European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

CO-FUNDED CALL FOR PROPOSALS

"Shaping the Future of Animal Health and Welfare"

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History of Changes

V01 26.01.2026	
V02 27.01.2026	Minor changes to the document, correction of typing errors, addition of NVI (Norway) to Annex II,
V03 02.02.2026	Minor changes to the document in "Detailed Scope and Objectives" regarding supporting SRIA Actions
V04 04.02.2026	Change in National Annex of BBSRC
V05 18.02.2026	Update Funding from CVTISR and wording of OO4-2

Definitions

- The **Call Office (CO)** is the central contact point for applicants and evaluators regarding technical and general issues related to this co-funded call. It will be organised by Project Management Juelich.
- The **Call Board (CB)** is the decision-making body of this co-funded call and consists of one representative from each participating Funding Organisation.
- The **Evaluation Office (EO)** will be formed by the task leader of eligibility checks, evaluation and selection. The EO is responsible for the management of the evaluation.
- **(EUP AH&W or) EUPAHW** is the acronym of the European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare
- The **Funding Contact Point (FCP)** is a person nominated by each participating Funding Organisation to provide information on national/regional funding rules and procedures for their institution.
- The **Independent Observer (IO)** is an independent expert who will observe the selection procedure and its requirements (in particular, for the peer review evaluation and the ranking) and will document his/her observations in a report.
- The **International Evaluation Panel of Experts (IEPE)** is an independent expert group nominated by the CB that will be assigned to evaluate the submitted pre and full proposals in the co-funded call.
- A **rapporteur** is a member of the IEPE who leads the documentation of opinions of the evaluators and consolidates the evaluation report.
- The **research project coordinator** is the legal entity coordinating the preparation of the proposal and if successful the funded research project. The research project coordinator is represented by the **principal investigator (PI)**, being the natural person coordinating the proposal and, if successful, and the resulting research project.

Abbreviations

- AC: Associated Country (to Horizon Europe)
- AID: Animal Infectious Diseases
- AH&W: Animal Health and Welfare
- AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance
- APC: Article Processing Charges
- AW: Animal Welfare
- CB: Call Board
- CO: Call Office
- EAB: Ethics Advisory Board
- EC: European Commission
- EO: Evaluation Office
- EU: European Union
- EUPAHW: European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare
- FCP: Funding Contact Point
- FO: Funding Organisation
- GDPR: general data protection regulation (Regulation (EU) 2016/79)
- GO: General Objectives
- HE: Horizon Europe
- IEPE: International Evaluation Panel of Experts
- IO: Independent Observer
- MS: Member State (of the EU)
- OA: Open Access
- OO: Operational Objectives
- PI: Principal Investigator
- R&I: Research and Innovation
- RPO: Research Performing Organisation
- SO: Specific Objectives
- SRIA: Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
- TRL: Technology Readiness Level
- UN: United Nations
- UN SDGs: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

1. Ambition of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare and Background of the Second Call

The EU Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (referred to as EUP AH&W or EUPAHW) aims to ensure that livestock, poultry and aquaculture systems operate sustainably for the benefit of animal health and welfare and the society. Its vision is a future in which infectious animal diseases are effectively prevented and managed using appropriate tools, antimicrobials are used responsibly, and animal welfare is upheld throughout all stages of the production cycle. This ambition will be achieved by strengthening collaboration among public research and innovation bodies active in the animal sector from birth to slaughter and by fostering partnerships with competent authorities, industry actors and other relevant stakeholders, including Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs). Overall, EUPAHW seeks to build a robust Research and Innovation (R&I) framework that reinforces Europe's capacity to adopt preventive approaches and to raise healthy animals in sustainable systems that support high levels of animal welfare.

The objectives of the EUPAHW align with the European Green Deal and its associated Farm to Fork strategy for a fair, healthy, and environmentally friendly food system.[1] In this policy context, the health and welfare of farmed animals are recognised as foundational to food safety, public health and sustainable production systems. The European Food Safety Authority (EFSA) highlights that animal health is not only about disease control, but also reflects the interconnections between welfare, human health, environmental protection and food safety[2].

Prevention and control of infectious animal diseases are therefore fundamental to safeguarding the productivity, safety and socio-economic stability of Europe's livestock, poultry and aquaculture sectors. Regulation (EU) 2016/429 on transmissible animal diseases (the EU Animal Health Law) underscores that disease categorisation must consider animal and public health risks, economic losses and welfare impacts[3]. At the same time, the European Commission's policy framework emphasises that sustainable food systems must deliver fair economic returns and social equity, in addition to health and environmental benefits. According to the Farm to Fork Strategy (COM/2020/381 final), EU food systems should provide "fairer economic returns for farmers, foster competitiveness of the EU supply sector and promote fair trade"[1].

The Strategy also links animal welfare to these broader ambitions of resilience and sustainability, recognising that higher welfare standards can lead to healthier animals, reduced disease burden, more efficient resource use and stronger socio-economic outcomes. Studies show that welfare improvements can reduce mortality, morbidity and antimicrobial use, thereby lowering production costs and improving productivity[4]. For these reasons, this EUPAHW call places increased emphasis on animal welfare and socio-economic dimensions alongside animal health.

The EUPAHW's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) was developed jointly by EUPAHW, WP6 – ERA-Net co-fund ICRAD, STAR-IDAZ IRC and the CWG Animal Health & Welfare (SFU–CWG AHW), following extensive consultation with a wide range of stakeholders. The SRIA outlines the long-term vision of the Partnership and sets out the broad research topics that will guide its activities over the coming years. These topics have been translated into nine Operational Objectives (OO), grouped under five priority areas:

Priority Area: Surveillance/monitoring systems and risk assessment for animal health and welfare

OO1. Contribute to design and harmonize surveillance and monitoring systems for animal health and welfare.

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1 https://food.ec.europa.eu/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy

2 https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/topics/topic/animal-health

3 https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj/eng

4 https://www.eurogroupforanimals.org/files/eurogroupforanimals/2025-02/2025_02_efa_Animal_welfare_economic_prosperity_report_0.pdf

OO2. Contribute to adapt risk assessment and alert communication to the new needs in animal health and welfare.

Priority Area: Procedures, methodologies and tools to analyse animal health and welfare

OO3. To develop diagnostic procedures, methodologies and tools to support the surveillance of animal health.

OO4. To develop procedures, methodologies and tools to support the monitoring of animal welfare.

Priority Area: Management and husbandry guidelines on farm including aquaculture, during transport and at slaughter.

OO5. To develop guidelines and preventive tools to fight against animal infectious diseases on farm and during transport.

OO6. To develop guidelines and prototype solutions that advance animal welfare on farm, during transport and at the end of life.

Priority Area: Treatments & vaccines

OO7. To develop new interventions and treatments, or improve existing ones, against specific priority animal infectious disease.

OO8. To develop new vaccines or improve existing vaccines, including adjuvants and immune-modulators.

Transversal Priority Area: Integrated approach, including socio-economic aspects of animal health & welfare.

OO9. To develop an integrated approach on animal health and welfare including socio-economic aspects.

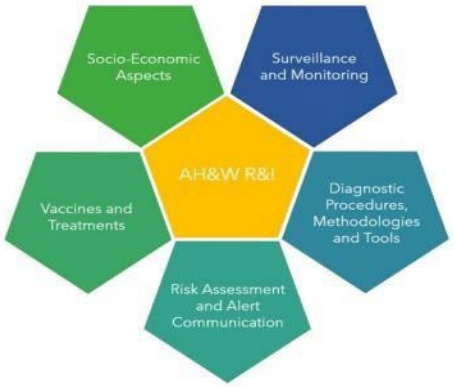

Figure: The five priority areas of the EUPAHW

These objectives align closely with major European Commission initiatives and policies, particularly the European Green Deal and the Farm to Fork Strategy[1], both of which promote sustainable, health-promoting and environmentally responsible food systems. In implementing its activities, EUPAHW will also consider the EU's open and sustainable trade policy, which seeks to enhance the capacity of trade to support climate and sustainability goals. Moreover, the Partnership aims to contribute to international trade standards that prevent the spread of pathogens affecting both animals and humans.

The 2026 co-funded transnational call, which is the second EUPAHW call, addresses 12 SRIA Actions under the priority areas and operational objectives outlined above. The call brings together national and regional financial resources from Ministries and Funding Organisations (FOs) in 24 countries—each responsible for supporting research and innovation—with co-funding from the European Union.

Besides the organisation of an external research calls, the internal programme started in January 2024 with

seventeen Joint Internal Projects (JIPs). Joint Internal Projects consist of Joint Integrative Actions for which no research activities are required, such as certain reference activities, development of standards, etc., and Joint Research Actions, which will focus on applied, policy-driven research. Member-RPO contribute through in-kind funding to these JIPs.

2. Scope of the 2nd Co-funded Call

The European Partnership for Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) is launching this research and innovation call to tackle critical challenges in the health and welfare of terrestrial and aquatic animals. This initiative forms part of a broader strategic effort to accelerate the transition towards sustainable, resilient, and ethically responsible livestock and aquaculture systems across Europe.

The call supports twelve priority Research Actions identified in the EUPAHW Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA). Research in these areas aims to:

- Develop effective, scalable solutions to prevent and control animal infectious disease, including zoonoses focusing on interventions such as improved biosecurity, vaccines, and therapeutics.
- Advance the understanding and implementation of improved welfare practices across the full lifecycle of farmed terrestrial and aquatic animals.
- Address the socio-economic dimensions of animal health and welfare, including trade-offs within sustainable production systems.

Proposal Requirements

Proposals must address one or more of the research actions outlined in this call scope, with a primary focus on livestock. This includes farmed or managed animals, both terrestrial and aquatic, as well as bees. Companion animals and wildlife may also be considered when they pose a potential threat to livestock and welfare health or public health.

The scope of pathogens covered by this call includes bacteria, viruses, parasites, fungi, and prions. Non-infectious animal diseases are also eligible when they have a significant impact on animal welfare.

Where relevant, industrial involvement is strongly encouraged for proposals to this call. **For actions OO7-2 and OO7-3 industry* involvement is mandatory.** Industrial partners may apply for funding through the call, provide self-funding or contribute in-kind resources. **Please consult your FO's National Annex for specific details regarding industrial funding.**

The topics in this call have been designed to complement, rather than duplicate, research conducted through EUPAHW internal activities. Proposals that duplicate internal projects will be deemed ineligible. A list of internal projects is available at https://www.eupahw.eu/projects. Please ensure you have reviewed this list to ensure there is no duplication. In addition, the call aligns with the objectives of other Partnerships to ensure coherence and value across initiatives.

***Industrial Partner** *is a private, for-profit organisation (including SMEs and large enterprises) that contributes to the project by advancing technologies, products or services towards market uptake, demonstration, validation, scale-up and/or exploitation of results, in line with identified market and societal needs.*

Detailed Scope and Objectives

Proposals submitted under this call must focus on **one of two topics**:

- **Topic 1:** Animal Welfare
- **Topic 2:** Prevention & Control

Each proposal must address at least one core SRIA Action within the selected topic (Animal Welfare or Prevention & Control). Proposals may also include one or more socio-economic SRIA Actions (OO9-2 and/or OO9-4) provided they directly support the core Action(s). Socio-economic Actions alone are not eligible as a standalone main focus in this call.

1. Animal Welfare

Proposals in this area should aim to improve animal welfare throughout the production cycle, including birth, rearing, transport, and slaughter. Each proposal must address **one core welfare SRIA Action** from the list below. Where appropriate, it is strongly encouraged to also add one or more supporting socio-economic action (OO9- 2 and/or OO9-4). For example, to explore trade-offs between welfare improvements and environmental, economic, or societal impacts. Industry involvement is also encouraged under this topic.

Core Welfare SRIA Research Actions:

- **OO4-1**: Advance understanding of positive welfare, including identification and validation of indicators of positive emotional states via behavioural, endocrine, and neurological measures.
- **OO4-2**: Develop technologies to assess welfare on-farm and/or during transport, including slaughter-line innovations and suitable animal-based measures (ABMs).
- **OO4-3**: Improve procedures and technologies for welfare assessment during slaughter or emergency killing, ensuring reliable detection of consciousness and death.
- **OO4-6**: Enhance welfare monitoring during transport through sensor-based technologies and decision-support tools to detect early signs of distress (e.g. lameness, heat stress, aggression, exhaustion).
- **OO6-4**: Advance humane stunning and killing methods for livestock and fish to minimise pain and stress during slaughter.
- **OO6-5:** Develop innovative systems for the transport of livestock and fish.

Supporting Socio-economic SRIA Research Actions:

- **OO9-2**: Assess socio-economic implications of changes in livestock and fish farming, including shifts in public demand for higher welfare standards and new legislative requirements.
- **OO9-4**: Develop practical solutions to integrate AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures, addressing trade-offs within sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems in the EU.

Proposals related to sustainable farming, breeding, and feeding are within scope **if directly linked to animal welfare**. All production systems are considered, including organic farming, and all phases of production: on-farm, during transport, in the abattoir, and post-fishing.

2. Prevention & Control

Proposals under this topic should support the development of innovative therapeutics and vaccines to prevent and control animal infectious diseases, reduce antimicrobial use, and enhance livestock resilience.

Each proposal must address **at least one core Prevention & Control SRIA Action** from the list below. Industrial partner involvement is **mandatory** for proposals addressing OO7-2 and OO7-3 and strongly

encouraged for OO3-3 and OO5-4. Research may include socio-economic actions (OO9-2 and/or OO9-4) as supplementary components.

Core Prevention & Control SRIA Research Actions:

- **OO7-2**: Develop and apply tools and models (experimental farms, in vivo/in vitro/in silico infection models) to test efficacy and safety of new therapeutics including vaccines and delivery systems, with reduced reliance on animal testing. Create bioinformatic pipelines for microbiome and pathogen data analysis.
- **OO7-3**: Collaborate with industry to develop or improve interventions and treatments and deliver first proof of concept, where appropriate demonstrate immunogenicity and efficacy (minimum immunizing dose) in target species; representative (small scale) animal (challenge) model (TRL 3-4).
- **OO3-3**: Develop and standardise tools to:
  - Differentiate between infected and vaccinated animals (DIVA).
  - Detect whether pathogens in the environment, including waste remain infectious.
  - Study transmission dynamics of pathogens and resistant variants across species, including wildlife.
- **OO5-4**: Reinforce animal resilience to disease through research into feeding, breeding, and other biological factors that enhance natural immunity.

Supporting SRIA Socio-economic Actions:

- **OO9-2**: Assess socio-economic implications of changes in livestock and fish farming, including shifts in public demand for higher welfare standards and new legislative requirements.
- **OO9-4:** Develop practical solutions to integrate AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures, addressing trade-offs within sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems in the EU.

Additional Information:

- Industrial partner involvement is mandatory for proposals addressing OO7-2 and OO7-3. Applicants should ensure that an appropriate industry collaborator is included from the outset. Industrial collaborators may participate either as beneficiaries (requesting funds from an FO that funds industry) or as associated partners (no funds requested from FOs; cash or in-kind contributions allowed). In both cases, roles and contributions must be described in the proposal.
- Proposals will be evaluated by a panel including experts with backgrounds relevant to the proposal topic. The submission platform will clearly indicate how to submit a proposal under a core research action with an additional supporting research action.
- Funding eligibility for projects with industrial partners varies by country. Funders that support such projects are listed in Annex 7 (National Annexes). Applicants must consult these annexes for detailed national requirements.
- The full EUPAHW's Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) is available here

Scope Exclusions:

The research funded through this call is intended to **improve animal health and welfare**. Research that primarily addresses the areas listed below is **outside the scope of this call**. For species not mentioned, please contact your Funding Organisation (FO). The scope exclusions listed below apply to all applicants. Applicants must also comply with any **additional** FO-specific eligibility rules in Annex VII, but these cannot override the general scope of this call.

- Projects focused primarily on improving human health are out of scope.
- Projects primarily focused on companion animals are out of scope, except where companion animals are directly implicated in risks to livestock/aquaculture health or welfare or public health within the project's objectives (e.g., as reservoirs/vectors). (for specific species such as rabbits and horses, please contact your FO)
- Insects for food consumption are out of scope.

- Projects primarily focused on wild animals are out of scope, except where wildlife is directly relevant to the selected SRIA Action(s) (e.g., surveillance/diagnostics of inter-species transmission under OO3-3) and the project's primary objectives concern livestock/aquaculture health or welfare.
- Research focused on laboratory animal welfare science is out of scope. Use of experimental models is permissible only where it is indispensable to achieving the objectives of SRIA Actions OO7-2 and OO7-3.
- Food-borne pathogens with a human food safety focus are out of scope. Projects are only eligible where pathogens are studied in the context of animal health and welfare.
- Socio-economic projects that do not integrate animal health and/or welfare objectives are out of scope. Development of new antimicrobials is out of scope.
- Antimicrobial resistance (AMR) research that does not reference animals is out of scope.
- Overlapping AMR research with OH-AMR Partnership 2026 call, please review the OH-AMR call scope to ensure this.

3. Timeline

Submission of research project proposals	
26th January 2026	**Launch of the 2nd co-funded call**
First step: submission of pre-proposals	
2nd February 2026	Webinar for Applicants For more info: https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/call2
30th March 2026, 12:00 CEST	**Deadline for pre-proposal submission**
June 2026	Communication of eligibility checks and evaluation outcomes to the research project coordinators
June 2026	Period for the redress procedure
July 2026	Communication of the selection decision and re-opening of submission Tool
Second step: submission of full-proposals	
16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST	**Deadline for full-proposal submission**
October 2026	Communication of the evaluation outcomes and the funding recommendation to the research project coordinators
November 2026	Period for the redress procedure
December 2026	Communication of the funding decision to the research project coordinators
National/Regional grant agreements	
January - April 2027	Start of research projects
Funded research project monitoring and seminars (tentative timeframe)	
2nd quarter 2027	Kick-Off meeting (possibly online)
4th quarter 2028	Mid-term report
1st quarter 2029	Mid-term meeting
1st quarter 2030	Final meeting
3rd quarter 2030	Final report

4. Overview of funding opportunities

Please note that this table provides guidance on national/regional guidelines.
Please consult your FO's National Annex for specific details regarding funding.

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution		Topic		Expected number of projects
		Total	maximum per project	1	2	
		€	€	€	€	
Austria	FWF	1.600.000	450.000	800.000	800.000	4
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	300.000	300.000	300.000	300.000	1
Belgium	FIO	800.000	500.000	400.000	400.000	2
Belgium	FPS Health	495.000	165.000	No	495.000	3-4
Belgium	FWO	700.000	350.000	350.000	350.000	2-3
Denmark	IFD	1.000.000	500.000 maximum for projects with more than one Danish partner, 300.000 maximum per Danish partner	500.000	500.000	3-5
Estonia	ETAG	150 000 or 300 000	300 000 if coordinator, 150 000 if participant	150 000 or 300 000	150 000 or 300 000	1
Finland	MMM	400.000	200 000.00 €/ project or max. 300 000.00 per project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator	200.000	200.000	2
France	ANR	2.000.000	300.000-400.000 if French coordination	1.000.000	1.000.000	5-7
Germany	BMLEH/BLE	750.000	250.000	750.000	No	
Ireland	DAFM	650.000	325.000	325.000	325.000	2-3
Italy	MOH	500.000	150.000	150.000	350.000	

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution		Topic		Expected number of projects
		Total	maximum per project	1	2	
		€	€	€	€	
Latvia	LZP	500.000	100.000 €/per 1 year/ for project partner	250.000	250.000	1-2
Lithuania	LMT	300.000	150.000	150.000	150.000	1-2
Lithuania	ZUM	120.000	120.000	120.000	120.000	1
Netherlands	MINLVVN	2.000.000	350.000	1.000.000	1.000.000	5-7
Norway	RCN terrestrial	1.280.000	320.000	640.000	640.000	4-5
	RCN aquatic	1.020.000	340.000	340.000-680.000	340.000-680.000	3-4
Romania	ANC	500.000	150.000	250.000	250.000	
Romania	ANSVSA	500.000	250.000 max (coordinator); 200.000 max (participant).	300.000	200.000	2
Slovakia	CVTISR	600.000	200.000	300.000	300.000	
Spain	AEI	1.000.000	175.000	500.000	500.000	5-7
Spain	CDTI	400.000		200000	200000	2
Türkiye	TAGEM	200.000	100.000	No	200.000	4
Türkiye	TUBITAK	600.000	150.000 for private sector 100.000 for institutions, public organisations	300.000	300.000	4
United Kingdom	DEFRA	2.300.000	840.000	1.150.000	1.150.000	4
United Kingdom	BBSRC	4.315.000	840.000	2.157.500	2.157.500	5

5. Application

5.1 Eligibility

5.1.1 Who can apply

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, non-profit organisations, consumers/citizens as individuals and civil society representatives and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria (Annex VII). Partners that are not eligible for funding from any of the FOs may participate in research consortia if they provide with their own resources and submit a valid "Letter of Commitment" (see Annex V). However, these applicants cannot act as the coordinator, and they will not count towards the minimum or maximum number of partners. To support consortium building, a partnering tool will be available on the submission tool homepage (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/).

Research Performing Organisations (RPOs) that are beneficiaries of the EUPAHW and are interested in participating in external research calls may do so in cases defined in the Grant Agreement (list provided as Annex II).

5.1.2 Eligibility criteria

All proposals must comply with the general eligibility criteria included in this section and the national/regional eligibility criteria specified in Annex VII. Only proposals meeting national and general eligibility criteria will be considered for evaluation. Contacting their Funding Contact Points (FCP) is strongly recommended for each applicant of a consortium.

General eligibility criteria

- Proposals must be written in English.
- Proposals must be submitted before the submission deadline via the submission website (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/).
- The project duration must not exceed 3 years.
- Researchers and entities may participate in more than one research proposal, provided there is no double funding of the same work or cost item, and the same work is proposed only once, and that FO national regulations allow it. In case of multiple participation, partners must list all proposals and explain clearly how their work within the respective proposals differs in the section "Partners" (via Partner Login) under "Tasks within the project".
- Duplication with internal activities is forbidden and will make the proposal ineligible.
- The proposed research project must align with the scope of this call.
- Applicants must also respect the national/regional eligibility criteria of the FO they are requesting funding from. Please consider that some FOs also request the submission of a separate national/regional application (See Annex VII).
- The submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory. Applicants cannot submit a full-proposal at a later stage without having submitted a pre-proposal and having been invited for full-proposal submission.
- Proposals must follow the rules outlined under "consortium structure".
- **Only at Full-proposal stage:** Applicants must submit a Communication and Dissemination Plan (Annex III) and a Data Management Plan (Annex IV).

Consortium structure

- Each consortium must include **at least three partners** from **three different countries, all** being eligible and requesting funding from funding organisations (FOs) participating in this call**. A maximum of eight partners requesting funding is allowed.**

- Applicants from countries not participating as funders in this call are welcome in research consortia, but cannot receive funding. Those associated partners:
    - must clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and
    - secure their own resources.
    - must provide a letter of commitment (Full proposal phase, letter of commitment template; Annex V).

The same applies to all partners who are not eligible or not applying for national/regional funding from the FOs participating in the call. **The associated partners will not count towards the maximum or minimum number of partners required**. **An associated partner can only be a partner in a proposal, not coordinator of a proposal.**

- **Total funding of partners in one country must not exceed 50% of the total funding budget of the proposa**l in order to achieve balanced partnerships and ensure that responsibility and risks are shared.
- **If a consortium does not meet the minimum number of partners or exceeds the maximum number of partners, or if one or more of the partners requesting funding is not eligible according to the national/regional funding criteria, the proposal will be deemed ineligible**
- Some beneficiaries of the Partnership are allowed to be part of an applying consortium (Annex II). However, the majority of funding for this call should be allocated to external parties. **Therefore, the total funding allocated to parties that are beneficiaries (listed in Annex II) of the EUPAHW must not exceed 35% of the total funding requested by the proposal consortium.** It is the coordinator's/partners responsibility to provide correct information about being beneficiaries or not.
- For actions OO7-2 and OO7-3 private partner involvement is mandatory. Private partners may apply for funding through the call, provide self-funding or contribute in-kind resources. Please consult your FO's National Annex for specific details regarding industrial funding.

<u>National and/or Regional eligibility criteria detailed information is available in Annex VII</u>

- Applicants must carefully review the national/regional FO's regulations and, if necessary, contact their FCP before submitting a proposal to ensure compliance with all eligibility criteria and rules. It is **strongly recommended** that applicants contact their FCPs before submission and **for some FOs it is mandatory.**
- Each participating FO funds national/regional applicants within a project consortium. **Funding is subject to the specific terms and conditions of each FO. Project partners should verify their eligibility for funding via the National Annex of the related FO and contacting their FCP before submission**.
- If applicable, the requested funding budget of each partner/project must not exceed national or regional funding limits.
- If a FO requires national/regional forms, these must be submitted directly to the FO
- Proposals must address one of the call topics described in Section 2.2. Additionally, applications should fit the specific remit of the national/regional FOs.

5.1.3 The project coordinator and principal investigator

Each research project consortium needs to appoint a principal investigator (PI) representing the coordinating organisation. The project coordinating organisation:

- **Must be eligible for and requesting funding from one of the FOs participating in the call. An entity that plans to participate on its own resources (associated partner) without a funding provided via an FO participating in this call cannot act as a coordinator;**
- **The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinating organisation, is only allowed to coordinate one proposal;** a PI of one proposal can be a partner in another proposal (not for all Funders organisations - see National regulations);
- **The Chairs of the internal activities of the internal programme of EUPAHW cannot act as principal investigators (PI) in this call at the same time;**
- The principal investigator (PI) will lead the consortium throughout the application procedure and will

be responsible for the correct submission of the pre- and full-proposal;

The principal investigator (PI):

- will ensure that all partners:
  - fulfil the requirements stated in this call announcement and criteria as stated in the national/regional annexes and/or communicated by the FCP;
  - provide all necessary information and comply with all formalities as required;
  - participate actively in the proposal preparation;
- Is fully responsible for the overall project coordination meaning ensuring the sound implementation of all the work packages, submission of the monitoring reports, represent the project in kick-off, mid-term and final meetings and will be the central and only contact point for the Call Office (CO) during the full lifespan of the research project;
- Will ensure that all work is carried out to a high standard and meets main objectives presented in the full-proposal;
- Is responsible for sharing all information with consortium partners;
- Will **not** be responsible for the financial management of project funding of the consortium partners. Each consortium partner will handle the financial management with the respective FO.

5.2 Submission

The application process is a two-step process (pre- and full-proposal steps). Throughout the entire process, the Call Office (CO) will be the central communication point for all applicants. The entire application procedure will be carried out online using the EUPAHW call management tool templates and online forms (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/).

In some cases, submission of additional documents to the national/regional FOs is also required. Applications not complying with national requirements will be rejected. **Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to review the national/regional regulations provided in Annex VII and contact their funding contact persons (FCPs, Annex I).**

5.2.1 Pre-proposal submission

The deadline for pre-proposal submission is the 30th of March 2026, 12:00 CEST.

The submission of a pre-proposal is mandatory, and it will not be possible to enter the application procedure at a later stage.

Pre-proposals must be submitted electronically via the EUPAHW submission tool (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/). No other methods or means of submission will be accepted. It will be possible to update and resubmit the pre-proposal as many times as needed up to the submission deadline, but not after the deadline has expired. The submission tool will not store old versions.

The project coordinator must create an account for the proposal on the EUPAHW submission tool and provide the following core data:

- project title,
- project acronym,
- research topic,
- keywords,
- SRIA Action (OO)
- duration, including expected project start and end date,
- Technology Readiness Level (TRL), if applicable,
- project coordinator (incl. tasks, curriculum vitae of PI, list of relevant publications)
- consortium composition, i.e. organisation name and type, PIC number, beneficiary, country, tasks and references for each partner including the coordinator,

- total budget and requested funding for each partner, and respective FO (where applicable),
- summary suitable for publication,
- background and state of the art,
- project description including impact,
- optionally: a maximum of three experts (by name), who should not evaluate the proposal due to a specific conflict of interest.

A pre-proposal template (PDF) will be provided on the submission homepage (https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/) for reference only. Applicants are strongly encouraged to start working directly in the submission tool from the beginning of their application.

The project description may not exceed 10,000 characters including spaces and should:

1. specify the relevance to the call scope and topic, identifying the SRIA Research Action addressed, also detailing the impact of the research activities,
2. describe the scientific idea and formulate clear research objectives,
3. explain the composition of the consortium,
4. provide information on the project management and responsibilities of the project partners,
5. provide a short description of the research activities and the organisation of work (work packages),
6. provide information on the involvement of private/non-academic/industrial partners.

Inclusion of up to three graphics or images is allowed and possible. No additional documents will be considered.
Applicants should note that the online system might experience high traffic volumes in the last hours before the submission deadline. Therefore, it is highly recommended to submit the final version of the proposal well in advance of the deadline to avoid any last-minute technical difficulties.

5.2.2 Changes between pre- and full-proposal

The information given in the pre-proposals is binding and thus, no changes are allowed, unless in case of force majeure or explicitly requested by the IEP, a FO or the CB. However, all changes must comply with the requirements of the call and the respective FOs. The following changes between the pre- and full-proposal stage might be possible, but always require prior endorsement by the respective FOs of the proposal and the CO, as described below for each case:

- Changes of budget can be allowed by the relevant FO. Prior to such a change, the CO must be informed.
- A change of Principal Investigator can exceptionally be allowed in case of force majeure. In this case, a request to change the PI must be submitted to the CO and to all of the FOs from whom the partners in the consortium have requested funding.
- Changes in associated partners (i.e. addition, removal or replacement) are possible but should be communicated to the CO and clearly described in the proposal.

Exceptional changes not included here will be decided by the CB.

All changes have to be explicitly indicated in the online submission platform.

5.2.3 “Widening”

“**Widening**” is defined as adding an eligible partner to the consortium from undersubscribed FO that are participating in this call. FOs are considered undersubscribed if their available budget is significantly higher than the requested budget by successful applicants in the pre-proposal step. The CB will make the decision on which countries are considered undersubscribed and the Evaluation Office (EO) will communicate this to the applicants invited to the full-proposal step. This change will only be allowed under recommendation by the CB and under the following conditions:

1. The project coordinator must inform the CO in case the consortium would like to add an eligible partner from an undersubscribed country**. Please note that only one additional partner requesting funding is allowed**.
2. The total number and composition of partners including the newly added one from undersubscribed countries in the consortium must fulfil all eligibility criteria (please consider especially max. percentage of beneficiaries) stated in section 5.1.
3. The applicants must clearly explain the added value of this additional partner in the full-proposal.
4. The eligibility for funding of the new partner must be confirmed by the national FO. Therefore, it is mandatory to contact the respective national/ regional FO of the new partner prior to submission of the full-proposal, comply with national/ regional requirements (such as for external submitting a national/ regional application) and receive approval.

5.2.4 Full-proposal submission

The deadline for full-proposal submission is the 16th of September 2026, 12:00 CEST.

Consortia invited for full-proposal submission will be given access to the EUPAHW online submission tool to submit a full-proposal for which a template will be provided via https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/. The core data provided in the pre-proposal will be automatically imported into the full-proposal and cannot be changed in the second step, unless duly justified and approved by the CB

Applicants should remember that core data cannot be modified in full-proposals (except for widening as explained in 5.2.1), in particular, neither the composition of the consortia nor the funding requested by each partner in the second step unless explicitly requested in the evaluation feedback. If there are changes necessary due to unforeseen events or “Force Majeure”, those need to be communicated by the Coordinator to the CO and all changes need to be approved by the CB.

Guidelines for applicants detailing the content of the full-proposals will be published in due time on the submission homepage https://eupahw.ptj.de/.

5.3 Evaluation and Selection

5.3.1 Pre-proposal evaluation

The CO will check pre-proposals that are submitted correctly and within the deadline for eligibility. The general eligibility check performed by the CO will focus on the “Eligibility Criteria” (Section 5.1.2). Additionally, the FO will conduct a national eligibility check focusing on the national/regional regulations and the national/regional eligibility criteria (see Annex VII).
Three to five experts will evaluate eligible pre-proposals. The information provided in the pre-proposal will be used to find appropriate experts from the International Evaluation Panel of Experts (IEPE) for its evaluation. The EO will ensure that conflict of interest is avoided. Conflict of interest will be described in detail in the evaluator guideline prepared by the EO.

The eligible pre-proposals will be reviewed and evaluated against the two following criteria:

Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project’s objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art
b) Soundness of the proposed overall methodology

Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the two main criteria, and not singularly for the different aspects listed

below the criteria. The scoring system uses a 5-point scale for each review criteria, half scores are allowed. Scores for the different evaluation criteria will have equal weight. **The threshold for each single criterion will be 3 out of 5.**

Scoring system:
5 = Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.

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

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

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

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

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

Pre-proposal evaluation will be held remotely via the online evaluation tool. For each pre-proposal, one IEPE member will be assigned as rapporteur. The rapporteur will draft a summary report according to a template provided by the evaluation office for each proposal reflecting the individual evaluation reports to be sent to applicants. The draft summary reports shall also be submitted to the EO and shall include a recommendation on whether the proposal should be invited for the full proposal submission or not.

The IEPE will meet and discuss the pre-proposal evaluations and **agree** on a score per criterion and the full score. On the basis of the evaluation results, the Expert Panel shall establish **two separate ranking lists**, one per topic. These ranking lists shall serve as the reference for the selection of pre-proposals to be invited to submit a full proposal.

The decision on the invitation to submit a full proposal shall be taken jointly by the participating Funding Organisations (FOs), following the order of the ranking lists. Where required, and without affecting the relative order of proposals within a ranking list, the criteria set out below may be applied to arbitrate between the two ranking lists.

These criteria are intended to ensure that:

1. the invited pre-proposals correspond to national and/or regional funding requests that do not exceed three times the available national or regional budget of each Funding Organisation;
2. the invited pre-proposals ensure broad participation of the countries involved in the Call;
3. an appropriate balance between topics, in terms of the number of proposals invited to second stage.

Funding Organisations may adapt their funding commitments, including the distribution of available budgets between topics, in order to enable the invitation of as many highly ranked pre-proposals as possible, while respecting the ranking lists established by the Expert Panel.

An independent expert will observe the selection procedure and its requirements (in particular, for the peer review evaluation and the ranking). This independent observer will document the process in a report. The EO to the project coordinators, who shall inform their respective partners, will communicate the outcome of the eligibility and evaluation. There is the possibility of a redress as stated in Section 5.3.3. After the eligibility check, evaluation process and redress period the CB will decide which proposals will be accepted for the full-proposal submission based on the IEPE recommendation.

The EO will communicate the outcome of the invitation (recommendation for full proposal submission or rejection) to the principal investigator, who will inform their respective partners.

5.3.2 Full-proposal evaluation and funding recommendation

A minimum of three experts will evaluate each full-proposal against the following criteria:

Excellence

a) Clarity and pertinence of the project's objectives, and the extent to which the proposed work is ambitious and goes beyond the state of the art
b) Soundness of the proposed methodology, including the underlying concepts, models, assumptions, inter-disciplinary approaches, appropriate consideration of the gender dimension in research and innovation content, and the quality of open science practices, including sharing and management of research outputs and engagement of citizens, civil society and end-users where appropriate.

Impact

a) Credibility of the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions from the project.

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

Quality and efficiency of the implementation

a) Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.
b) Capacity and role of each participant, and the extent to which the consortium as a whole brings together the necessary expertise

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the three main criteria, and not singularly for the different sub-criteria. Full proposals will be evaluated using the same scoring system used at the pre-proposal step, but only full scores will be allowed. Scores for the different evaluation criteria will have equal weight.

Full-proposal evaluation will include a meeting (face-to-face, virtual meeting or hybrid) of all members of the IEPE. At the IEPE meeting, each full-proposal will be jointly evaluated by the IEPE members on the basis of the written evaluation reports. One IEPE member will be assigned as a rapporteur for each full-proposal. The rapporteur will draft a summary report for each proposal which reflects the individual evaluation reports and will introduce the proposal during the IEPE meeting.

After the proposal discussion, IEPE members should agree on a scoring per criterion. The three agreed-upon scores will be summed up, so the overall score per project can range between 0 and 15. **The threshold will be 3 out of 5 for each criterion and 10 out of 15 for the overall score.** Proposals with a score lower than 3 for any criterion or lower than 10 for the overall threshold will not be selected for funding.

On the basis of the evaluation results, the Expert Panel shall establish two independent ranking lists, one per topic, as in the pre-proposal stage. These ranking lists shall serve as the primary reference for the funding decision process.

Decision for funding:

Funding recommendations shall be made following the ranking lists established by the Expert Panel and within the limits of the available budgets of the participating Funding Organisations (FOs).

- In a joint selection meeting, the Funding Organisations shall identify the highest-ranked proposals that can be supported within their committed budgets. Where appropriate, adjustments to funding commitments, including the distribution of available funds between topics, may be made in order to maximise the number of highly ranked proposals that can be funded.
- The final funding decision shall be taken by each Funding Organisation in accordance with its national or regional rules and procedures.
- The allocation of financial contributions by each Funding Organisation shall follow the ranking lists and comply with national eligibility rules. While not all Funding Organisations may be able to fund proposals under both topics, funding decisions shall respect the ranking order established by the Expert Panel.
- The specified sum from a funding organization will be distributed among the topics in accordance with the criteria specified here. However, it cannot be taken for granted that every funding organization will support all topics on both ranking lists (see table and national regulations).

Each rapporteur will include all discussed points in the evaluation report and finalise the report including the final score and individual scores for each criterion. As in the pre-proposal step, the independent expert will act again as an observer to verify that the selection procedure meets the requirements (particularly for the peer review evaluation, the ranking and the evaluation meeting). The observer will document the process in a report.

The EO will communicate the outcome of the funding recommendation procedure to the project coordinators, who will inform their respective partners.

5.3.3 Redress Mechanism

Applicants can challenge the eligibility check and evaluation outcome only if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation procedures. **This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation and/or eligibility checks, including the national eligibility checks. The redress will not question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts.**
In this case, applicants shall submit their request for redress to the Call Office via email using a template which will be provided via the download area of the submission tool, up to 30 calendar days after the date of dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the evaluation office at the end of each step (first or second step). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the redress procedure, which is described below.

Admissibility of requests for redress

For a request for redress to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- it must be submitted by the coordinator of the proposal to which the request for redress relates,
- only one request for redress per proposal will be considered,
- it must be submitted via email within the 30 calendar days deadline.

The request for redress must contain the following minimum information (given in the template):

- the name of the call for proposals,
- the proposal acronym,
- the title of the proposal,
- a description of the alleged shortcomings of the evaluation procedure.

The request for redress must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of power, or a conflict of interest. Requests for redress that do not meet the above conditions, do not deal with the evaluation of a specific proposal or express mere disagreement with the result or the reasoning of the evaluation will be judged as not suitable for redress.

Procedure of the redress

Upon receipt of a request for redress, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the Call Office within 7 calendar days.

All requests for redress received by the 30 calendar days deadline will be processed together and the decision will be communicated to the coordinator of the proposal within 14 calendar days of the deadline for submitting the requests for redress.

The Call Office will establish a Redress Committee for each redress complaint consisting of three people (the Chair of IEPE and two representatives of funders outside of the consortium of the redressing proposal). The Independent Observer has the right to observe the meetings of the redress committee. The role of the redress committee is to evaluate the requests for redress according to the procedure, ensuring fair and equal treatment of applicants, with the support of the Call Office, if needed. The Redress Committee will make its decision based on the implementation of the evaluation procedure and on the available information related to the proposal and its evaluation. The Redress Committee cannot overrule a negative national eligibility

check of a research FO. Requests for redress on national eligibility decisions will be assessed by the FO responsible for the national eligibility check, which will justify its decision to the Redress Committee, to prove that national funding rules listed in the call text have been applied correctly.

- Step 1: Pre-proposals which were originally considered ineligible or not invited to submit a full proposal, but which the Redress Committee found to be eligible will be allowed to participate in Step 2. The redress procedure may lead to a re-evaluation of all or part of the proposal by independent experts not involved in the previous evaluation or to the confirmation of the initial evaluation. The deadline for the full proposal submission will remain the same.
- Step 2: The redress procedure may lead to a re-evaluation of all or part of the proposal by independent experts not involved in the previous evaluation or to the confirmation of the initial evaluation.

A re-evaluation will only be carried out if the request for redress shows that the selection procedure was flawed by a breach affecting the evaluation outcome and the final decision on whether to fund a proposal. This means, for example, that a valid redress relating to one evaluation criterion will not lead to a re-evaluation if the proposal has failed anyway on another criterion or if even by adding the maximum points for this criterion, the final score remains below the funding threshold.

The total score of the proposal following any re-evaluation will be regarded as definitive. It may be lower than the original score.

All requests for redress will be treated in confidence and will not prejudice future applications.

5.4 Ethical aspects

The research should be carried out under the appropriate authorisation, considering the Horizon Europe ethical guidelines and applicable national and international law and national ethical requirements. To identify potential ethical issues, applicants must complete an ethics self-assessment. Please consult Horizon Europe programme guidance "How to complete your ethics self-assessment". These guidelines address the following ethical issues: human embryos & fetuses, humans, human cells or tissues, personal data, animals, non-EU countries, environment, health & safety, artificial intelligence, other ethics issues and crosscutting issue: potential misuse of results.

If any ethical issues are expected to arise during the proposed project, these must be addressed in the full-proposal. The EUPAHW Ethics Advisory Board (EAB) will perform an ethics review.

This self-assessment, as well as any additional ethical issues that are raised by the International Evaluation Panel of Experts and the Ethics Advisory Board of EUPAHW, will be shared with national/regional funders who may stipulate additional specific ethical requirements, which in turn must be met by successful applicants as part of the national funding contract.

Any proposal deemed to violate fundamental ethical principles shall not be selected and may be excluded from the evaluation and selection procedure.

If activities undertaken in non-EU countries raise ethics issues, the applicants must ensure that the research conducted outside the EU is legal in at least one EU Member State and complies with the ethical standards and requirements of Horizon Europe (HE).

5.5 Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest

The pre- and full-proposals will be handled confidentially by the EUPAHW CO and EO, by the national/regional FOs, by the mandated experts from IEPE responsible for the evaluation of the pre- and full-proposals, the EAB and the IO. Experts, EAB and IO will sign a confidentiality agreement. In selecting the international experts for the IEPE and the Ethics Advisory Board (EAB), the CB shall also endeavour to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

To this end, applicants may also name up to three experts in the pre-proposal who will be excluded from evaluating the relevant proposal. Each mandated expert will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality and

the absence of conflict of interest. The online evaluation tool will include a feature that will prevent access to the proposal in case an expert declares a conflict of interest. The EUPAHW is committed to avoiding any conflict of interest. This applies to the Call Office (CO), Call Board (CB), Funding Contact Person (FCP), Evaluation Office (EO), International Evaluation Panel of Experts (IEPE), Independent Observer (IO), and Ethics Advisory Board (EAB). An important aspect is avoiding any conflict between personal interests and the applicants' interests. The mentioned offices, boards, panels and persons will conduct their work impartially and take all measures to prevent any situation where the impartial and objective implementation of the work is compromised for reasons involving economic interest, political or national affinity, family or emotional ties or any other shared interest ('conflict of interests').

The following situations will automatically be considered as a conflict of interest:

- being involved in (the preparation of) any pre- and/or full proposal;
- having submitted a proposal as a principal investigator or a team member, under the call;
- being director, trustee or partner or in any way involved in the management of an applicant;
- being employed or contracted by one of the applicants;
- having close professional proximity, e.g. being a member of the same scientific institution with a hierarchical or department relation or impending change of the IEPE member to the institution of the applicant in a position with a hierarchical or department relation or vice versa;
- having close family ties (spouse, domestic or non-domestic partner, child, sibling, parent, etc.) or other close personal relationships with the applicants of the proposal;
- having (or have had during the last five years) a close scientific collaboration with an applicant of the proposal;
- having (or have had) a relationship of scientific rivalry or professional hostility with an applicant of the proposal;
- having (or have had), a mentor/mentee relationship with a principal investigator of the proposal;
- having direct or indirect benefit if any proposal submitted is accepted or rejected;
- having personal economic interests in the funding decision.

Other situations preventing the IEPE members or reviewers from participating in the evaluation impartially could be considered a conflict of interest and should be reported as such by the IEPE members.

Applicants included in a proposal submitted to this call (including all the team members) may not serve as IEPE members.

5.6 General Data Protection Regulation

All personal data provided (e.g. project applications, reviewers and expert assessments, mailing lists, tracking websites, registration for activities and events) will be collected, stored and processed under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR, Regulation EU 679/2016). For more information, please consult the privacy policy on the submission website.

6. Obligations for Funded Projects

6.1 Published information

A list of the funded projects will be published at the end of the co-funded call selection process. Therefore, applicants should be aware that EUPAHW may publish the following information from the proposals:

- project title and project acronym
- duration of the project
- total funding sum of the project
- name of the Principal Investigator (including contact information like professional email)

- country and organisation name as well as PIC of each partner, including the coordinator
- a short summary of the project.
- Keywords
- SRIA Actions addressed

Data on each project participant and abstracts of the project proposal will be provided to the EC for monitoring and implementation purposes. Information on each funded project, including data on each participant and an overview of the results will be updated and sent to the EC.

6.2 Publications and Open Access

Open access (OA) addresses the problem of limited access to peer-reviewed scholarly research. OA is the practice of providing online access to scientific information (e.g. peer-reviewed scientific articles,) that is free of charge to the reader, and licensed so that the information can be further used and exploited by researchers, the industry and citizens. The publication of research data, however, is not mandatory.

All funded projects must observe the following open-access policy:

1. A copy of the accepted version (either author final manuscript, post-prints or publisher version) of all peer-reviewed journal articles, supported, either in their entirety or in part by EUPAHW research funding, is deposited in a suitable open access repository immediately upon acceptance for publication, with the metadata (Minimum set of metadata: title, abstract, keywords, name of author, affiliation of author, publication info (including journal title, volume, issue, publication date)) openly available from the time of deposit. Coordinators are required to report about all publications coming forth from research funded under EUPAHW in their project reports.
2. Similar actions as mentioned in 1 to provide open access to other types of publications (e.g., conference proceedings, theses, books, monographs) are strongly encouraged.
3. Authors are advised to work with a licence to publish (preferably the Creative Commons CC-BY or CC-0 licences) instead of a copyright transfer agreement, when dealing with their publisher, to retain sufficient rights for providing open access to their publication.
4. In case the authors decide to publish in a gold open access journal, the eligibility of Article Processing Charges (APC) or similar fees to publish in peer-reviewed open access journals and books is considered eligible, if not explicitly stated otherwise in the national/regional regulations (Annex VII). In the case that an APC is supported by the grant budget, the article must be openly available from the moment of publication. APC or similar fees are only considered to be eligible expenses if the publication was accepted before the end of the funding period. Limits to the per-article amount of APCs that can be requested to comply with national or regional regulations of the funding agencies. Authors are asked to consider APC costs when deciding which journal to publish since lower APC costs leave more funding available for research purposes. Authors are required to avoid “double-dipping” journals and to avoid “predatory publishers”.
5. In all publications mentioned in 1. - 4. funding recipients must acknowledge the funding by EUPAHW.
6. The publication of research data is not mandatory. However, if research data and associated metadata resulting from funded projects are published it should be deposited in a suitable open data repository. Open access is the default for research data, but exceptions can be made for legitimate interests or other constraints, such as data protection, privacy, and confidentiality. The justification for access restriction must be provided in the Data Management Plan.
7. Institutions/grant holders agree that by receiving funding from EUPAHW they have accepted the terms and conditions of this OA policy. Compliance with the present terms and conditions will be monitored.

This policy comes into force with the start of the funded research projects and applies to all subsequent publications resulting from grants awarded.

6.3 Negotiation of national/regional grant agreements

The participating FOs make formal funding decisions. Each participating FO will fund applicants from their country/region for the selected research projects. The participating FOs will provide funding according to applicable national/regional funding rules and HE provisions on Financial Support to Third Parties. A FO may decide, on a voluntary basis, to fund also participants that originally requested funds from another FO.
The project coordinator is responsible for informing the project partners about the selection result and synchronising the project start with the partners. The project partners should aim to start on the same starting date. After a positive funding recommendation, the project partners must directly contact their FCP to start the grant negotiation and accomplish the remaining steps until the research project can start.

In some countries/regions, a signed consortium agreement might be required to release the national/regional funds. For support in preparing a consortium agreement, a template is available: https://www.desca-agreement.eu/desca-model-consortium-agreement/). If a consortium agreement is necessary due to national/regional regulations it will be requested to address the following topics:

- internal organisation and management of the consortium,
- intellectual property arrangements,
- settlement of internal disputes,
- Any FO has the right to request the consortium agreement to be presented to it to release the funding.

6.4 Project monitoring

6.4.1 Reporting

In addition to the scientific and financial reporting required by the national/regional rules, project coordinators will be required to provide a transnational mid-term report and a final report to the FOs. All project partners will have to provide input for these reports. The principal investigator is responsible for the timely delivery and content quality of these reports. Information on the reporting and monitoring procedures, as well as templates, will be provided to the coordinators of the funded projects.

6.4.2 Meetings

The Principal Investigators (PIs) of the funded projects are obliged to present their projects at three seminars to the EUPAHW funders, other interested parties and relevant stakeholders:

- a **kick-off meeting** (online), where all funded projects will be represented by the PIs explaining objectives and expected outcomes,
- a **midterm meeting,** presenting the mid-term reports including status, preliminary results and future work,
- a **final meeting**, presenting the research results and assessment of possible impact.

For PIs (or delegated partner) of the funded projects, participation in 3 physical meetings (anticipated to take place in Europe) will be obligatory. Travel expenses to attend these meetings should be included in the project budget of the coordinator. Participation of other additional project partners is optional and at their own expense.

6.5 Dissemination and communication

Applicants to the co-funded call must allocate sufficient resources in their budget to disseminate their project goals, planning and results. Funded projects are strongly encouraged to:

- contribute with project presentations and/or posters to the foreseen events of EUPAHW which are listed in Section 6.
- Prepare (popular science) summaries of the project goals, planning and results for EUPAHW activities and publications (e.g. brochures, [digital] newsletters, the website etc.).

Annex I: List of Funding Contact Persons

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Annex II: List of the EUPAHW beneficiaries, partaking in internal activities, who may apply for an external call

Participant	Country		Participant	Country		Participant	Country
AGES	Austria		AUTH	Greece		NVI	Norway
BMFWF	Austria		ELGO-VRI	Greece		NRIAP	Poland
BOKU	Austria		NUID UCD	Ireland		PIWet	Poland
UGENT	Belgium		TEAGASC	Ireland		INIAV	Portugal
Sciensano	Belgium		CREA	Italy		FEG	Portugal
AU	Denmark		EFSA	Italy		CBV SAV	Slovakia
DAFA	Denmark		ISS	Italy		UL	Slovenia
DTU	Denmark		IZSAM	Italy		CSIC	Spain
SSI	Denmark		IZSLER	Italy		IRTA	Spain
UCPH	Denmark		IZSLT	Italy		UCLM	Spain
EULS	Estonia		UMIL	Italy		ULE	Spain
Ruokavirasto	Finland		UNIPD	Italy		UAB	Spain
ANSES	France		UNISS	Italy		SLU	Sweden
CIRAD	France		UNITO	Italy		SVA	Sweden
INRAE	France		UNITUS	Italy		EDI-IVI	Switzerland
ENVT	France		RIVM	Netherlands		SURREY	United Kingdom
ONIRIS	France		UU	Netherlands		DEFRA (APHA)	United Kingdom
EPHE	France		WR	Netherlands		UEDIN	United Kingdom
BFR	Germany		WU	Netherlands			
FBN	Germany		UKIM	North Macedonia			
FLI	Germany		IMR	Norway			
FZJ	Germany		LMD	Norway			
TIHO Hannover	Germany		NMBU	Norway			

Annex III: Communication and Dissemination Plan (Full-Proposal Phase)

Guidance on the EUPAHW Communication and Dissemination Plan

A plan for communication and dissemination has to be provided in the full-proposal phase and is considered in the evaluation procedure. Each project should go beyond dissemination and envision how to communicate, reach out and engage the general public and relevant stakeholders. Each project has to submit **a plan for communication and dissemination**, specifying how it will disseminate and communicate the results of the project.

To fulfil the plan for communication and dissemination, projects must dedicate appropriate resources for those activities.

Communication is defined as the work you do and the effort you put in informing and engaging with the wider public so they are aware of the issue your research is addressing, the question you are posing, the methods you are using to answer that question and the anticipated outcomes. Communication is in addition to 'dissemination', which is focused on the production of scientific papers, posters and presentations at closed scientific congresses, and work with specialist stakeholder groups. Please include both communication and dissemination activities for the entire project duration in your plan.

Communication activities may for example include activities such as development of a website and/or app, media communications programme, social media programme, videos/podcasts, infographics/project literature, creative artwork/exhibition stands, quizzes / games / serious gaming, science fairs/open houses intended for wider audiences, meetings of targeted stakeholders, training for consortium on aspects of communication. Please consult the national annexes of your respective funding agency for potential limitations to funding certain communication activities.

For further information on the topic see also the publication: "Making the most of your H2020 project - Boosting the impact of your project through effective communication, dissemination and exploitation"[6]

What is a Communication and Dissemination Plan?

It is a document that demonstrates that a Consortium has clearly thought through the rationale, target stakeholders, activities, timescales, budgets and measures including their key performance indicators (KPIs) and means of verification for communications and dissemination activities it will implement as an integral part of its project plan.

Whilst each Communication and Dissemination Plan will be different, it is likely to consist of:

- a narrative (the rationale/ approach)
- a table which draws together information on priority target stakeholder groups and methods to reach them
- a timetable/GANTT chart
- a budget table with enough detail on each action/activity/product and its delivery
- a table pulling together the agreed key performance indicators or measures of success against each planned activity.

The plan should allow to answer the following questions clearly:

- Who are our priority audiences and why?

5 https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/3bb7278e-ebf3-11e9-9c4e-01aa75ed71a1

- When is the most appropriate time to engage with each audience and why?
- How do the Communication and Dissemination actions create synergy with the rest of the project plan?
- How do we justify the budget allocated to each of our proposed communications actions?
- How are we splitting responsibility for the resources and actions across the consortium?

For EUPAHW the expected minimum requirements of the Communication Plan are:

- A maximum two A4 page document
- A narrative on approach/rationale/contribution to the project
- A list of priority stakeholders, messages, actions & timetable
- Key Performance Indicators and means of verification

Annex IV: Data Management Plan (Full-Proposal Phase)

Data Management is an essential component of the success of transnational research. Representatives from academia, industry, funding agencies, and scholarly publishers designed and jointly endorsed a concise and measurable set of principles referred to as FAIR Data Principles with the intention to provide a guideline for reusability of data holdings. Four foundational principles – Findability, Accessibility, Interoperability and Reusability – are a necessity of data management. The EC published Guidelines on FAIR Data Management in Horizon 2020[7].

The data management plan should detail how the project partners will manage the research data generated and/or collected during the project, addressing the following issues:

- What types of data will the project generate/collect?
- What standards will be used?
- How will this data be exploited and/or shared/made accessible for verification and reuse?
- If data cannot be made available, explain why.
- How will this data be curated and preserved?
- How will the costs for data curation and preservation be covered?

This deliverable will evolve during the lifetime of the project in order to present the status of the project's reflections on data management.

Please note that Data Management is an ongoing activity of improvement and adaptation rather than something that can be finished in one short effort. The Data Management plan must reflect this. **The Data Management plan is expected to be detailed in 1 up to 2 A4 pages and submitted in the full proposal stage**.

6 https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/oa_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-data-mgt_en.pdf

Annex V: Letter of Commitment template (Full-Proposal Phase)

Letter of Commitment – Template

To be submitted electronically with the proposal via https://EUPAHW.ptj.de/

This template may be used for applicants participating in research proposals who are not eligible for funding or choose not to receive funding (e.g. from a country not participating in the call), so called "associated partners", in order to provide evidence of their commitment. Grey-marked fields must be duly completed. Organisations are allowed to use their own templates, however the content of the letter as described hereunder should be regarded as the minimum requirement. An authorised representative of the organisation must sign this document.

In case of failure in providing such commitment, an applicant will be regarded as ineligible, jeopardising the whole research consortium.

Call: "Call Title"

Letter of commitment

Project title: …….

Place, Date

We hereby confirm that the organisation has sufficient resources and is committed to participate in the project **project title**, in accordance with the proposal which is submitted by **coordinator** in the framework of the 2nd Co-funded Call EUPAHW and in case the proposal is selected for funding by the Call Board.
In addition, in case of a separate source of funding: Please find attached to this letter a commitment from the funding **organisation** for our contribution to this project.

Signature of **Name and affiliation**

Annex VI: List of SRIA Research Actions addressed by this call

Action	Description
OO7 A2	Develop tools such as (i) experimental farm approaches; (ii) in vivo, in vitro and in silico infection models for testing efficacy and safety of new drugs with reduced need for animal testing, new drug-delivery devices, therapeutics including leads for new antimicrobials; and (iii) bioinformatic pipelines for analysis of microbiome and pathogen data; this will be done in collaboration with industry, where appropriate.
OO7 A3	Build on the results of Action 1&2 to develop or improve interventions and treatments and deliver first proof of concept, where appropriate, in collaboration with industry: demonstration of immunogenicity and efficacy (minimum immunizing dose) in target species; representative (small scale) animal (challenge) model (TRL 3-4).
OO3 A3	Development, optimisation and standardisation of tools to distinguish between (i) infected and vaccinated individuals (DIVA) as well as (ii) presence of unviable or infectious pathogens to study the pathogens' survival in the environment or in effluents and (iii) to study inter- species (including wild animals) circulation of pathogens or resistant variants.
OO5 A4	Reinforce animal resilience (the natural ability of animals to withstand pathogens), through fundamental and applied research addressing e.g. animal feeding and breeding.
OO4 A2	Development of technologies on the slaughter line to assess animal welfare on farm and/or during transport. Identification of suitable ABM with appropriate level of validity, sensitivity and specificity; development of in-line sensors, large scale data collection.
OO4 A1	Further develop the research area of 'positive welfare' (including positive emotions), through the identification and validation of animal-based measures (e.g. behavioural, endocrine and neurological indicators. Research will focus on cognition, preference testing and strength of motivation to obtain rewards.
OO4 A3	Livestock and fish welfare at slaughter and when killing for e.g. disease control and emergency killing; development of technologies, procedures and/or protocols to increase the reliability of methods which assess consciousness and death.
OO4 A6	Development of technologies to assess animal welfare during transport. Affordable and reliable solutions to prevent serious welfare problems through early detection of signals before and whilst in transit, e.g. lameness, lesions, heat stress, aggression, thirst or hunger, exhaustion, etc. Development of sensor technology, data analysis tools, data collection and integration platforms, decision support for the driver; related staff training.
OO6 A4	Develop appropriate livestock and fish stunning and killing techniques to limit pain and reduce stress during slaughter after fishing or in the abattoir, as well as during on farm killing for e.g. disease eradication purposes or euthanasia.
OO6 A5	Develop innovative systems for the transport of livestock and fish.
OO9 A2	Assess the socio-economic consequences of the possible changes in livestock and fish farming that may result from e.g. changes in citizen demand regarding animal welfare or that may be an effect of new legislative requirements.
OO9 A4	Develop appropriate solutions to facilitate the integration of AID mitigation measures and improved animal welfare and resolve potential trade-offs in the overall context of sustainable livestock production and aquaculture in the EU.

Annex VII: National/ Regional Regulations

Austria (FWF)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: FWF Austrian Science Fund; www.fwf.ac.at

Funding Programme:

Pre-Proposal stage: **PIK** – International Projects preproposal

Full Proposal stage: **KIN**– International Projects

Funding Contact Point:

Bettina REITNER email: bettina.reitner@fwf.ac.at phone: +43 676 834878203

Stefanie SCHAGGINGER email: stefanie.schagginger@fwf.ac.at phone: +43 676 834878213

Submission of the proposal at the national level

In addition to the application at the EP level, administrative data must be submitted online to the FWF at https://elane.fwf.ac.at (user manual) - for both the preproposal and the full proposal stage.

For the FWF submission of **pre-proposals** applicants must choose the programme category "**PIK – International Projects preproposal**" deadline **31. March 2026**, 14:00 CEST (local time) and upload the following documents as individual annexes:

- **CV** of the applicant at FWF (according to the FWF Application Guidelines section 2.2.3 – Annex 3).
- **Proof of publication output** of the FWF principal investigator (according to FWF Application Guidelines section 2.2.4).
- **Costs** may not be modified from pre- to full proposal, therefore drafting of the cost justification is already advised at the pre-proposal stage. For further information see the FWF Application guidelines section 6.1 - Appendix A.)
- **a document describing the basic research part** of the Austrian partner (max. 1 page)

Please note that applications are only valid once they have been approved for submission by the research institution (PROFI) in the submission portal in due time before the specified deadline.

For the **full proposal** stage applicants must choose the programme category "**KIN– International Projects**" submit no later than **17. September 2026**, 14:00 CEST (local time). Further information will be communicated to the applicants invited for full proposal submissions.

(Please note that it is not necessary to upload the proposal itself as this document is provided to the FWF by the Joint Call Secretariat.)

Eligibility:

Funding may be requested for projects in **basic research** that are clearly defined, innovative, with plausibly described objectives and methods, and are limited in duration (see FWF Application Guidelines section 1.2).

All Austrian research institutions are eligible to apply. Research institutions must be registered in the FWF's research institution portal. The proposed research must be carried out in Austria under the auspices of the Austrian lead research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out. Please refer to section 1.3 of FWF Application Guidelines for more details.

The principal investigator applying for funding must be employed at the Austrian research institution at the time the project is scheduled to begin. The principal investigator must have appropriate scientific qualifications as described in section 1.4 of the FWF Application Guidelines and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. Please also consider the project number limit.

Maximum funding per project **€ 450.000,-**

Entire FWF Funding: € 1.600.000,00 approx. 4 projects

Eligible Costs:

Project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution (see section 2.3 of the FWF Application guidelines). The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions.

Costs may not be changed from pre- to full proposal, therefore drafting of the cost justification is already advised at the pre-proposal stage. For further information see the FWF Application guidelines - section 6.1 Appendix A.

Topic Priorities: No

Any other information: The Austrian part may only comprise basic research. No widening options allowed.

Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)

Funding Programme: PINT-MULTI (https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financements/credits-et-projets/projets-internationaux-pint#pint-multi)

Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Maxime Bonsir	maxime.bonsir@frs-fnrs.be international@frs-fnrs.be	+32 2 504 92 36
Joël Groeneveld	joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be	+32 2 504 92 70

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations.

Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of EUPAHW call to be eligible. Please select the "PINT-MULTI" funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Funding: The initial funding pre-commitment is **300.000 € per project for 3 years**.

Admitted costs:

Please note that personnel costs have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. 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.

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.

Topic Priorities:

- The F.R.S.- FNRS only funds basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the "Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles".
- The F.R.S.- FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S.- FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.

***Any other information**: e-space*, PINT-MULTI regulations

Belgium (FIO)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Fonds voor Innoveren en Ondernemen (FIO)

Funding Programme: Research projects: https://www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/research-project

Development projects: https://www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/development-project

Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Kirezi Kanobana	Kirezi.kanobana@vlaio.be	
contact person:	email:	phone:
Bert Beck	bert.beck@vlaio.be	+32 (0)2 432 43 07

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility: The following types of private entities are eligible:

- All enterprises that are legal entities and have operational activities in Flanders (or at least a clear impetus to do so)
- Non-profit organisations and organisations governed by public law that are a legal entity and have operational activities in Flanders (or at least a clear impetus to do so) and perform economic activities

All accepted projects need to have a positive impact both on the Flemish Region as well as the consortium at large. The regional impact needs to be clarified in the Annex for international and interregional projects.

For additional information, we strongly suggest potential applicants to read through the following:

- Eligibility criteria research projects
- Eligibility criteria development projects

Funding: €800.000, with a limit of 500.000 euro per project

Admitted costs: The following costs are eligible:

- Staffing costs
- Overhead costs
- Operating costs
- Third-party services
- Investments

For more detailed information about admitted costs, please refer to the guide to the cost model .

Topic Priorities: All

Belgium (FPS Health)

This annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Federal Public Service Health, Food Chain Safety and Environment

Funding Programme: Contractual Research Unit, Open calls and project follow-up | FPS Public Health

Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Valérie Van Merris	*valerie.vanmerris@health.fgov.be*	*+32 524 90 94*

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

The eligibility of the proposals requesting funding from FPS Health is assessed by the Contractual Research unit. In addition to the call criteria, proposals must also meet the following national criteria:

1. Proposals shall be submitted under thematic area « 2. Prevention & Control » and addressing one of the following SRIA actions be funded by the FPS Health:

   OO3-3: Develop and standardise tools to:
   - Differentiate between infected and vaccinated animals (DIVA).
   - Detect whether pathogens in the environment, including waste remain infectious.
   - Study transmission dynamics of pathogens and resistant variants across species, including wildlife.

   OO5-4: Reinforce animal resilience to disease through research into feeding, breeding, and other biological factors that enhance natural immunity.

   OO9-4: Develop practical solutions to integrate AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures, addressing trade-offs within sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems in the EU

2. Only Belgian research institutions can be partner in the transnational consortium and may apply for funding from the FPS Health. Foreign expertise can only be brought in via subcontracting, under specific conditions.

3. The Belgian part of the research must fit within the competences of Contractual Research relating to animal health. As animal welfare is a regional competence, it does not fall within the remit of the FPS Health.

4. The research topic of the Belgian part of the research may not fall within the competence of the regional authorities unless the aspects that fall within the regional competence are funded by these regional authorities; work packages or tasks that are outside the specific scope of FPS Health must be funded by an external funding source as well.

5. The Belgian part of the research must support or help preparing the national policy in the field of animal health; this means that the research must provide knowledge that supports the Government in its policy, in particular the FPS Health and the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC).

Applications that do not adhere to these criteria will be deemed ineligible.

Funding:

The total funding budget foreseen for Belgian research institutions is € 495,000.

The maximum allocated grant for the Belgian partner(s) per project shall not exceed € 165,000.

Admitted costs:

- Staffing costs, excluding the staffing costs for the coordinator (and promotor) participating in the Belgian consortium

- Operational costs
    - Standard operational costs are flat-rate costs and include normal expenses related to the research activities (e.g. ordinary supplies, consumables, office supplies, documentation, travel expenses, use of computers and software),
    - Specific operational costs are directly related to the research activities (e.g. usage costs for equipment, maintenance costs, costs for analyses, subcontracted work).

General costs include costs for administration, phone, postage, the maintenance of the premises, heating, lighting, electricity, rent or insurance.

National application*:*

Belgian applicants invited to submit a full proposal (step 2) shall introduce at the latest on 16th September 2026, 12:00 CEST the national information sheet and their budgetary tables to FPS Health (contractual.research@health.fgov.be). Templates are available on the Contractual Research's website.

The allocation of the grant for successful proposal(s) will be ratified by the competent minister and published in the Belgian Official Gazette. Subsequently a contract will be concluded between the FPS Health and the authorized representative(s) of the Belgian consortium partner(s) involved.

Belgium (FWO)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

Funding Contact Point:

Contact persons:	**email:**	**phone:**
Toon Monbaliu (FO)	europe@fwo.be	+32 (0)2 550 15 70
Kristien Peeters (SBO)	europe@fwo.be	+32 (0)2 550 15 95

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

The FWO integrates two of its 'national/regional' funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the type of project (e.g. exploration of basic mechanisms (FO), strong focus on valorization potential and stakeholders (SBO)) the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake.

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

- FWO Research Projects (FO)
- Strategic Basic Research (SBO)

Or by consulting the FWO contact points mentioned above.

Funding and eligible costs:

The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above; i.e. FO and SBO)), and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel).

The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR in total, which allows for the funding of at least two projects. For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) use the same approach. A structural overhead rate should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for 'FO' projects, and a 17% overhead rate for 'SBO' projects.

Some practical examples:

FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.

SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.

Topic Priorities:

The FWO funds all call topics mentioned in the call text, if they fit the integrated FWO funding channels scope (e.g.: a basic research component is mandatory in both FWO funding channels).

Additional eligibility criteria:

Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal, which should be done by the main PI from Flanders itself (e.g. supervisor-spokesperson or promoter). For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type "Research projects – European programme fundamental research". For strategic basis research projects (SBO) select the application type: "Research projects – European programme strategic basic research".

In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted containing all relevant information from the different Flemish partners.

The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (pre proposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance.

Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.

- Participation in this call does not interfere with the 'regular/national' project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call.
- Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context.
- The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply here.
- The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project.
- Linked to the above, when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this context, who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project, are not eligible.
- It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardise any research projects/consortia.

Denmark (IFD)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)

Funding Programme: International Collaborations

Funding Contact Point:

Name:	**E-mail:**	**Phone number:**
Mathias Holm Tveen	Mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk internationale@innofond.dk	+45 61905073

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility: Only registered legal Danish entities are eligible for investments from IFD in an international project. It is possible for Danish and foreign entities to participate as subcontractors to Danish partners. This requires written approval by IFD. A subcontractor cannot be a partner.

Any legal entity (such as an enterprise, a research institution, or a public institution) in Denmark directly involved in the international project activities, is eligible to participate and receive funding from IFD.

Funding: The maximum **amount** per Danish partner in international projects is EUR 300,000. The maximum amount for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is EUR 500,000. The minimum funding amount for Danish partners til EUR 50,000.

Funding **rate** depends on the type of organisation and is described on page 12 in our guidelines, see link below.

Admitted costs: Direct project related costs: Salaries, Equipment, Other project-related costs (events, travel, accommodation, communication and knowledge sharing) see the rules stated in Section 2.3 and 2.4 in our guidelines, see link below.

Overhead: Overhead can only be included for certain participants, depending on organization type, see section 2.4 in our guidelines, see link below.

Topic Priorities: All

Documentations: When applying for funding for an international project with Innovation Fund Denmark, a number of documentations are required for the eligibility check.

The Danish applicants will be invited to perform the necessary tasks via our national system e-grant, when their file has opened. This usually happens within two weeks after the application deadline. You can read more and see the required declarations on our website.

Any other information: Guidelines

Estonia (ETAG)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Estonian Research Council (ETAG)

Funding Programme: European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0)

Funding Contact Point:

Name: Priit Kilgas **Email:** priit.kilgas@etag.ee **Phone:** +37259094883

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

1. Project Participants

1.1. 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.

The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated.

After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, 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 duration of 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.

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

The Principal Investigator:

1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline);

1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, by the preproposal deadline) at the latest;

1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline). Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause

1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or if there have been other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.

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

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

Funding: <u>ETAG will only fund 1 project</u>, the budget will be 150 000 € per project or 300 000 € per project if Estonian partner is the coordinator.

Admitted costs:

2. Budget

2.1. The budget contains costs directly related to the implementation of the project (direct costs) and indirect (overhead) costs. The direct costs must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.

2.2. **Direct costs:**

2.2.1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.

2.2.2. **Other direct costs are:**

- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad;

- consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project;

- publication and dissemination of project results;

- organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g. room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs);

- fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project;

- patent costs;

- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, postage costs etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project.

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

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

2.5. **Double funding** of activities is not acceptable (i.e. the same cost item may not be reimbursed twice).

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

2.7. All project-related costs must be incurred no later than 31.08.2029, i.e. the Estonian partner's activities must be completed by that time.

Topic Priorities: All topics

Eligible type of research: Basic research or Applied research

Additional criteria to be taken into account:

3. Exclusion from the scope of the ERDF (Mobilitas 3.0) funding

Following the restrictions laid down in Article 7 of the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council No 2021/1058 of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund, research and other activities related to fossil fuels and their use, as well as other activities not eligible as per Article 7 of the Regulation, cannot be funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources.

4. State Aid

If the Host Institution is an undertaking, EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. An undertaking is any entity, be it a natural or a legal person, engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed. See the National Eligibility Criteria on ETAG website for further details:

https://www.etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/era-net-projektid/

5. Grant Agreement

If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the Consortium Agreement has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.

6. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing

If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.

7. Nagoya Protocol

By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.

Finland (MMM)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: *Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry MMM*
Funding Programme:
Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	**email:**	**phone:**
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Eero Rautiainen	*eero.rautiainen@gov.fi*	*+3582951 62049*

Terms and Conditions
Eligibility:
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) are not allowed to 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)

Funding:
Maximum funding 200 000.00 €/ project or max. 300 000.00 per project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator.

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).

Topic Priorities:
MMM is prepared to fund proposals under topic 1 "Animal Welfare" (all actions) and under topic 2 "Prevention control" (**only actions** 003-3 and 005-4).

Any other information
MMM urges all applicants to get in touch with the national contact person already in the early phase of the project planning.

France (ANR)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Agence nationale de la Recherche ANR

Funding Programme: Partenariat Européen Santé et bien-être animal

Funding Contact Point:

contact persons:	email:	phone:
Nuria Ruiz	*nuria.ruiz@agencerecherche.fr*	-
Isabelle Hippolyte	*Isabelle.hippolyte@agencerecherche.fr*	-

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Eligible Institutions

ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations for further reference).

Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France.

In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French research organization.

The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory, except for the specific topics defined in the call text.

Companies in difficulty are not eligible to ANR funding.

Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, Ukrainian territories out of control of the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union

Funding

The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR by each proposal with French applicant(s) is:

• €400,000 (if the Coordinating Partner is requesting funding from ANR and is eligible for funding by ANR)

• €300,000 (for standard French Partners)

The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15.000 €.

If there are several French partners requesting funds from ANR, the total requested funding from ANR (300.000 €, extended to 400.000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them.

For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations at actual costs at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.

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Topic Priorities:

Topic1	*Topic 2*
yes	*yes*

Additional eligibility criteria:

For the full-proposal stage, partners requesting funding from ANR will have to submit the proposal also on the ANR submission platform.

To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded.

Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations at actual costs for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/

In keeping with the **French "PPST" policy** (Protection of the national scientific and technological potential), applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defense officer) regarding their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD will cause ANR to reject the proposal.

By applying to ANR, ANR funded projects' partners commit to ANR policies under the following headings (see the document "Modalités" for details):

- Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
- Ethics and scientific Integrity
- Publications and Open Science Policy
- Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture
- *GDPR*

Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR). In case of a conflict of interpretation between the terms and conditions stated in this annex and the "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" and the "Règlement financier", the latter shall prevail.

Germany (BMLEH/BLE)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Regional Identities (BMLEH)

Funding Contact Point:

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Philipp Sandmann	Philipp.Sandmann@ble.de	+49 (0)228 6845 3089
Katerina Kotzia	Katerina.Kotzia@ble.de	+49 (0)228 6845 3486

Funding: Funding:

Indicative budget	**750,000,- €**
Maximum funding per project	**250,000 € (Please note the project lump sum ("overhead") regulation that is explained below.)**
Project duration	**36 months**

Topic Priorities:

The following topics can be funded:

Topic1	Topic 2
yes	no

Research proposals relating to genetic engineering techniques and R&D of genetically modified animals must be examined on a case-by-case basis. Proposals aimed to release genetically modified animals into the environment are excluded.

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Eligibility:

Following types of partners are eligible for funding:			
Universities	**Research institutes**	**Non-profit organisations**	**private companies**
yes	**yes**	**yes**	**no**

German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their Funding Contact Persons before submitting a proposal.

Eligibility criteria:

BMLEH funding is based on §§ 23 and 44 BHO (Bundeshaushaltsordnung) and associated administrative regulations and §§ 48 to 49a of the VwVfG (Verwaltungsverfahrensgesetz).

Furthermore, the standard guidelines of the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) including ancillary provisions for grants on an expenditure or cost basis (NABF, ANBest-P, NKBF 2017) apply. All of these guidelines are based on Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 and Commission Regulation (EU) 2022/2472 of 14 December 2022. The main items are the following:

- Funding will be awarded as a non-repayable project grant.
- Eligible applicants are universities, universities of applied sciences, non-university research institutions, as well as Federal and State institutions with research tasks. Research institutions, which are jointly funded by the Federal Government and the 'Länder', may only be granted project funding under certain conditions and only for project-related expenditures in addition to their institutional funding.
- Double funding is not possible.
- Up to 250,000 € (including the project lump sum) are available per project for German partners. The grant is awarded in the course of project funding as a non-repayable grant or allocation based on the eligible project-related expenditure or costs as full or partial funding. A project lump sum or so-called "overheads' ' of up to 10 percent of personnel expenses can only be granted in the case of grants on an expenditure basis (AZA).
- The German project partners of full proposals selected for funding will, at a later stage, be invited to submit a national application
- National funding is provided as delineated in the national call announcement, which will be published in the 'Bundesanzeiger'

Ireland (DAFM)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)*

Funding Programme: https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/9bd2a-research-and-codex/

Funding Contact Point:

Willie Ryan	email: willie.ryan@agriculture.gov.ie	*0035316072327*

Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

National Eligibility Criteria

- *Topics to be funded Submissions for both Topics 1 and Topic 2 are eligible. All of the issues described under each topic are eligible for inclusion into a proposal.*
- *Grant applications will only be accepted from approved Irish RPOs (see section 4 of the Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants)* *https://assets.gov.ie/static/documents/50c4e9d5/Call_Guidelines_for_Irish_Applicants_Horizon_Europe_Partnerships_2025.pdf*
  Call_Guidelines_for_Irish_Applicants_Horizon_Europe_Partnerships_2025.pdf
- *The grant request by Irish RPOs must not exceed the maximum funding per project as set of €325,000 from DAFM*
- *Address the scientific areas related to the call scope (as set out in the central Call announcement/documents under the European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare EUPAH&W (First Co-funded Call)*
- *Avoid duplication of recent national and international research work already funded or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the scientific topic areas in European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare First Co-funded Call.*
- *Closely align with relevant national policy and foresight documents including but not restricted to Food Vision 2030, the national animal welfare strategy IMPACT 2030, Programme for Government, and Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Agriculture, and also align with relevant strategic research and innovation priority areas and agendas.*

Applications that do not adhere to these criteria will be deemed ineligible and in such cases the application will not proceed for expert review.

Eligible Funding Partners

Please note: Project partners that are not eligible for funding are encouraged on an in-kind or self-financing basis.

Italy (MOH)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Ministry of health, MoH

Funding Programme: Ricerca Corrente, RC

Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
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Marida Scalzilli	m.scalzilli@sanita.it	

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The main national criteria to be fulfilled are listed as follows:

- No more than 3 IIZZSS can be associated in the same project.
- Other eligible institutional partners (Destinatari Istituzionali, DI) and other research organizations (Istituzioni Esterne, IE) are allowed to be part to the project on the basis of specific agreement and/or contract as sub unit with the IZS proposing the project or funded by a different FO.
- Each researcher can apply to the present call with only one proposal as coordinator.
- The maximum project duration is three years (36 months).

A copy of the pre-proposals and of the full proposals, have to be submitted also to the "Direzione generale della salute animale - Ufficio 2" at the following address: m.bagni@sanita.it and b.cappelletti@sanita.it; the above will apply also in the case of partnership in an not Italian coordinated project.

Eligibility: The Principal Investigator (PI), either he/she is proposed as coordinator or partner in the project, has to be part of the staff of an Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale (IZS).

Funding: Budget committed for this call 500.000 euros. The maximum amount for each project has to not exceed 300.000 euros if the applicant is the coordinator and 150.000 if partner.

Admitted costs: Personnel cost (must not exceed 50% of the required budget); consumables; travel & subsistence; coordination (meeting organization; website management and dissemination:
must not exceed 10% of the required budget); subcontractor; general costs (must not exceed 10% of the required budget). For any other rules on industry involvement or admissible costs please refer to note 15086 of the 21stMay 2025 DGSAF and RC guidelines.

Topic Priorities: All the 2 topic

Latvia (LZP)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Latvian Council of Science, LZP

Funding Programme: Support for participation in European Union's research and technology development programs, https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem

Funding Contact Point:

Name:	**E-mail:**	**Phone number:**
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Eligibility:

R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) and small, medium or large enterprises. R&D institutions must be listed in the Registry of Research Institution operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.

Small and medium enterprises must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia and must be able to submit financial reports for at least two years.

No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the same project.

Funding: The maximum amount of funding is 100 000 EUR per year/project partner.

Admitted costs:

The eligible costs. Direct project related costs: personnel costs, travel costs, subcontracts (up to 25% from total direct costs), equipment (only depreciation costs), materials and other direct costs such as consumables, publication costs etc. Indirect costs (overheads) can reach a maximum of 25% from total direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs.

Double funding of the same project, as a whole or in part, is prohibited, whether the funding comes from LZP or from another source.

Topic Priorities: All topics included in the Work programme of the call can be founded **Documentations:** After the EUPAH&W consortium has recommended the project for funding and the project coordinator has received the decision, the project participant shall submit to the Latvian Council of Science an "Application for granting support for the implementation of the project" and the project application.

Any other information:

Once a year the project partner has to submit to LZP the periodic scientific report and financial report.

Lithuania (LMT)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

Eligibility: Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions.

Eligible Applicants - implementing institution together with partners - a public or private legal entities

Funding: Funding limit per project – 200 000 coordinator, 150 000 – partner.

Admitted costs: Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting

Topic Priorities: No priorities

Any other information:

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.

No national official paper work until positive evaluation decision

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According to national rules LMT can directly fund academia and research institutions only, however they can have partners from the private sector if they share a budget with them. We ask to count such “internal partnership” as one consortia partner.

Lithuania (ZUM)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio ministerija (ŽŪM)

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

Eligibility: Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian legal entities (universities, research organizations) regardless of their legal form or source of funding, whose main activities include carrying out scientific research and applied activities, as well as disseminating the results.

Funding: Maximum funding for project – 120 000 EUR.

Admitted costs and other requirements: Eligible costs and other requirements are set out in the Rules for the Administration of International Research and Experimental Development Projects of the Ministry of Agriculture for the period 2024–2027, approved by Order No. 3D-862 of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania on 15 December 2023.

https://e-seimas.lrs.lt/portal/legalAct/lt/TAD/0d116fb09b8b11ee8172b53a675305ab?positionInSearchResults=0&searchModelUUID=ef57bd22-4266-40c7-9ea8-96509f64ae38

Topic Priorities: All topics

Netherlands (MINLVVN)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Ministerie van Landbouw, Visserij, Voedselzekerheid en Natuur

Funding Programme: Open programmering

Funding Contact Points:

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Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

Applicants need to follow the rules and regulations of the transnational call and of the national requirements.

Applicants are required to contact the National Contact Point. Applicants wishing to increase their budget also need to contact the National Contact Point.

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

Non-profit organizations and private organizations must be registered and well established in the Netherlands. These organizations may participate in proposals with eligible applicants, but should cover their own costs. These organisations should also reach out to the National Contact Point before applying for the call.

The subsidy is coming from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature

The following conditions apply:

1) For Wageningen Research (WR) and other TO2 institutes:

The 'TO2 regeling' (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040605/2025-11-21) and the tariff agreement under it.

2) For other organizations and universities:

Kaderwet EZ-, LVVN- en KGG-subsidies (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0007919/2025-09-01 - article 2a).

After the project is granted in the transnational process, the applicants should contact the National Contact Point to set up the contract.

The Dutch participation in proposals should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agenda KIA Landbouw, Water, Voedsel (https://www.kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/KIA-Landbouw-Water-Voedsel-2024-2027-incl-bijlagen.pdf) and other relevant policies on animal health and animal welfare.

Funding:

The indicative budget for this call is 2,000,000 €.

Maximum funding per project is 300.000 €; this maximum is 350.000 € in case a Dutch project partner is the coordinator of the transnational project.

Admitted costs:

Eligible costs include personnel costs for project execution, and direct costs such as materials, small scientific equipment, travel expenses, and other costs that are demonstrably necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

Project management costs are capped at a maximum of 10% of the total project costs. Travel expenses are limited to a maximum of 5% of the total project costs.

Topic Priorities:
Proposals addressing both priorities are welcome.
Applicants are strongly encouraged to integrate socio-economic aspects into their research, specifically addressing the following Operational Objectives (OO):

- **OO9-2**: Assess socio-economic implications of changes in livestock and fish farming, including shifts in public demand for higher welfare standards and new legislative requirements.
- **OO9-4**: Develop practical solutions to integrate AID mitigation and enhanced welfare measures, addressing trade-offs within sustainable livestock and aquaculture systems in the EU.

Norway (RCN)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Funding Programme: Department for Food and Bioeconomy
Portfolio for food and bioresources (forskningsradet.no)

Funding Contact Point:

Contact person:	e-mail:	phone:
Kjersti Mariann Moi	kmmo@forskningsradet.no	+47 98878209

Terms and Conditions:
Following specific eligibility rules applying for the Norwegian partners in the proposal. Funding from the RCN is only intended to cover Norwegian parts of the project costs.

Eligibility:

- The call is open to approved Norwegian research organisations, companies, public sector entities and non-governmental organisations. See here for the list of approved Norwegian research organisations and definition of public sector.
- Norwegian partners from trade and industry sector are encouraged to participate. The state aid rules impose restrictions on such funding.
- Only proposals which also are relevant for the context of Norwegian circumstances are eligible for funding. The Norwegian applicants are encouraged to make clear how this criterium is fulfilled.
- Sole proprietorships ("*enkeltpersonforetak*") are eligible as partners. However, payroll and indirect expenses will not be covered for the owner and the spouse. The payroll and indirect expenses for any other employees of sole proprietorships can be covered, as well as expenses relating to participation in a project, provided that they are described in the sole proprietorship's accounts.

Funding:

- RCN will provide up to € 2 300 000 (NOK 27 million) in funding projects, under this all:
  - Up to € 1 280 000 (NOK 15 million) for terrestrial animal projects
  - Up to € 1 020 000 ((NOK 12 million) for aquatic animal projects
- RCN is using separate funding budgets lines: 1) funding line on terrestrial animals, 2) funding line on aquatic animals. The oversubscription factor will be calculated for both budget lines separately.
- The maximum funding requested from the RCN should not exceed:
  - Up to € 320 000 per project for terrestrial animal projects
  - Up to € 340 000 per project for aquatic animal projects

Admitted costs:
Norwegian applicants can apply for funding to cover actual costs that are necessary to carry out the project. The detailed and important information regarding the eligible cost on the website about What to enter into the project budget.

Topic Priorities:

- Grant applications with Norwegian participants can address any of the 2 research topics described in the call.
- Proposals can address research topics either on terrestrial animals or aquatic animals. Projects addressing both terrestrial animals and aquatic animals are also acceptable, but it must be made clear in the application, which budget line they are applying for.

General information:

- 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.
- If the project is awarded funding, it is required to sign a Consortium Agreement before the partner(s) funded by RCN can receive funding.
- Project partners of funded projects will have to submit national application forms to RCN after notification. The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow RCN cost model and RCN regulations. For more information about RCN conditions for funding, please read: General application requirements.
- Reporting to RCN: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/received-funding/project-reports/
- Support from the RCN constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.
- The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: Exchange rate (InforEuro) (europa.eu)

Any other information:

- The Norwegian fundings will be provided by two departments in the RCN:
    - Department for Food and Bioeconomy
    - Department for Ocean and Polar research
- Once the pre-proposal applications have been received, the RCN will first check that all preliminary and formal requirements have been met.
- Applications that do not satisfy the formal requirements will be rejected.

Romania (ANC)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation:

Funding Programme: N/A

Funding Contact Point:

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Eligibility: The categories of 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, non-governmental organizations (including patient organisations).

Funding:

Overall budget: 500.000 euros
Maximum funding per project: -250.000 max. if the consortium is coordinated by a Romanian applicant
-200.000 max. for Romanian partners in the consortium

Eligible costs:

a. Staff costs;

b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;
-Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25% of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work;

c. Travel expenses;

d. 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 SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.

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

Topic Priorities: all topics

Romania (ANSVSA)

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Funding Organisation:

AUTORITATEA NATIONALA SANITARA VETERINARA SI PENTRU SIGURANTA ALIMENTELOR (ANSVSA)

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

At the pre-proposal stage, applicants must submit administrative information, as specified in the national guidelines, through the submission procedure that will be communicated via the ANSVSA website, by the deadline that will be indicated on the official webpage.

Eligibility:

Min/Max project duration:
- min. 24 months
- max. 36 months

Overall budget: 500.000 EUR
Maximum funding per project:
The maximum financial contribution is EUR 250.000 per project if the Romanian organisation acts as coordinator, and EUR 200.000 per project if it acts as a partner.

The eligible beneficiaries are:

Eligible applicants include universities, research and technology organisations, public institutions, SMEs and other private entities carrying out Research and Innovation (R&I) activities relevant to the objectives of the call.

Other eligible entities may include, where relevant, non-profit organisations and other legally established entities (e.g. accredited veterinary and food safety laboratories, national reference laboratories, veterinary clinical units or public veterinary hospitals, professional associations, and public institutions with research or surveillance responsibilities), provided that they comply with national eligibility rules and State Aid legislation.

Eligible costs:

The funding will support projects addressing national strategic priorities in veterinary public health, animal health, animal welfare and food safety, as defined by the National Sanitary Veterinary and Food Safety Authority (ANSVSA), in line with national regulations and State Aid legislation.

1. **Staff costs**

2. **Logistics expenses – (a) capital expenditure; (b) materials, supplies, consumables; (c) stocks / inventory items**
   - Subcontracting costs must not exceed 25% of the public funding, and subcontracted activities must not represent core or substantial parts of the project.
3. **Travel expenses**
   - Travel and subsistence costs necessary for project meetings, field activities, conferences, workshops or research-related mobility.
4. **Indirect costs (overheads)**
   - Indirect costs are calculated as up to 20% of the eligible direct costs, excluding capital expenditure and subcontracting.

Additional eligibility criteria:

Romanian applicants are not allowed to submit more than one application within the same call.

National rules do not set specific TRL requirements, and applicants may follow the conditions described in the Call Text.

ANSVSA will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or national funding) and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have already received such funding.

Topic Priorities:

Topic 1	**Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare**
Topic 2	**Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare**

Slovakia (CVTISR)

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Funding Organisation: Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCSTI) /

Centrum vedecko-technických informácií SR (CVTI SR)

Funding Programme: N/A

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

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)
- Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations
- Cluster organizations
- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector)

Min/Max project duration: 12 – 36 Month*
Important notice: All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.

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)
- Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities
- Non-governmental non-profit organizations
- Cluster organizations
- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector)

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

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.
- The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments in Slovakia.
- All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.
- Relevant national documents:
- Programme Slovakia, 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.

All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals.

After having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform. The final formal funding decision is made by CVTI SR and only after the project was recommended for funding by the Partnership.

Useful links:

- Programme Slovakia
- SK RIS3 2021+
- Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027

Funding:

Overall budget: **600 000 EUR**
Minimum funding amount per Slovak project partner is 100.000 €; maximum funding amount is 200.000 € (per Slovak partner or as a combined limit for 2 Slovak partners in a single project consortium). This may be increased to 215 000 EUR if a Slovak partner submits a patent, trademark, or design application, and/or publishes the project results in a prestigious scientific peer-reviewed journal with full open access.

Eligible costs:

- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, 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.

Topic Priorities: all topics

Spain (AEI)

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Funding Organisation: Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

Funding Programme: Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027

Funding Contact Point:

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Eligibility:

Min/Max project duration: Min. 24 months-Max. 36 months (preferably)

Funding:

Overall budget: 1.000.000 €
Maximum funding per project:

Eligible costs:

Topic Priorities: all topics

National/regional regulation

Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities	R&I activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar work packages for the whole consortium will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities of the Spanish partner.
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the **PCI 2025-2** and especially the **PCI Requirements document** on **the national call website** as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.

Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Read conditions	No	No	Read conditions	Read conditions

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

Eligible entities

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 and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI" (see PCI 2025-2 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document.

The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls.

Eligible Applicants

Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:

• Be eligible in the corresponding PCI call and the PCI Requirements document.
• Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: from 2013-2016, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.

Incompatibilities: The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Agroecology, ERA4Health, PRIMA and FutureFoods) or other international initiatives:
• PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. **This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously, neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two consecutive years.**
• If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, without the possibility of changing the PI.
• A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
• Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed
• PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.
• PI must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.

Important: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN).

Funding

• Maximum funding committed by the AEI in the AH&W call 2025: 1.000.000€

• **Maximum funding for a 36 months project:**

The following **funding limits** (including direct + 25% indirect costs) **are** considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.

Maximum funding per project	DC* (€)	IC* (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant in the proposal	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI applicant in the proposal acting as Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal with one of them acting as Coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500

* Direct costs must be rounded to the thousands in the application.
* Indirect costs are 25% of direct costs requested.

Important:

• As a general rule, only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal
• Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only if one of them is acting as Coordinator

Other Funding Criteria:

• Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres).
• Two centres or institutions belonging to the *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas* (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.
• Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds.
• 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.
• Only excellent proposals with exclusively RDI activities will be funded by the AEI. Entire communication work packages, without research associated, are not eligible costs for AEI.

Submission of proposals at the AEI IMPORTANT and NEW!

Shortly after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI will be requested to submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI will include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, and the "Declaración responsable del investigador principal" duly signed by the Spanish PI.
The applicants will receive a direct link for the submission tool after the Future Foods pre-proposal stage is finished.

Eligible costs:

• Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities.
• Only personnel costs for contracts dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. Please consult PCI2025-2 (art.8 Personal)
The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.
• Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
• Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting 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. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.
• The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

Relevant information and documents

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.

Funding Instrument:
The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish national call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time).

Data Protection:
By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

Acknowledgement:
Important: Any publication or dissemination activity, including webs, communications, information sessions, etc, resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the "Agencia Estatal de Investigación" according to AEI's web guidelines.
Beneficiaries are obliged by these requirements and those of the international call.

Spain (CDTI)

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Funding Organisation: Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI)

Funding Programme: SERA (https://www.cdti.es/financiacion-nacional-sera)

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

Entities eligible for funding: Companies (large and SME) with tax residence or permanent establishment in Spain.

National requirement: Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level is needed.

Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI´s electronic submission system.

Deadline to complete CDTI´s application process: 30/03/2026.

Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call, and, as a consequence, the whole project will be deemed ineligible.

CDTI´s application process consists of completing an online application form (PAR application form) which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the Spanish company will assume in the project.

Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the FCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.

Activities eligible for funding:

- CDTI will only fund technology-based activities **within industrial research and/or experimental development** projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation (EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential.
- The activities and tasks related to communication, dissemination, preparation for entry into the market (market acceptance, market potential analysis, business models), commercialisation, industrial-scale trials, and registration of industrial property are not eligible for funding.
- **R&D activities to be funded must be within the TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain**.
- Spanish applicant's activities must be carried out in Spain and represent a high scientific-technical quality and a relevant innovative nature.

Funding:

- Funding will be implemented in the modality of grants. CDTI´s funding is subject to budget availability.
- Funding rates will be as follows:

Type of entity	Max. % of total budget fundable*
Large enterprise	40%
Medium enterprise	50%
Small enterprise	60%

*Note: If there is national budget available, the grant could be increased to up to 70% for all companies.

Budget of the project and admitted costs:

- No maximum nor minimum budget per project. Recommendation: not less than 200.000€.
- Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs.

Admitted costs:

- Costs of the personnel performing R&D tasks, including up to 58 hours per month for project management.
- Overheads (up to 25% of all direct cost, excluding subcontracting and travel expenses).
- Instruments, equipment, materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the project (to the extent that they are used and for the duration of the project).
- Contractual research, knowledge and patents.
- Subcontracting a consultancy firm (up to 8.000€).
- Subcontracting costs cannot exceed 50% of the participant eligible costs.
- Travel expenses (up to 8.000€).
- Audit reports (up to 2.000€ per financial year).

Other operating expenses are not eligible for funding.

Only the costs incurred during the project duration (since the project start date to the project end date) are eligible for funding.

Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call and therefore the whole project will be declared ineligible.

Türkiye (TAGEM)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point.

Funding Organisation: Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies

Funding Programme: Project to Support Research Capacity in Animal Production and Animal Diseases

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

Eligibility:

General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM), is connected to the "Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry", has 49 research institutes, 8 veterinary control institutes and FMD Institute, throughout the country. Only these institutes are eligible to benefit from our fund.

Funding:

Funding is only available for the research institutions affiliated to TAGEM.

Total amount allocated for this call is 200.000 €.

For each consortium, maximum indicated budget per each TAGEM affiliated partner cannot exceed 100.000 €.

Admitted costs:

It is aligned with the regulations of TAGEM, should be discussed with national contact point while applying.

Topic Priorities:

Topic 2

Türkiye (TUBITAK)

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Funding Organisation: The Technological and Scientific Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK); https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/

Funding Programme: 1071-Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit From International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation

https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararasi-destek-programlari/icerik-1071-uluslararasi-arastirma-fonlarindan-yararlanma-kapasitesinin-ve-uluslararasi-ar-ge

Funding Contact Point:

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Terms and Conditions

At pre-proposal stage, in addition to the application at the Animal Health and Welfare level, administrative data (in accordance with the TUBITAK guidelines) for **must be submitted online to the PBS** at https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/

This is required deadline **3rd April 2026**, 16:59 (local time in İstanbul).

Eligibility:

All Turkish

- Higher education institutions,
- Training and research hospitals,
- Public institutions and organizations,
- Capital companies (private institutions) established in Türkiye that create added value at the company level regardless of sector and size and have a trade registry certificate

are eligible to apply.

- Foundations, associations and their economic enterprises, cooperatives, unions, sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships,
- Institutes related to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM)

are **not** eligible to apply.

The intended project must be carried out in Türkiye. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out.

The research institution appoints a principal investigator to carry out the project.

Principal investigator must have a doctorate/proficiency degree in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine/art proficiency if they are university personnel, it is sufficient to have at least a four-year university undergraduate education if they work in public institutions or private

United Kingdom (BBSRC)

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Information Type	Details
Funding Contact Point(s) (FCPs)	Ruvimbo Gamanya - +44 20 4589 0853 Temiloluwa Daike +44 20 4589 0250 Email: europe@bbsrc.ukri.org
Total Budget for this Call	The Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) anticipates an investment of up to EUR 4.315.000 (100% fEC) for proposals to this call for research. Topic A (Animal Welfare) and Topic B (Prevention & Control) will be funded, with BBSRC prioritising SRIA action OO7-2 under topic B.
Project Maximum Amount	BBSRC will fund projects of maximum cost EUR 840.000 at 100% fEC. BBSRC will fund 80% of the full economic costs of the project.
Project Duration	36 months
Scope and eligibility checks	Submit a brief scope summary paragraph to both BBSRC and Defra FCPs for initial scope assessments. Allow up to 10 working days for a response to scope-related enquiries.
Topic Priorities	BBSRC will fund both topics in this call. Note: BBSRC will prioritise SRIA action OO7-2 under call topic B (Prevention & Control).
Pre-Proposal Submission	Pre-proposals will need to be submitted through the EUPAH&W submission tool. The UKRI Funding Service (TFS) will **not** be opened to receive pre-proposals for this call. For more information, please visit the BBSRC Funding Opportunities pages.
Full Proposal Submission	Applicants invited to the full proposal stage will submit through the EUPAH&W submission tool. The UKRI Funding Service (TFS) will **not** be used to receive full proposals. BBSRC and Defra will determine the allocation of UK funding at office level. Once allocations are confirmed, BBSRC will invite successful applicants to upload a mirror PDF copy of the full proposal to TFS and complete the required additional questions.
Joint Applications	BBSRC permits contribution to more than one research proposal submitted to the co-funded call, provided there is no double funding of the same work or cost item, and the same work is proposed only once. See section 5.1.2 of the EUPAHW call announcement.
'Widening'	For full proposals, it is mandatory to contact the UK funding contact points and receive approval on the inclusion of the additional partner first prior to submission of the full proposal. See section 5.2.1 of the EUPAHW call announcement.

Industry Participation	BBSRC encourages industrial participation in projects under this scheme, but it is not mandatory. BBSRC is not able to fund industrial partners, and any costs incurred, direct or otherwise, by industrial partners cannot be met by BBSRC. For further information about collaborative partnerships, see the BBSRC Grants Guide. Note: Refer to the Defra National Annex for guidelines on industrial funding, which is eligible for support.
Eligibility	To apply for Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) funding, you must meet BBSRC's standard eligibility criteria. You should also check the funding opportunity for any opportunity-specific eligibility requirements. All enquiries about eligibility should be directed to the BBSRC contact points. Grants will be subject to standard Research Council Grants Terms and Conditions.
BBSRC Remit	The BBSRC supported research must fall within the remit of BBSRC, which supports research into plants, microbes, animals and tools and technology underpinning biological research. While we expect projects to be multidisciplinary, the primary focus and challenges of the UK component of the project must therefore be biological and/or biotechnological rather than medical, social, environmental or on physical or chemical engineering. For more information on the research areas that BBSRC funds see: http://www.bbsrc.ac.uk/research/science-remit.aspx. If you are unsure if your proposal is within the remit of BBSRC, please contact the National contact points.
Funding limits	The BBSRC's component of applications should be costed on the basis of full economic costing (fEC) as described in the BBSRC Grants Guide. If the grant is awarded, BBSRC will provide funding on the basis of 80% of fEC. Applicants must clearly justify all the requested resources. The submitting organisations must agree to find the balance of fEC for the project from other resources.
Costings	Costs incurred by the BBSRC-funded academic partner as a direct result of working with the other consortium partners (such as visits to labs or exchange of materials) can be requested. Studentships will not be supported by BBSRC as part of this call. Note: Refer to the Defra National Annex for guidelines on studentships, which are eligible for support
Exchange Rate	Final awards from BBSRC will be made in British Pounds (GBP); costs listed in the EUPAHW application forms must be converted into Euros (EUR) using a justifiable exchange rate at the time of submission of the pre-proposal. They must also state the rate used, its source and date accessed. Note: Project costs should not change from pre-proposal to full proposal. Please contact the FCPs if your final costs have changed due to the 'widening' policy.
UK Strategic Export Controls	In the context of this EUPAH&W call being multilateral, with assessment to be undertaken outside of the UK, it is your responsibility to check whether any information contained within your UK grant application requires an Export Controls Licence under UK Export Controls regulations. You are advised to seek support from within your research organisation.

Ethics and Responsible Research & Innovation	Applications should be in line with BBSRC research policies around ethical considerations (animal usage, biosecurity/managing risks from research misuse, Trusted Research & Innovation).
Equipment	Applicants requesting items of equipment costing over £25K should note that additional justification will be required when submitting the proposal through TFS and that the Research Organisation will be expected to make a contribution to the cost of the equipment. Further information is available at https://www.ukri.org/news/ukri-updates-funding-policies-to-improve-research-sustainability/
Link to funding programme(s) and other relevant information	BBSRC Forward Look 2025 Bioscience for an Integrated Understanding of Health Strategic Framework

United Kingdom (DEFRA)

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Funding Contact Point:

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Contracting Route and Terms & Conditions: Successful UK participants funded by Defra will contract with Defra under the standard Defra Research and Development Terms and Conditions (R&D T&Cs). Contracting will be via a research contract.
Defra R&D Terms and Conditions: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/defra-terms-and-conditions-for-goods-and-services/research-and-development-terms-and-conditions

Available Budget and UK Funding Limits: Defra anticipates investing up to €2.3 million to support UK participation in this call. For any single proposal, the UK budget should not exceed €840,000. If a consortium foresees a higher UK budget from Defra, please contact the UK Funding Contact Point before submission.

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