The applicant must be a researcher at the professor or docent level or with a doctoral degree. If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.

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/

Draft the online application so that only funding requested from the Academy (max 70 % of total costs) is included.

In addition to the national regulations, within a transnational call specific rules of the consortium may be applicable; please read carefully the Call Text and all the related instructions.

6. Other relevant documents/links:

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/

https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/report--your-project/

7. Funding commitment: 2 000 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 400 000 EUR per project (300 000 EUR for project participant, 400 000 EUR for consortium leader)

9. Contact person: **Harri Haulata**, +358 295 33 5019,
Email: harri.hautala@aka.fi

FINLAND (BF)

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Innovation Funding Agency Business Finland (BF)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	No specific funding programme.
3. Separate national application required:	Yes, in Full Proposal stage.
4. Type of research funded:	Finnish companies and research organisations may apply for Business Finland funding to participate in the joint projects. TRL level 2-7.
5. Other specifications:	Finnish companies may participate in consortia either alone or together with other Finnish partners. If one or more Finnish research organisations participate in the consortium, Co-Innovation project criteria will apply. In this call, one Finnish research organisation and one Finnish company with parallel projects, together with two other Finnish companies that fund the research project of the Finnish research organisation, are sufficient to form a Co-Innovation consortium. The entire consortium must meet the international criteria of the call. Companies participating in the call must have the capacity for continuous profitable operations and must not have any tax debts. In addition, the company must demonstrate sufficient financial resources and capabilities to participate in the call with its own project. The funded projects must create conditions for strengthening and renewing the companies' competitiveness and for generating significant new export business.
6. Other relevant documents/links:	The following Business Finland funding services will be used: • Research and development funding for individual participating companies: https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/services/funding/funding-services/research-and-development-funding/ • Co-Innovation funding for joint consortia of research organisations and companies: https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/services/funding/funding-services/cooperation-between-companies-and-research-organizations/co-innovation/ • Funding terms: www.businessfinland.fi/en/services/funding/funding-services/guidelines-terms-and-forms/funding-terms2/
7. Funding commitment:	1 500 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	Not limited.
9. Contact person:	**Mikko Kiiskinen**: +358 505577676, Email: mikko.kiiskinen@businessfinland.fi

FINLAND (MMM)

[UPDATE 09.10.26: Finland (MMM) **Clarification regarding the MMM eligibility criterion**
We would like to clarify the interpretation of the following additional MMM eligibility criterion:

"Additional eligibility criteria: Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) may not submit more than one application."

The wording may give the impression that the restriction applies at the organisational level (e.g. one application per institute or organisation). This is **not** the intended interpretation.

The intended interpretation is that **a Principal Investigator (PI) may act as coordinator for only one consortium proposal submitted under this call.** However, the same PI may participate in other proposals as a partner and may lead multiple Finnish project components within different consortia, provided that they do not serve as the consortium coordinator in more than one proposal. In other words, the restriction applies to the **consortium coordinator role**, not to the number of proposals in which an organisation may participate. Consequently, **a Finnish organisation may participate in multiple proposals under the call, provided that the above restriction regarding the PI acting as consortium coordinator is respected.]**

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland (MMM)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	Research, development and innovation activities (RDI) financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry.
3. Separate national application required:	No
4. Type of research funded:	MMM is prepared to fund proposals under the following topics: • Topic 1 – Climate-Resilient Forest Systems • Topic 2 – Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems • Topic 3 –Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products • Topic 4 – Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance Eligible activities should address research and innovation corresponding approximately to Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) 1-6, using the European Commission TRL scale. Activities primarily focused on demonstration, piloting, commercial validation or market deployment beyond TRL 6 are not eligible for funding. Applicants should indicate the starting and expected final TRL of the proposed work.

5. Other specifications:

Eligible institutions:

- Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes
- Research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding
- Companies, under specific conditions

Due to actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed and may in the future impose sanctions in their legislation and/or by decisions of their institutions. The funding recipient must comply with the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations concerning the economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.

Eligible applicants: The responsible administrator of the research/ development project must be duly authorised to act for and on behalf of the recipient(s) of the funding in project-related matters as if such actions were carried out by the recipient(s) themselves.

Eligible costs: Costs that are necessary and reasonable in view of the project work and which can be allocated to the project in accounting are considered acceptable costs. The costs must be incurred during the period of time indicated in the funding decision in order to be approved. Costs incurred before the application was submitted will not be approved as project costs.

MMM uses so called **total cost model** where funding for research organizations and universities covers 70% of the project's gross eligible costs. For companies the maximum funding is 50%. **Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported. The results of funded projects must be open for access by all potential user groups.**

The share of funding granted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for research, development and innovation projects is discretionary. As a general rule, the funding shares of the approved total costs are as follows:

- Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes, max. 70%
- For research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding, max. 70–90%
- For companies, max. 50% (please note the EU's state aid rules).

Additional eligibility criteria: Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) may not submit more than one application.

The general conditions of RDI projects funded by MMM:

Standard terms and conditions for research, development and innovation activities (RDI) financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (in Finnish; in English).

6. Other relevant documents/links:	**Admitted costs:** For details, please see Chapter 3 "Terms and conditions related to grant-financed costs and to revenue and financing" in the document 'Standard terms and conditions for research, development and innovation activities (RDI) financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry"(in Finnish; in English).
7. Funding commitment:	1 000 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	Maximum funding 200 000 EUR / project or max. 300 000 EUR /project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator.
9. Contact person:	**Tatu Torniainen**: +3582951 62162, Email: tatu.torniainen@gov.fi **Mika Kallio**: +3582951 62212, Email: mika.kallio@gov.fi

FRANCE (ANR)

1. Research Funding organisation:	The French National Research Agency (ANR)
2. Name and link to funding programme:	FOREST Pathways (https://anr.fr/fr/detail/call/pre-annonce-forest-pathways-edition-2027-developper-les-connaissances-et-les-solutions-pour-des/)
3. Separate national application required:	No
4. Type of research funded:	Basic research; Industrial research; Experimental development;
5. Other specifications:	Please check the Annex for French Participants in the Call ANR's webpage (link to come)
6. Other relevant documents/links:	ANR's financial regulations (https://anr.fr/fr/rf/)
7. Funding commitment:	1 500 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	400 000 EUR (if the Coordinating Partner is French); 300 000 EUR for French Partners
9. Contact person:	**Isabelle Hippolyte:** Email: isabelle.hippolyte@anr.fr **Nuria Ruiz** Email: nuria.ruiz@anr.fr

GERMANY (BMFTR/PtJ)

1. **Research Funding organisation: Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR)/ Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)**

2. **Name and link to funding programme:** The German national funding will be legally and financially based on BMFTR's strategy „Forschung für Nachhaltigkeit" (FONA).: FONA-Strategie – FONA and the national funding measure "Stärkung der Resilienz, Nachhaltigkeit und Multifunktionalität der europäischen Wälder und der forstbasierten Wirtschaft": Homepage - Bekanntmachung - BMFTR

3. **Separate national application required:** The mandatory deadline for submission to BMFTR/PtJ via easy online will be communicated in due time after the funding decision. This will be the case for proposals being funded by the BMFTR.

4. **Type of research funded:** BMFTR will fund projects under all four topics.

5. **Other specifications:** Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR): 50 000

   Applications may be submitted by German institutions of higher education and non-university research institutions as well as by commercial companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), which are headquartered and exploit their results primarily in Germany. Also, local authorities, non-profit organizations or associations are eligible for funding. Individual persons are not eligible for funding.

6. **Other relevant documents/links:** The financial guidelines for preparing AZA/AZK have to be considered for any cost calculations in the proposal! Further information and templates are available on the federal funding portal.

   Please include project allowances and overheads (i.e. "Infrastrukturpauschale", "Gemeinkosten" etc.) respectively within the requested funding sum, but take into account that the maximum funding amount per project is not exceeded. Universities may use the AZA(P) form and apply for 20% of direct costs as project allowance / overheads ("Projektpauschale").

   It is highly recommended to check the funding programme as well as guidelines for applicants and to contact PtJ before submission (no later than 17th November 2026).

   Failure of one Partner to meet any of the eligibility criteria, including the national eligibility criteria, will result in the rejection of the entire proposal. It is therefore essential that proposals meet all eligibility criteria.

7. **Funding commitment:** 2 000 000 EUR

8. **Maximum amount per proposal:** The total funding requested by all German partners within a consortium must not exceed 250 000 EUR, or 300 000 EUR if a German partner is coordinating the consortium. Please consider that no cost overrun will be allowed.

9. **Contact person:** **Christian Bodensteiner:** +49 30 20199-437; ptj-forest-call@ptj.de

HUNGARY (NKFIH)

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Nemzeti Kutatási Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal (NKFIH)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	https://horizonteuropa.nkfih.gov.hu/fokuszteruletek/gazdasag-zold-atmenete/forest
3. Separate national application required:	Not required. Only applicants selected for funding based on the full proposal evaluation scores are invited to submit application for funding to NKFIH.
4. Type of research funded:	**TRL 1-9**
5. Other specifications:	150,000 EUR/applicant
6. Other relevant documents/links:	**-**
7. Funding commitment:	300,000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	300 000 EUR
9. Contact person:	**Józon Mónika:** +36 300932301, Email: monika.jozon@nkfih.gov.hu, ncp@nkfih.gov.hu

IRELAND (DAFM)

1. Research Funding organisation: Department of Agriculture Food and the Marine

2. Name and link to funding programme: DAFM research: https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-agriculture-food-and-the-marine/collections/research-and-bioeconomy/

3. Separate national application required: DAFM will require a national application form to be completed for any successful Irish based partners emerging from the process.

4. Type of research funded: Basic and applied research proposals to support policy decisions regarding the forest sector TRL 2-6

5. Other specifications: Proposals must meet the following criteria:

- Only approved Irish RPO's.
- Address at least one of the *ForestPathways* Call topic areas
- Avoid duplication of recent research work already undertaken or ongoing.
- Closely align with relevant national policy and foresight documents.
- A single eligible Irish RPO may participate as the sole Irish partner in a proposal; there is n requirement for more than one Irish RPO to participate.

All DAFM approved RPOs in Ireland (including Teagasc, and the Higher Education Institutes) are eligible to participate and submit proposals. The involvement of industry is also encouraged on a self-financing basis subject to the need to respect the 'public good' nature of DAFM Research Funding Programmes and compliance with the National IP Protocol.

6. Other relevant documents/links:

7. Funding commitment: 650 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 325 000 EUR

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ITALY (BOZEN)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen – South Tyrol (Italy)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: EU Partnership FOREST

https://innovation-forschung.provinz.bz.it/de/beihilfen-ausschreibungen

https://innovazione-ricerca.provincia.bz.it/it/agevolazioni-bandi

3. Separate national application required: YES

1st step: Pre-proposal: South Tyrolian partners must provide an additional financial plan. This document must be sent by certified email (PEC) to the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 5 days of the call deadline for submitting pre-proposals.

2nd step: Full-proposal: South Tyrolean partners must submit an updated additional financial plan by certified email (PEC) to the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 5 days of the call deadline for submitting full-proposals. This financial plan must also include a quotation for each piece of equipment or external assignment costing over EUR 5,000 excluding VAT.

Furthermore, minor changes to the budget (e.g. a reduction in the budget or a change of cost category) between the pre-proposal stage and the full-proposal stage are eligible, but must first be approved by the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen.

If further partners from South Tyrol are added at the start of the full-proposal stage, they must send an additional financial plan to the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 5 days of the deadline for submitting full-proposals. This financial plan must also include a quotation for each piece of equipment or external assignment costing over EUR 5,000 excluding VAT.

Request for financing: If the partnership FOREST makes a positive funding decision, South Tyrolean beneficiaries must submit a formal 'Request for Funding' to the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days of receiving notification from the partnership FOREST. A timetable of activities and related costs must be attached to the application.

Both the application and the timetable must be prepared using the templates provided by the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen.

Reporting: To report on the annual activities carried out, each beneficiary must submit a periodic report and a list of expenses to the Office of Science and Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen by 30 September each year. In the case of final reporting, a final report must also be submitted.

The relevant forms and templates will be available on the following webpage:

https://mycivis.civis.bz.it/de/Services/ServiceDetail/?id=3556 (German)

https://mycivis.civis.bz.it/it/Services/ServiceDetail/?id=3556 (Italian)

4. Type of research funded: The Province of Bolzano – South Tyrol promotes basic and applied research, which contribute to scientific progress and are not carried out for immediate profit.

5. Other specifications:

Eligible partners: Partners must be **Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol,** as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the “Criteria

for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)", as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019.

The funding rate is 100%.

Companies may participate, but cannot be funded, unless their primary activity is research or knowledge dissemination and they are based in South Tyrol.

Eligible costs: The eligible costs are:

- personnel costs
- travel costs
- costs for equipment
- consumables
- costs for external services (max 30% of the overall admitted budget per partner)
- management or indirect costs (max 10% of the overall admitted budget per partner).

VAT cost is eligible, if it cannot be deducted.

The Guidelines regarding eligible costs for research projects are currently under approval and will be published on the webpage:

https://mycivis.civis.bz.it/de/Services/ServiceDetail/?id=3556 (German)

https://mycivis.civis.bz.it/it/Services/ServiceDetail/?id=3556 (Italian)

6. Other relevant documents/links: **-**

7. Funding commitment: 450 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 300 000 EUR

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ITALY (MASAF)

1. Research Funding organisation: **MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA, DELLA SOVRANITA' ALIMENTARE E DELLE FORESTE - MASAF**

2. Name and link to funding programme:

PSIR: https://www.masaf.gov.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9065

3. Separate national application required:

Before the proposal submission deadline:

- **Public entities** and universities **are not required** to submit any documents to MASAF.
- **Private non-profit** research organisations **must submit the required documentation proving their research mission** (e.g. statute, articles of incorporation, memorandum of association) to the PEC address: aoo.disr@pec.masaf.gov.it, indicating in the subject line: *"*Project acronym – *FOREST 2026 – ente privato no profit".*

After the funding decision: Following the official communication from the Call Office, MASAF will invite each Italian beneficiary (*Unità Operativa – U.O.*) of the selected projects to submit the national application using the official national template, in accordance with the User Manual 2023.

- The request letter will specify the approved budget and launch the national grant application procedure.
- The national application template must be completed in Italian and comply with the provisions of the User Manual 2023, and any additional instructions provided by MASAF.

4. Type of research funded: applied research

5. Other specifications:

Topics to be funded: Topics 1, 2 and 4.

Topic 3 **is not eligible** for funding.

Project duration: The eligible project duration is 36 months. Shorter or longer projects will be declared not eligible for Italian applicants.

Project participation: The same person cannot be coordinator, participant or team member in more than one proposal.

Eligibility: Partners eligible for funding include universities, research institutes, non-profit organizations, and other eligible entities, provided that they are NO profit organizations and have research among their primary institutional missions and core activities.

All applicants requesting funding from MASAF are eligible if they present the project under topic 1, 2 or 4, if the project duration is equal to 36 months and if they are registered to the Italian National Research Register ("*Anagrafe nazionale delle ricerche*"). Registration number, if not available at pre-proposal stage, must be indicated in the partner description of the full proposal.

	Private companies, citizens, civil society representatives and organisations with other statutory nature are welcome as participants ('Associated partners') if their added value to the project is proven and their costs are covered by their own or other external resources. Costs cannot be covered by MASAF. Rules for 'Associated Partners' are provided in the Call Announcement.
Not Eligible:	entities eligible for the Autonomous Province of Bolzano (see specific rules of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano)
6. Other relevant documents/links:	MASAF - International calls: www.masaf.gov.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079 If not differently specified in this national funder regulations, Italian applicants are required to comply with the national funding criteria established by MASAF in: User's Manual 2023: https://www.masaf.gov.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644 *(Please refer to main document "Manuale Utente"; annex 2, annex 3)*
7. Funding commitment:	300 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	300 000 EUR

Please consider that one single beneficiary entity (Operative Unit = *Unità Operativa*, U.O.) as partner is allowed to request funding to MASAF as follows:

- U.O. partner not acting as Coordinator: max amount requested (own costs excluded) can be funded up to EUR 140 000.
- U.O. partner acting as Coordinator: max amount requested (own costs excluded) can be funded up to an additional amount of EUR 20 000 (for a total amount up to EUR 160 000, included other project activities as above).
- Permanent personnel costs (PTI, as own contribution, not reimbursable in most cases – see details in the User Manual 2023) must be indicated; this amount cannot be over 30% of the requested amount (including coordination if present).

The requested funding must be indicated in the project financial section of the project proposal (see the submission tool) and must be consistent with all eligible costs that will be reported in the national financial forms (to be completed only if the project will be selected). The selected national institutions will be financed up to 99% of the eligible requested funding.

For Eligible cost not exhaustive indications are given hereafter:

A) Personnel A1) Permanent personnel – no contribution if already paid with public funds; for private no-profit institutions permanent scientific staff can be reimbursed if not already paid with public funds and if the related accounting documents state the CUP (Codice Unico di Progetto=Unique Project Code)

The cost of permanent personnel working on the project **must** be declared (as own contribution and not higher than 30% of the requested budget including coordination if applicable) even if it will not be reimbursed.

The minimum 250 hours/year requested in User Manual 2023 for permanent personnel is not requested for this call; this value can be lower and proportional to the foreseen activity.

A2) Not-permanent scientific staff in public institutions/universities or private no-profit (total personnel costs incurred); To be reimbursed, the related accounting documents must state the CUP (*Codice Unico di Progetto* = Unique Project Code).

Travel not reimbursable as such – see User's Manual 2023 – beneficiary can make use of E) lump-sum operating expenses – "*spese forfettarie di funzionamento*" – to cover travel costs. For coordination travels see point F.

B) Consumables

C) External activities – advisory/consultant services, specialistic services supply (scientific, logistics for meetings, open access publications, equipment rental, etc.).

C1) Consultants/professional job (IVA)

C2) Services

These costs (C1+C2) cannot exceed 30% of the sum of the not-permanent personal (A2) + Consumables (B).

D) Equipment – Only use cost will be reimbursed, that is the cost related to the % of use and project duration, for project specific scientific equipment.

E) Lump-sum operating expenses (*Spese forfettarie di funzionamento*) – The requested amount must not exceed 20% of the total costs for Personnel (A1 +A2). Travel costs can be foreseen only in this item.

F) Coordination - If the Italian applicant is also playing the role of coordinator, the eligible costs are those indicated in the User Manual 2023. Masaf will reimburse the coordination costs for the maximum amount allowed for this call (EUR 20 000) calculated on the total international project requested funding.

Please note travels related to the coordination activity can be included in the coordination costs.

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LATVIA (LAAFS)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences (LAAFS)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: Latvia Ministry of Agriculture Participation in European Union's partnership 'European Partnership on Forests and Forestry for a Sustainable Future

3. Separate national application required: NO

4. Type of research funded: basic research, applied research

5. Other specifications:

Universities, research institutes and RTD centres entered into the Registry of Scientific institutions of Latvia.

Enterprises are eligible only if entered into the Latvian Commercial Registry, assumed they are eligible to do specific research and have proven resources for specific activities.

Limitations of EU legislation apply together with financial reporting requirements and support rate limits. Project leader and the principal investigators should be researchers according to Latvian legislation („zinātnieks") possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field, and the work carried out should be research.

Support is provided according to Provisions Nr.259, of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=274671

- Personnel costs, including social tax,
- Consumables, materials,
- Subcontracts and external services – up to 25 % of direct costs, needs detailed justification. Includes all publishing and patenting costs, knowledge engineering and dissemination services,
- Equipment (only depreciation costs),
- Travels costs (according to travel plan),
- Indirect costs (up to 20 %, the indirect nature of cost position must be proven).

Core activities cannot be subcontracted. Educational activities are not supported.

Funding of cost positions not related to the project is not allowed; time sheets and invoices should correspond to the actual national legislation. Funding release is subject to final audit which can invoke a sworn auditor.

The grant will be awarded after the following steps are accomplished:

- the submitted project proposal with eligible Latvian beneficiary organization is in accordance with the criteria in the National Annex;
- the respective Project proposal is selected for the award by the transnational evaluation procedure,
- the Project Consortium Agreement is signed.

The available budget will be taken into account.

6. Other relevant documents/links: NO

7. Funding commitment: 60 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 60 000 EUR

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LATVIA (LZP)

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Latvian Council of Research (LZP)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	"Participation in European Union's research and technology development programs" https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem
3. Separate national application required:	N/A
4. Type of research funded:	TRL1 – TRL8, basic research, applied research, experimental development
5. Other specifications:	
Types of organizations:	R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) must be listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Latvian Council of Science; Private entity (SME, large company) must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and: ○ is an established firm with turnover, ○ provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia, ○ be able to submit its financial statements for the last two closed financial years, ○ has a Latvian bank account. ○ No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the project.
Project eligible cost types:	Direct costs: personnel costs, travels costs, subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs), other direct costs such as materials and consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), and etc.; Indirect costs: can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs.
6. Other relevant documents/links:	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015) https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma and provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
7. Funding commitment:	600 000 euro
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	100 000 euro per project year per partner
9. Contact person:	**Līga Mirlina**, +371 29257087, liga.mirlina@lzp.gov.lv

LITHUANIA (LMT)

1. Research Funding organisation:	**Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/
3. Separate national application required:	No
4. Type of research funded:	Fundamental, Applied
5. Other specifications:	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions together with partners (if any) - a public or private legal entities.
6. Other relevant documents/links:	Funding is provided according to **GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA**, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.
7. Funding commitment:	300 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	150 000 EUR partner, 200 000 EUR coordinator
9. Contact person:	**Viktoras Mongirdas**: Tel.: +37 067619613, Email: viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt

POLAND (NCBR)

1. Research Funding organization: **National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: FOREST JTC 2026; https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr

3. Separate national application required: 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) with required attachments. Templates are available at https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy. 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 NAF must be submitted jointly by a consortium (group of entities) comprising Polish entities only.

4. Type of research funded: Basic Research, Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development

Research organisations: all types of research may be funded. Basic Research must not exceed 10% of value of national requested budget. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.

Enterprises: Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. 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 Section 2 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.

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.

		Type of organisation			
		Micro/Small Enterprises	**Medium Enterprises**	**Large Enterprises**	**Research Organizations**
Type of activity	**Fundamental/ Basic Research**	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100%
	Industrial Research	50+20+5/15/25 (max. 80%)	50+10+5/15/25 (max. 80%)	50+5/15/25 (max. 75%)	Up to 100 %
	Experimental development	25+20+5/15/25 (max. 70%)	25+10+5/15/25 (max. 60%)	25+5/15/25 (max. 50%)	Up to 100 %

5. Other specifications:

Eligible Applicants Enterprises[1] - micro, small, medium or large,

[1] 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");

- Research organisations[2] (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations),
- Groups of entities comprising at least two enterprises,
- Groups of entities comprising of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise,
- Group of entities comprising of at least two research organisations.

Eligible Costs

For research organisations: personnel costs

- consumables
- travel
- equipment
- other direct costs
- subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
- additional overheads/ indirect cost – 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: personnel costs

- equipment
- other direct costs: please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details
- subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
- additional overheads/ indirect cost – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs for enterprises include costs related to consumables, travel and other 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%.

6. Other relevant documents/links:

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 as amended)

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);.

[2] Research organisation - an entity 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) of Act of 20 July 2018 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended).;

Additional information: Polish applicants shall declare the TRL (TRL: 1-9) of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals.

Applicant must be established as a legal person[3] under Polish law and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register.[4]

For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large).

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).

In justified cases, the composition of group of Polish entities may be changed before 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 institutions involved. Changes must also respect the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

We encourage applicants to use our "PartFinder" tool (Partner Search Tool), which allows to match science and industry from around the world. The "PartFinder" is available at: https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/

Useful Links: Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage:

https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa

https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy

7. Funding commitment: 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[5] 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.

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 300 000 EUR per project[6]

9. Contact person: **Monika Włoszek,** +48 22 39 07 180, monika.wloszek@ncbr.gov.pl

[3] Legal person - a legal entity other than a natural person that has the legal capacity to hold and to excercise legal rights and obligations within a given legal system, including capacity to enter into contracts, sue and be sued.

[4] if applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

[5] The definition of an undertaking in difficulty is set out in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

[6] The maximum amount per the project is 300 000 € and it will be allocated to all Polish partners, regardless of their number.

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA (ANCD)

1. Research Funding organization: **National Agency for Research and Development (ANCD)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: National Programme in the fields of research and innovation for 2024–2027, approved by Government Decision No. 1049 of 21 December 2023

Official text: **HOTĂRÂRE Nr. 1049/2023 – legis.md**

3. Separate national application required: No separate national application is required.

Participation is ensured through submission of the joint proposal within the transnational call.

4. Type of research funded: Eligible research and innovation projects in the forest-based sector, focusing on:

- Climate-Resilient Forest Systems
- Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management
- Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products
- Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance

5. Other specifications:

- Eligible institutions: Research organisations from the Republic of Moldova, alone or in partnership with the private sector, according to Government Decision 382/2019.
- Eligible costs include:
  - Remuneration of research staff (up to 50%, in line with national legislation)
  - Procurement of raw materials, consumables, laboratory inventory
  - Organisation of scientific events (conferences, seminars, workshops)
  - Business trips (domestic and abroad) – up to 10%
  - Editing and publication of scientific articles/monographs
  - Experimental and production services
  - Software and licenses for scientific tools
  - Access to databases, patents, licenses, intellectual property rights
  - Participation fees in scientific events

6. Other relevant documents/links: Science and Innovation Code of the Republic of Moldova

- Government Decision (GD) 382/2019 – Methodology for financing research and innovation projects
- GD 1234/2018 – Salary conditions for staff in educational institutions under self-management
- GD 10/2012 – Regulation on delegation of employees of Moldovan entities
- According to national provisions, scientific events must be registered on the ANACEC platform: https://anacec.md
- Methodology for preparing expenditure estimates related to the implementation of research and innovation projects and for reporting them.

7. Funding commitment: 100 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: 50 000 EUR

9. Contact person: **Natalia Bolocan** (Deputy Director), +373292826,
Email: natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md

Vladislav Branitchi (Senior Inspector), +37322294861,
Email: vladislav.branitchi@ancd.gov.md

NORWAY (RCN)

1. Research Funding organisation: **The Research Council of Norway (RCN)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: Portfolio for food and bioresources

3. Separate national application required: Norwegian applicants are not required to submit any proposal at the national level before a funding decision is made and their project is funded. After the funding decision, and in case your project is funded, RCN's National contact person will e-mail the applicants the information they need to submit their formal application to RCN.

4. Type of research funded: In the FOREST JC2026 RCN will fund projects under all four topics.

5. Other specifications:

- The participation including the budget must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects
- The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per the submission date for the pre-proposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency
- Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market. You will find information about the state aid rules that are important when applying for funding from the Research Council of Norway here: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/state-aid/

To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council will ask applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid.

Project partners defined as small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs according to the EU definition) that are considered undertakings within the meaning of state aid law can receive support of up to 80 per cent of their costs in the project. Project partners defined as large enterprises can receive support of up to 65 per cent of their costs in the project.

Please note that under this call, funding from RCN is only awarded that corresponds to the level of support for “industrial research”, even if the enterprise(s) are involved in basic research in the project.

Project partners that are public organisations can apply for up to 100 per cent support. If a public sector organisation is to be regarded as an enterprise for the purposes of state aid, the conditions set out in the call for proposals for support for SMEs and large enterprises apply.

- The Research Council seeks to lead the way in making research as open as possible and as closed as necessary. The Research Council of Norway has stipulated requirements relating to self-archiving and open access to publications and research data produced in connection with R&D projects funded by the Research Council. Read more about The Research Council's Principles for Open Science: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Adviser-research-policy/open-science/

6. Other relevant documents/links: **-**

7. Funding commitment: **1 400 000 EUR** (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.)

8. Maximum amount per proposal: **350 000 EUR**

9. Contact person: **Rune Groven (Senior Advisor)**: +47 911 40 488,
Email: rgr@forskningsradet.no

ROMANIA (ANC)

1. Research Funding organization:	**AUTORITATEA NATIONALA PENTRU CERCETARE (ANC)**
2. Name and link to funding programme:	The framework for this funding action is the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2022-2027, Programme 5.8 European and international cooperation, 5.8.1 Horizon Europe Program
3. Separate national application required:	No
4. Type of research funded:	Staff costs; 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; Travel expenses; Overheads (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs. The current guidelines for grants on an expenditure-cost basis and for allocations for administrative agreements apply. ANC will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded. ANC will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SM Es, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.
5. Other specifications:	The categories of eligible institutions and units that can benefit from public funding for Horizon Europe projects are those established as components of the national research-development system, in accordance with the provisions of OG 57/2002, approved by Law 324/2003 with subsequent amendments and additions: educational institutions accredited public and private institutions, national research and development institutes, other public or private research organizations, economic agents (SMEs and large enterprises), local or central public administration units, nongovernmental organizations.
6. Other relevant documents/links:	**-**
7. Funding commitment:	1 000 000 EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	250.000 max. if the consortium is coordinated by a Romanian applicant/ 200.000 max. for Romanian partners in the consortium
9. Contact person:	**Alice Grigore**: +40 213192326, Email: alice.grigore@research.gov.ro

SLOVENIA (MVZI)

1. Research Funding organization: **Ministry of Education, Science and Youth (MVZI)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: Resolution on the Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2030, No. 63100-1/2023/5

3. Separate national application required: Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be **completed at the national/regional Level: NO**

4. Type of research funded:

Eligible type of research and TRL: basic/applied – for Slovenian partner TRL range: 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section).

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 period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MVZI and the selected Slovenian partner.

Period of eligibility of public expenditures: As of budgetary year 2026 until the end of the budgetary year 2030

5. Other specifications:

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s): All (no restrictions)

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution:

- "Research organisations", as defined in the ZZrID, are eligible for co-funding. All participating organisations must be registered in the register of research organisations of the Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenian Current Research Information System, hereinafter: the SICRIS).
- The eligibility of the research leader and other members of the research team: The project activities of each Slovenian partner
- must be supervised by a research leader who fulfils the conditions for a project leader as defined in paragraph one of Article 63 of the ZzrID. Regarding the definition of internationally comparable research outputs, the criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for the management of a research project or programme of 22 May 2024 are available at ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - KRITERIJE ZA UGOTAVLJANJE IZPOLNJEVANJA IZKAZOVANJA MEDNARODNO PRIMERLJIVIH RAZISKOVALNIH REZULTATOV IN OBDOBJE ZAJEMA MEDNARODNO PRIMERLJIVIH RAZISKOVALNIH DOSEŽKOV ZA VODJE RAZISKOVALNEGA PROJEKTA ALI PROGRAMA | ARIS
- All participating researchers must be registered in the SICRIS and have available research hours

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps:

- The total funding requested per project for all Slovenian partners within a consortium may not exceed EUR 300,000.00 for the entire duration of the project.
- The ministry 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.
- This call is suitable for implementing Article 64 of the Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 186/21, 40/23, 102/24 and 40/25 (ZZrID)).
- For more detailed explanations, please refer to the *Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence* (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) available at: *Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI*
- In the event of the application of the Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers, costs will be planned in accordance with the provisions of this Annex.
- **Public expenditure eligibility period:** from the financial year 2027, until the end of the financial year 2030.
- **Project expenditure eligibility period:** From the start date of the transnational project, as specified in the National Documentation for the duration of the project, with the prescribed additional 30-day deadline for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The project expenditure eligibility period starts after the entry into force of the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners from the date on which the national co-funding contract enters into force. The co-funding contract enters into force on the date of the fulfilment of the suspensive condition, i.e. on the date of the conclusion/signing of the consortium agreement. The consortium agreement shall be deemed to be signed when the last signatory party signs it. If the consortium agreement is not signed at the latest within one year from the date of the start of the project (as specified in the national documentation), the contract between the parties shall not enter into force and therefore no rights and obligations shall arise between them. In this case, the contracting party cannot demand performance from the counterparty as agreed in the above-mentioned contract. As from the date of the entry into force of the contract, the eligible person shall be entitled to the payment of eligible costs and expenses incurred by it as a result of the implementation of the project from the date of the start of the project.
- 100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is noneconomic 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 nonexclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.
- For research organisations whose funded activity is commercial in accordance with the provisions of the 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 for research and development (the Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation 2022-2030,
- As amended, published at: Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalnorazvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnihpomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf), the maximum co-funding for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research rates shall be as follows:
  - Large enterprises 65 %,
  - Medium enterprises 75 %
  - Small Enterprises 80 %
  - Universities and research organisations 100 %

6. Other relevant documents/links:

Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level:

YES, three times, each year after the end of the annual project implementation

Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level? NO

Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?

YES

Other important information

- Applicants must submit the transnational application in accordance with the instructions and deadlines set out in the joint transnational call for tender.
- The submission of an application at the national level is not foreseen.
- All information necessary to establish the eligibility for the co-funding of Slovenian applicants must be evident from the duly submitted transnational project application.
- The national contracting procedure will start once the projects are proposed for co-funding at the level of the transnational call for tenders. The national documentation submitted, including evidence of the start date of the transnational project, will be a prerequisite for the signature of the contract at the national level (a draft contract is annexed to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI

Legal basis:

- State Administration Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], Nos 113/05 – official consolidated version, 89/07 – Constitutional Court Decision, 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, 153/22,18/23, 83/25 – ZOUL and 979+/26; hereinafter: ZDU-1);
- Public Finance Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], Nos 11/11 – official consolidated text, 14/13 – corr., 101/13, 55/15 – ZFisP, 96/15 – ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – Constitutional Court Decision, 18/23 – ZDU-1O, 76/23, 24/25 – ZfisP-1, 39/25, 85/25 – ZPJS and 112/25, hereinafter: ZJF);
- Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], Nos 186/21, 40/23 102/24 and and 40/25, hereinafter: ZZrID);
- Rules on co-funding scientific research activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No 69/23);
- Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*],
- No 126/23,106/24, 80/25 and 17/26);
- Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2026 and 2027, ZIPRS2627(Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No 95/25 and 112/25 – ZJF-K);
- Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2026, DP2026 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 104/24 in 95/25)
- Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2027; (DP2027) (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No. 95/25
- Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], No 69/11 – official consolidated text, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb and 16/23-ZZPri);
- Personal Data Protection Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], No 163/22, 40/25 – ZinfV-1 and 10/26 – ZP-1L; hereinafter: ZVOP-2);
- Trade Secrets Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [*Uradni list RS*], No 22/19, hereinafter: ZPosS);
- Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], Nos 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – Constitutional Court Decision, 100/22 – ZNUZSZS, 28/23, 88/23 – ZOPNN-F and 83/25 - ZOUL, hereinafter: ZJN-3);
- Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], No 49/22);

- Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], Nos 35/22, 144/22 79/23 and 16/26);
- The criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for research project or programme leaders, effective from 22 May 2024 (available at https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp) and Amendment of the Criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for research project or programme leaders, effective from 24 May 2024 (available at https://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-dop-maj24.asp)
- Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01);
- Programme of Collaborative Research and Development Projects and Other Projects Subject to State Aid of the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation 2022–2030, No. 440-4/2022/1 of 26 September 2022, as amended and supplemented (Version 2.0) on 20 July 2023, available at: https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MVZI/Znanost/ Strategije-predpisi-in-drugi-dokumenti/Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf
- Decree on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia *[Uradni list RS*], No 59/23 and 39/25);
- Open Science Action Plan for the implementation of Action 6.2: Open science to improve the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research in the framework of the Resolution on the Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2030 of 31 May 2023, No 63100-1/2023/5 (available at: https://www.arrs.si/sl/dostop/inc/24/Akcijski_nacrt_odprta%20znanost.pdf)

Further guidance:

All Slovenian applicants are recommended to contact the Slovenian national contact person.

All Slovenian applicants should refer to the information published on the call for tenders at the following website: Predhodna najava prvega skupnega razpisa evropskega partnerstva FOREST | GOV.SI

For more detailed explanations, please refer to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons).

7. Funding commitment:

1 200 000 EUR

With the possibility of additional EC funding depending on the EC contribution (in the form of top-up funding)

8. Maximum amount per proposal:

No minimum budget requested.

Maximum requested budget per partner and for all Slovenian partners within one consortium: 300 000 EUR

Maximum requested budget per year: 100 000 EUR

9. Contact person:

Katja Žagar: +386 1 478 46 06, Email: katja.zagar02@gov.si

SLOVAKIA (CVTI SR)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: **Programme Slovakia,** Programme Slovakia

3. Separate national application required:

Submission of the pre-proposal and full proposal to the FOREST JTC 2026 Call Secretariat submission platform only.

Following the receipt of the formal international funding recommendation, applicants will be required to submit a separate application for national funding via the national submission platform. This serves as the final formal step, with the official funding decision issued by CVTI SR once the project has been successfully recommended by the Partnership.

4. Type of research funded: TBD

5. Other specifications:

Eligible institutions:

Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation.

- Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes)
- Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions)
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations
- Cluster organizations
- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector)

Public administration bodies, including local and regional government authorities, are eligible to participate; however, they are not eligible to receive funding and therefore cannot have a budget allocated to them.

Eligible costs:

Only direct costs that are essential to the project implementation and are directly related to its activities and timeline are eligible.

No indirect costs/overheads will be funded.

All costs must be fully utilized and accounted for by the end of 2029.

Eligible costs are:

- 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, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project;
- Costs of instruments and equipment;
- Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project.

General eligibility rule:

All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with:

- Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation

- The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia;
- Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.

Slovak applicants are advised to thoroughly familiarize themselves with the Guide for Applicants in European Co-funded Partnerships and Guide to Eligibility of Expenses under the Programme Slovakia, as the planned co-financing will be provided through this programme. It is further recommended that at least 30% of the Slovak applicant's total budget be dedicated to the actual performance of research activities.

The proposed research activities must be carried out in Slovakia, and their results must be applicable and utilized within the Slovak Republic's environment.

The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments in Slovakia.

All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.

All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals. No change of the applicant institution is allowed between the stages. The information given in the pre-proposal is binding and no major changes regarding the proposal's content or objectives are allowed between the pre-proposals and full proposals (if invited to stage 2) including the proposed budget. However, a limited number of minor administrative changes including small budget reshuffles may be allowed. Any modification must ensure that the total funding requested in the full proposal does not exceed the amount declared in the pre-proposal stage.

6. Other relevant documents/links:

Programme Slovakia 2021-2027, Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia.

Programme Slovakia

SK RIS3 2021+

Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027

State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia

7. Funding commitment: 1 000 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal:

The maximum funding amount is **300 000 EUR** per Slovak partner, or **400 000 EUR** if a Slovak partner acts as the project coordinator or if there are two Slovak partners participating in a single project. These amounts may be further increased by up to 15 000 EUR if a Slovak partner submits a patent, trademark, or design application, and/or publishes project results in an internationally indexed (peer-reviewed) scientific journal (e.g., WoS/Scopus).

The minimum funding amount per Slovak project partner is **100 000** EUR.

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SPAIN (AEI)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Agencia Estatale de Inverstigatión (AEI)**

2. Name and link to funding programme:

The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI).

Reference documents for national eligibility:

- The last PCI call text published (PCI2026_1)
- The PCI Requirements document available (*Resolución Requisitos PCI)* document available in Oportunidades de colaboración | Agencia Estatal de Investigación
- The General Conditions Trans Call available in Oportunidades de colaboración | Agencia Estatal de Investigación

In addition, the applicants are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the national Contact Point prior to submission.

3. Separate national application required:

Submission of proposals at the AEI
Within one week of the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a national application to the AEI through the following link https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales. A national application is not required at the full proposal stage (only projects selected for funding will be asked to complete the national application). Failure to comply with the submission through the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed not submitted.

The application should include (i) a copy of the international application (the administrative part including the consortium composition and budget), (ii) the scientific and technical international joint proposal, (iii) the CV of the principal investigator and (iv) and the "Declaración responsable del investigador principal" duly signed by the Spanish principal investigator (please refer to the Word document on the page for your initiative on the AEI website Oportunidades de colaboración | Agencia Estatal de Investigación).

4. **Eligible Institutions and Applicants:**

The eligible beneficiaries are non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain) which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call, the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (see last call text PCI2026_1) and the "PCI requirements" document (PENDING).

The entities must have been previous beneficiaries under any of the AEI competitive calls at least once since 2015.

Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must comply with the eligibility rules set out in the "General Conditions Trans Call" and the "PCI requirements" documents available in Oportunidades de colaboración | Agencia Estatal de Investigación

5. Eligible cost

Please refer to the last call text "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" published (PCI2026_1, Artículo 8) and the document "General Conditions for Participation in Transnational Open Calls" for the eligible costs.

Minor changes of the budget might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. An email requesting the change must be submitted to the AEI national contact points for approval at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.

5. Other specifications:

The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.

INCOMPATIBILITIES - Important for Principal Investigators (PIs)

Incompatibilities must be taken into account when participating in different partnerships or other international initiatives funded through the following AEI calls: PCI, INT (bilateral call) or PID modality I. Please read carefully the document "General Conditions for Participation in Transnational Open Calls".

6. Other relevant documents/links:

Convocatorias Internacionales | Agencia Estatal de Investigación
https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/

7. Funding commitment: 1 000 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: The following funding limits of direct costs are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

Maximum funding per project	*Maximum DC [EUR]*	*IC (25%) [EUR]*	*Total [EUR]*
one AEI applicant	140 000	35 000	175 000
One AEI coordinator	220 000	55 000	275 000
One AEI coordinator and one other AEI applicant	260 000	65 000	325 000
Addditional funding for substantial experimental tasks	30 000	7 500	37 500

Important:

- Only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal
- Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator
- Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks which must be clearly justified in the budget. Substantial experimental tasks are those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables. Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analysed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.
- The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.
- Indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs).

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SPAIN (CDTI)

1. Research Funding organisation: **CDTI**

2. Name and link to funding programme: CDTI https://www.cdti.es/partenariados-cofinanciados-pilar-2

3. Separate national application required:

Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI´s electronic submission system.
CDTI´s application process consists of completing an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will undertake in the project.

Deadline to complete CDTI´s application process: same as per the international call

Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.

4. Type of research funded: **TRL 4-7**

Industrial research and/or experimental development activities, in accordance with the definitions of the COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014, with a strong technological component.

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.

5. Other specifications:

Eligibility of applicants: For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out R&D activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible

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.
A minimum budget of €150,000 per project is required.
CDTI funding support: Grants

6. Other relevant documents/links:

Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial / Applied Research	Experimental development / Innovation
Large Enterprises	n/a	40%	40%
Medium Enterprises	n/a	50%	50%
Small Enterprises	n/a	60%	60%

If there is national budget available, the grant could be increased up to 70%.

7. Funding commitment: 500 000 EUR

8. Maximum amount per proposal: min. 150 000 EUR

9. Contact person: **Milvia SOUMBOUNOU**, +34 91 581 0579 /55 00, Email: milvia.soumbounou@cdti.es; partenariadosHE@cdti.es

SWEDEN (FORMAS, VINNOVA, SWEA)

1. Research Funding organisation: Formas, Vinnova and the Swedish Energy Agency

2. Name and link to funding programme: **Formas:** https://formas.se/en/start-page.html

Vinnova: https://www.vinnova.se/en/

Swedish Energy Agency: www.energimyndigheten.se/en/

The Swedish national agencies **Formas, Vinnova** and the **Swedish Energy Agency** will hereafter be referred to as ***Swedish Funders***.

1. Separate national application required:

Swedish applicants involved in proposals recommended for funding after stage 2 will be contacted by Formas, Vinnova or the Swedish Energy Agency with further information on how to submit their proposal and relevant information to the relevant national electronic system.

2. Type of research funded:

In this call, the Swedish Funders can only funds activities by Swedish partners in projects that address Topic 3 or 4.

Eligible organisations

Universities, research institutes, companies, private and public organisations that engage in economic activity, public authorities, and NGOs are eligible to receive funding from Swedish Funders for this call. The grants paid out by Swedish Funders must be administrated by a Swedish organisation, i.e. they need to be a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number. The organisation must be a Swedish legal entity (the entity must have a Swedish organisational number).

Formas', Vinnova's and the Swedish Agency's standard eligibility criteria apply.

State aid rules

The rules on state aid apply to organisations that carry out economic activities. Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply[7]. In this call for proposals, when we grant funding to these organisations, we do so with the support of EU Commission Block Exemption Regulation (GBER):

- Fundamental Research (9 § / art. 25) Industrial research (9 § / art. 25).
- Experimental development (9 § / art. 25).
- Aid for process and organisational innovation (13 § / art. 29).

For small- and medium-size enterprises, in addition to support according to GBER, we can provide support according to the government's regulation on support of minor importance (EU 2023/2831). This type of support is also called de minimis support (2 § 2 p. / EU Regulation nr 1407/2013).

Eligible Costs

Our funding may only go to certain types of costs. These are called eligible costs. In this call for proposals these types of costs are eligible:

[7] Applicants who would be receivers of state aid, in case funding is approved by Swedish Funders, need to be aware that the legal requirements for transparent reporting of state aid have been changed in 2023. This means that approved state aid which amounts to 100 000 euro or more to one Project Party (or if the project concerns primary agriculture sector or fishery and aquaculture sector 10 000 euro), must be reported openly within the EU. Swedish Funders is responsible for this reporting. Those who submit an application are considered to be informed about this requirement of reporting and are considered to approve that this reporting will be made above the legal threshold

- Personnel costs
- Costs for equipment, land and buildings
- Consulting and licensing costs
- Other direct costs, including travel expenses, and
- Indirect costs (overhead, OH)

VAT should not be included in the budget figure. For more detailed information on which costs are eligible, see the instructions on eligible costs linked below.

Project costs that qualify for funding - Formas

The Vinnova instruction on eligible costs: Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding | Vinnova

General terms and conditions for funding (The Swedish Energy Agency): allmanna-villkor-for-stod_forskning-innovation-affarsutveckling.pdf

For a cost to be eligible, it must be necessary for the activities of the project. Project costs must also be properly accounted for and reported separately from the organisation's other costs. An organisation may also not take up someone else's costs as its own. For more detailed information on which eligibility requirements, limitations and exceptions apply, see the instruction on eligible costs.

Please note that all costs must be submitted in Euros (EUR) in the international submission platform for both pre- and full proposals, and in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Swedish submission platform(s) after stage 2 only. Use the historic exchange rate (EUR to SEK) from the date when the first step for pre-proposals close. The exchange rate to be used must come from Sveriges Riksbank Search interest rates and exchange rates | Sveriges Riksbank .

5. Other specifications:

Applicants must comply with any requests by Formas, Vinnova or the Swedish Energy Agency during any stage of the proposal process.

- Companies (both privately and publicly owned) that want to be classified as small or medium sized enterprises 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 enterprises 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/intyg-om-stod-av-mindre-betydelse-260622.docx
- For questions about the model declaration or de minimis declaration, please contact the Vinnova contact point.

Additional information

As Swedish public authorities, Formas, Vinnova & the Swedish Energy Agency are 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. 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

After the transnational evaluation process each successful application with Swedish

participants will be assigned to one administrating Swedish Funder, either Formas, Vinnova or the Swedish Energy Agency. Successful Swedish applicants will be contacted by their

designated Swedish Funder and asked to provide a Swedish application in their application portal.

If two or more Swedish partners participate in the same application one of them will act as the Swedish coordinator in relation to the Swedish Funder (even if the international project is not coordinated by a Swedish organisation). The national application shall for example entail a short project description, a description of the Swedish contribution and budget

specifications for Swedish applicants. More information will be given in due time.

Swedish consortia shall abide by this designated funder's terms and conditions for grants:

- Terms and Conditions for Grants - Formas
- Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding | Vinnova
- allmanna-villkor-for-stod_forskning-innovation-affarsutveckling.pdf (Swedish Energy Agency)

6. Other relevant documents/links:

- https://formas.se/en/start-page/in-depth-knowledge/reports/2024-06-20-strategy-for-formas-role-for-forest-related-research-and-innovation.html
- State aid for economic activities: Rules for funding | State aid for economic activities | Vinnova
- Forskning och innovation för energiomställningen
- The future is renewable with Bio+ based value chains - Bio+

7. Funding commitment:

- Total 5.2 million EUR
- Of which 3 million EUR from Formas, 1 million EUR from Vinnova and 1.2 million EUR from the Swedish Energy Agency.

8. Maximum amount per proposal:

- 300 000 EUR per project
- 400 000 EUR per project if the project consortia is coordinated by a Swedish organization

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SWITZERLAND (SNSF)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)**

2. Name and link to funding programme:

3. Separate national application required: **Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via SNSF Portal**

Swiss-based full consortium partners who apply for SNSF funding to participate in this Call must submit pre-proposals and full proposals **via the SNSF Portal** at the same submission deadline of the consortium application. These submissions are mandatory and do not replace the submission of the consortium application to the Call Secretariat.

Pre-proposal forms are created by selecting "European Partnership: Forest". In case the pre-proposal is invited to a full proposal, a notification will be received by email. The original pre-proposal application will be accessible again for adjustments. Once all the necessary updates are made, the **Full-proposal** can be submitted.

In case of multiple, Swiss-based partners participating in the same consortium, only one application is to be submitted on the SNSF Portal, whereby one Swiss-based partner must act as "contact person". All Swiss-based partners are to be listed as "applicants".

Self-funded partners and international partners of the consortium applying for funding at different funding agencies from the SNSF and cannot be declared as "project partners" in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. For the submission via the SNSF Portal, they are to be declared as "consortium members" under the tab research plan instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.

4. Type of research funded: **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.

5. Other specifications: **Participation of Swiss-based partners requesting financial support from the SNSF is restricted to one project** (Art.6.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding). They may, however, participate in other consortia projects as self-financed partners.

Proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF projects are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals (Article 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations).

Data management plan Applicants will have to complete the DMP once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP has to cover the research data, which are collected, observed, generated or reused in the Swiss part of the project and has to comply with the SNSF Open Research Data Policy.

Grant management Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules described in SNSF Funding Regulations. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds must be submitted. In terms of scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the scientific reports submitted to the FOREST Call Secretariat. No other scientific report is requested.

6. Other relevant documents/links: Information available at:

- SNSF Funding regulations
- General Implementation Regulations
- SNSF Regulations on Project Funding

Please contact the SNSF administrative offices should anything be unclear

7. Funding commitment:

600 000 CHF

The exact amount in EUR will depend on the exchange rate at date of the final selection of the projects.

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.

8. Maximum amount per proposal:

Minimum: 100 000 CHF / project

Maximum: 400 000 CHF / partner

Applicants should have in mind that the SNSFs anticipates funding ca. 2 projects under this call

9. Contact person:

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THE NETHERLANDS (LVVN)

1. Research Funding organisation: **Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: N/a

3. Separate national application required: N/a. However, contact with the RFO primary contact person is mandatory (see contact details below).

4. Type of research funded:

LVVN is prepared to fund proposals under the following topics:

- Topic 1 – Climate-Resilient Forest Systems
- Topic 2 – Adaptive and Multifunctional Forest Management Systems
- Topic 3 –Timber and Innovative Wood-Based Products
- Topic 4 – Forest Value Chains, Markets and Governance

Eligible activities should address research and innovation corresponding approximately to Technology Readiness Levels (TRLs) 1-7, using the European Commission TRL scale. Activities primarily focused on demonstration, piloting, commercial validation or market deployment beyond TRL 7 are not eligible for funding. Applicants should indicate the starting and expected final TRL of the proposed work.

5. Other specifications:

Eligible institutions:

- Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes
- Research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding

Eligible applicants are Dutch universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutions and knowledge organizations domiciled in The Netherlands.

Eligible costs:

Eligible costs are costs that are necessary and reasonable in view of the project work and which can be allocated to the project; respectively personnel costs for the performance of the project and direct costs such as materials, small scientific equipment, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. Project management can make up a maximum of 10% of the total project costs. Travel expenses can be maximum of 5% of the total project costs. Budgets must always be stated including VAT (in Dutch: BTW). The costs must be incurred during the period of time indicated in the funding decision in order to be approved. Costs incurred before the application was submitted will not be approved as project costs.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Applicants need to follow the rules and regulations of the transnational call and of the national requirements. All applicants need to contact the RFO primary contact person (details see below).

General conditions of RDI projects funded by LVVN:

The proposed project must be beneficial to the national challenges and must have an explicit added value to the national programme. Since funding is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN), the following conditions apply:

1) For Wageningen Research (WR) and other TO2 institutes: The 'TO2 regeling' (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040605/2018-07-25), as well as its tariff agreement apply.

2) For other organizations and universities: The Kaderwet EZK and LVVN subsidies (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0007919/2019-01-01/ - article 2a) applies.

The Dutch participation should be in line with the strategic knowledge and innovation agenda (KIA) "Landbouw, Water, Voedsel" (https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl) and other relevant policies on forests, forestry and forest based bioeconomy.

After the project is granted in the transnational process the National contracting negotiations will commence to receive the requested budget from the Ministry. For the National procedure, the (pre-)proposal must include a summary of the project in the Dutch language.

6. Other relevant documents/links:	NCP of The Netherlands for Horizon Europe: https://www.rvo.nl/subsidies-financiering/horizon-europe/cluster-6
7. Funding commitment:	€ 900.000,- EUR
8. Maximum amount per proposal:	€ 300.000,- EUR
9. Contact person:	**Joëlle van den Berg (primary contact)**: +31 6 31 01 95 08, j.w.g.vandenberg@minlnv.nl **Henrieke Paul**: +31 6 11 10 33 73, h.m.paul@minlnv.nl

TÜRKIYE (TÜBİTAK)

1. Research Funding organisation: **The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)**

2. Name and link to funding programme: Programme name: "1071- International Collaboration Projects Support Programme". Link of programme: https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararasi-destek-programlari/1071-uluslararasi-isbirligi-projeleri-destek-programi

3. Separate national application required: Separate national submission is required both for pre-proposal and final proposal to TUBITAK 1071 Programme electronically via https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr

4. Type of research funded: In this call, TÜBİTAK will fund projects under all four topics. There is no TRL restriction for projects.

5. Other specifications:

- Applicants can apply from universities (public and private), research institutes, public and private organizations.
- Foundations/Associations are not eligible. For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TÜBITAK.
- TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant shall be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme.
- Turkish applicants must add and indicate their Project Incentive Bonus and Overhead (10% of each partner(s) budget) on top of the national cost of the project itself. TÜBİTAK national rules dictate a certain upper limit per project and per applicant type; however, these limits will be calculated once the initial funding requirement is defined.
- Eligible types of funding under this programme are limited to personnel costs, travel and subsistence, equipment, consumables and subcontracting/services and a fixed amount of overhead budget per each Turkish applicant. Projects intended to build infrastructure cannot be supported.
- Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, and public institutions and organizations will be funded at a rate of 100% of their approved budgets.
- Large-scale private companies will be funded at a rate of 60% of their approved budgets, while SMEs will be funded at a rate of 75% of their approved budgets.
- Participants from Türkiye should also submit their proposals to TUBITAK 1071 Programme electronically via uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr for pre-proposals and final proposal.
- Eligibility of project team should be checked from national application page or TUBITAK 1071 Programme webpage.

For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TÜBITAK. All applicants from Türkiye are strongly advised to contact the TÜBİTAK contact point before submitting their proposals.

6. Other relevant documents/links: National application link: https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr

TUBITAK 1071 Programme webpage: https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararasi-destek-programlari/1071-uluslararasi-isbirligi-projeleri-destek-programi

7. Funding commitment: **500 000 EUR**

8. Maximum amount per proposal: The maximum funding requested from TÜBİTAK by Turkish partners (excluding the Project Incentive Bonus (PTI) and overhead costs) cannot exceed;

- **200.000 Euro** per project,
- **Per Partner** per project;
  - **100.000 Euro** for universities (public and private), training and research hospitals, public organizations and institutions,
  - **200.000 Euro** for private companies.

9. Contact person:

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UNITED KINGDOM (Defra)

1. Research Funding organisation: Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra)

2. Name and link to funding programme: The funding for UK research organisations will be provided by the Defra Trees Programme. The research proposal must outline how it will support the goals in England's Environmental Improvement Plan (EIP).

3. Separate national application required: No

4. Type of research funded: In the FOREST JC2026 Defra will fund projects under all four topics. Technology readiness levels (TRLs) 1-7 will be funded. In addition to outlining how the research will support England's goals in the EIP, the research proposal must outline how European collaboration benefits the research aims. Please consult with Defra for past and ongoing projects in this scientific area. Double funding is not possible.

5. Other specifications: Defra encourages participation from the eight Defra-group Public Sector Research Establishments (PSREs), as well as UK CEH under the Service Level Agreement. Proposals may include collaborators (funded, in kind, or self-funded) from other organisations who will be subcontracted by the applicant. Defra reserves the right to reject proposals for formal reasons, resulting in no funding for the UK part of the project and thus rejection of the whole proposal. Therefore, it is highly recommended to contact Defra before submission.

Before 17.11.2026 applicants HAVE TO contact Defra by Email to Rhiannon.leyden-preece@defra.gov.uk to make sure that the basic ideas of the proposal and working plan are eligible for funding. All proposals are subject to approval through Defra's RD governance process at this stage.

6. Other relevant documents/links: Successful UK participants funded by Defra will be under the standard Defra Research and Development Terms and Conditions (Research and development terms and conditions - GOV.UK).

7. Funding commitment: Defra anticipates investing up to EUR 2.2 million to support UK participation in this call.

8. Maximum amount per proposal: For any single proposal, the UK budget should not exceed EUR 400 000 (EUR 450 000 if a UK parter coordinates the consortium). This will include justified costs for travel and subsistence, consumables, subcontracting, data management and open access. Provide budgets in euro (EUR) for the application. UK payments will be made in pounds sterling (GBP). Final exchange-rate arrangements will be confirmed during procurement.

9. Contact person:

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