

# Austria: FFG

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Kreislaufwirtschaft und Produktionstechnologien
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.ffg.at/advanced-materials/meranet2025">https://www.ffg.at/advanced-materials/meranet2025</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Bundesministerium für Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Energie, Mobilität, Innovation und Technologie (BMK)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	FFG - Austrian Research Promotion Agency
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Name: Fabienne Nikowitz Phone: +43 (0) 57755 5081 E-mail: fabienne.nikowitz@ffg.at
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	3.200.000,- EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	At least 1 Austrian industry partner.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	500.000,- EUR
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Industrial Research: TRL 2-4 Experimental Development: TRL 5-7
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Research organisation: Industrial Research - 85%, Experimental Development - 60% Micro/small enterprise: Industrial Research - 80%, Experimental Development - 60% Medium enterprise: Industrial Research - 70%, Experimental Development - 50% Large enterprise: Industrial Research - 55%, Experimental Development - 35%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Consortium restriction: minimum 1 Austrian industry partner. Thematic restriction: KLWPT only supports only the four M-ERA.NET topics 1,2,3 and 5 Further restrictions: see under "Further guidance"
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Deadline for proposal submission via FFG eCall ( <a href="https://ecall.ffg.at">https://ecall.ffg.at</a> ): National pre-proposal ("Kurzantrag"): 15 May 2025, 12:00 C.E.T. National full-proposal ("Nationale Ergänzung"): 20 November 2025, 12:00 C.E.T.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Reports are submitted on an annual basis. Further information: see under "Further guidance"
<b>Further guidance</b>	Further information on conditions and restrictions are given in the national call: <a href="https://www.ffg.at/advanced-materials/meranet2025">https://www.ffg.at/advanced-materials/meranet2025</a>

# Belgium: F.R.S.-FNRS

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Wallonia Brussels federation – French speaking community of Belgium
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	PINT-MULTI
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="http://www.frs-fnrs.be">www.frs-fnrs.be</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	F.R.S.-FNRS
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	F.R.S.-FNRS
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<b>Funding Commitment</b>	200.000 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	1
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	200.000 € per project for 3 years
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1-3
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	100%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	The F.R.S.-FNRS only funds public research institutions of the French Speaking Community of Belgium.  All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-MULTI regulations</a> and in the <a href="#">Guide pratique sur les frais</a> .
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on <a href="#">e-space</a> within 5 working days after the general deadline of M-ERA.NET 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.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Financial reporting to the F.R.S.-FNRS: yearly by the finance department of the institution  Scientific reporting: the joint M-ERA.NET reports replace the reporting for F.R.S.-FNRS.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels">https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels</a>

# BELGIUM: SPW recherche

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Service public de Wallonie
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Regional (Wallonia)
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	-
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://recherche.wallonie.be/meranet">https://recherche.wallonie.be/meranet</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	-
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Jean-François HEUSE, inspecteur général
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Pierre DEMOITIE   <a href="mailto:pierre.demoitie@spw.wallonie.be">pierre.demoitie@spw.wallonie.be</a>   32 81 77 86 85
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1,000,000 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	-
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	-
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	3 - 6
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Between 60 and 100% depending from the beneficiaries
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	There is no restriction but at least one Walloon SME must be in the consortium.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	See website
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Yes (every 6 months); submitted online (Walloon ONTIME tool)
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://recherche.wallonie.be/meranet">https://recherche.wallonie.be/meranet</a>

# Belgium (Flanders): VLAIO

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Flanders region of Belgium
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Industrial research project Industrial development project
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject</a> <a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Fund for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Flanders Innovation & Entrepreneurship (VLAIO)
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<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1.000.000 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	No hard limit on the number of Flanders research partners participating in an M-ERA.NET project. A typical M-ERA.NET project has 3 to 4 partners on average. Please observe eligibility requirements at the level of M-ERA.NET.
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	The total funding given to all participating partners from Flanders together in a project should not exceed 500.000 euro.
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Industrial research project (TRL 1-3) Industrial development project (TRL 4-7)
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Maximum 60%-50%, depending on the type of R&D (resp. research and development) including extra's for small and medium sized companies (SME). An extra incentive is provided for projects with a Flemish company and a Flemish university or research partner (none of which exceed 70% of the Flemish budget) leading to max. 70% for research and 60% for development.
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Only companies with (future) economical added value in Flanders can submit proposals (large companies and SME's). Universities or research institutes can only participate as subcontractor (or research partner) to a Flanders based company. Foreign companies only as subcontractor without own exploitation. A stand alone participation of only a research group from a university or research institute without a (co-financing) Flemish company is not eligible.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	M-ERA.NET 3 call deadlines apply for M-ERA.NET proposals. In addition to the M-ERA.NET 3 pre-proposal also a "VLAIO Annex" has to be submitted to VLAIO with focus on the innovation goal and the valorisation potential of the Flemish participants. This needs to be done by the same deadline as for the M-ERA.NET 3 pre-proposal. The regular programme is open to all topics with continuous submission possible.

<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	The reporting requirements of funded projects are described on the programme websites indicated above.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/subsidies-voor-ooi-een-internationaal-consortium/netwerken/m-eranet">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/subsidies-voor-ooi-een-internationaal-consortium/netwerken/m-eranet</a>

# Brazil: FAPESP

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	FAPESP – São Paulo Research Foundation
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Regional (State of São Paulo, Brazil)
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M.ERA-NET partnership
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="http://www.fapesp.br/9321/m-erant">www.fapesp.br/9321/m-erant</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	FAPESP – São Paulo Research Foundation
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	FAPESP – São Paulo Research Foundation
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Virginia Sanches Subiñas E-mail: <a href="mailto:chamada_merant@fapesp.br">chamada_merant@fapesp.br</a>   Phone: +55(11)3838-4000
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	€ 600,000.00
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	€ 125,000.00
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1 to 4
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	100%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	According to the funding modality: APR (Regular Research Grant) with exceptionalities described in the guidelines for the Call 2025 – <a href="http://www.fapesp.br/17412">www.fapesp.br/17412</a>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Follows the M-ERA.NET deadlines
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Yearly, according to the funding modality
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="http://www.fapesp.br/9321/m-erant">www.fapesp.br/9321/m-erant</a> (Call 2025)

# Bulgaria: BNSF

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Bulgarian National Science Fund
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M-ERA.NET
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://bnsf.bg">https://bnsf.bg</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Bulgarian National Science Fund
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Bulgarian National Science Fund
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Milena Aleksandrova, <a href="mailto:aleksandrova@mon.bg">aleksandrova@mon.bg</a> , +359 884 171 363
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	€ 460 160
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	Up to 3 projects
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	Up to € 153 387
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1-4
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	N/A
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>Eligible institutions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act;</li> <li>2) Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act.</li> </ol> <p><a href="http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf">http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf</a></p> <p>Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: <a href="#">Link</a> (in Bulgarian)</p>

	<a href="#">Link</a> (in English)
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The form should be filled and electronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: <a href="https://nims.egov.bg/login/">https://nims.egov.bg/login/</a>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: <a href="https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/FNI_International_Programs_2017_BG.pdf">https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/FNI_International_Programs_2017_BG.pdf</a>
<b>Further guidance</b>	N/A



# Canada: PRIMA Québec

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	PRIMA Québec
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Québec (Canada)
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Programme de soutien aux organismes de recherche et d'innovation (PSO - International)
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.prima.ca/en/funding-programs/international-call-for-projects/">https://www.prima.ca/en/funding-programs/international-call-for-projects/</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministère de l'Économie, de l'Innovation et de l'Énergie (MEIE)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	PRIMA Québec
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Michel Lefèvre, Director – programs & international collaborations <a href="mailto:Michel.lefevre@prima.ca">Michel.lefevre@prima.ca</a> +1-514-284-0211 #227
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	0.4 M€ (1M\$ CAD)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	Min 1 applicant with min 1 industrial partner per project
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	200 000 \$CAD The CAD\$200,000 amount will include direct research costs, MEIE management fees (2%), as well as indirect research costs, where applicable.
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Collaborative research between industries and academics on advanced material  In accordance with its strategic plan, PRIMA Québec encourages the submission of projects concerning the development of advanced materials applied to Quebec's key sectors, such as transportation and infrastructure, energy, environment, textiles, electronics and health.  The technologies targeted by this call for projects concern all types of application sectors:  The formulation and development of advanced materials such as: micro / nanoparticles, fibers, engineered wood, biomaterials, concrete, polymer, composite, multifunctional materials, glass, ceramics, metals and alloys, semiconductors;  The integration of these materials into finished or semi-finished products;  Advanced processes such as additive manufacturing, surface treatments, multiphysics simulation, modeling, composites and / or polymer shaping;  Characterization instruments for advanced materials  TRL 1-9
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Funding contribution to the direct cost of the research budget

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRIMA max. 50%</li> <li>• Industries min.20%</li> <li>• Complementary Funding 30%</li> </ul> <p>Maximum contribution from PRIMA : \$ 200 k/ for 3 years maximum</p>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>Applicants are university, CCTT or public research center</p> <p>It is necessary to have at least one company (primarily an SME) with a presence in Quebec (production or R&amp;D). Businesses outside Quebec are not eligible in the Quebec application if they do not have a presence in Quebec (production or R&amp;D)</p> <p>The thematic of the project need to concern one of the four innovation zone in Quebec (Aeronautic, Energetic Transition, Quantum or Microelectronics)</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	<p>A funding request must be submitted to PRIMA at the same time as the M-Era.net pre-proposal deadline and full proposal deadline.</p>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	<p>Every year</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p>The applicant can go to the PRIMA website (<a href="https://www.prima.ca/">https://www.prima.ca/</a>) to download the guideline of the program for more information.</p>

# Croatia: MSEY

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth (MSEY)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	-
<b>Programme website</b>	-
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Ministry of Science, Education and Youth
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Mateo Ante Bosnić, <a href="mailto:mateoante.bosnic@mzom.hr">mateoante.bosnic@mzom.hr</a> , +385 01 4594 166
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	150.000,00 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	1
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	150.000,00 EUR
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1-4
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	<p>For Applicants from Private Sector: The maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 70%.</p> <p>For Applicants from Public Sector: The maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 100%.</p>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>MSEY funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner can be a consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a single legal entity.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria for Croatian project partners are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• research organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ public research institutes</li> <li>○ public higher education institutions</li> <li>○ other legal entities performing research activity</li> </ul> </li> <li>• other legal entities performing research activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGO's) or institutions whose main object is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration or other relevant national body</li> <li>○ micro, small and medium enterprises (SME's) entered in the relevant National Register (<u>Court or Craftsmen</u>) and registered to perform research and development activities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><u>Other public organizations may apply only in consortia with institution(s) registered for research activity.</u></p> <p>Project proposals already funded under separate financial instruments / calls will not be eligible under this call.</p> <p>For Croatian applicants, general H2020 Programme rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply (can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme at the <a href="#">link</a>).</p>

	Project consortia with SME applicants is encouraged but not mandatory. Also, other legal entities from business sector, which are not SME's can apply as project partners, but they must ensure their own funding for their participation in the project activities since they are not eligible for MSEY funds.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Croatian applicants are <b>required</b> to inform the national contact point about the project application. Applicants are advised to consult the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Submission of the financial and scientific reports in accordance with the national GA.
<b>Further guidance</b>	-

# Czech Republic: TA CR

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)				
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National - Czech Republic				
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Programme SIGMA				
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-sigma/">https://www.tacr.cz/program/program-sigma/</a>				
<b>Programme owner</b>	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)				
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)				
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Kateřina Volfová katerina.volfova@tacr.cz Phone: +420 778 463 138				
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	€ 1 500 000				
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	5-8				
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	€ 350 000 (to all Czech partners in one proposal)				
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	3-9				
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	The aid intensity for each Czech applicant in the project is determined based on the type of entity according to the <a href="#">Regulation</a> (see table below) and <b>at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 80 % of the total eligible costs.</b>				
	Applicant	Industrial research	Industrial research with a bonus for effective collaboration	Experimental development	Experimental development with a bonus for effective collaboration
	Small enterprise*	70 %	80 %	45 %	60 %
	Medium-sized enterprise*	60 %	75 %***	35 %	50 %
	Large enterprise	50 %	65 %	25 %	40 %
	Research Organisations**	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***
<p>*A SME is defined in Annex 1 of the Regulation  **Research organisations must satisfy the definition in the Act and the Framework  ***While respecting the maximum permissible aid intensity of 85 % per project</p>					

**Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)**

Eligible projects for TA CR

- the project meets the definition of **applied research**
- the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.)
- the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA
- the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal
- the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity

Eligible applicants for TA CR

- Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the Regulation)
- Enterprises who act as natural persons according to Annex 1 of the Regulation engaged in an economic activity pursuant to Act no. 455/1991 coll. on Trades (Trade Act).
- Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation)

TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:

- against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid
- meeting the definition of an "[undertaking in difficulty](#)"
- which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík"
- which has not disclose its ownership structure in the so-called "[Evidence skutečných majitelů](#)"

Supported results

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

- P - patent
- G - technically realised results - prototype, functional sample
- Z - pilot plant, proven technology
- R - software
- F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design
- N - Certified methodologies and practices, treatment, conservation methods, procedures and specialised maps with professional expert content
- O - Miscellaneous

Results supported only in combination with at least one other result listed above:

- H - results reflected in non-legislative directives and regulations binding within the competence of the respective provider and results reflected in the approved strategic and conceptual documents of the state or public administration

Budget & eligible costs

Eligible costs are:

- personnel costs (including scholarships)
- subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period)
- other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables)
- indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate 25% (indirect costs in the respective year are calculated as 25% of the sum of the personnel costs and other direct costs in the same year)

	<p>Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the <a href="#">General Terms &amp; Conditions</a>.</p> <p><u>Intellectual Property Rights</u></p> <p>The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.</p> <p><u>Publicity obligations</u></p> <p>While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the <a href="#">publicity rules of TA CR</a>.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p><u>Mandatory forms to be submitted</u></p> <p>The Czech applicants are requested to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Sworn statement of the applicant</li> <li>• Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)*</li> <li>• if the applicant plans to achieve “Nmet” type of result, the mandatory form for Nmet result needs to be attached*</li> <li>• if the applicant plans to achieve the “Patent” type of result, patent search must be substantiated*</li> <li>• Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (only if Czech enterprise is part of the project consortium; submitted by the main Czech applicant only)</li> </ul> <p>All mandatory documents to be found on <a href="#">TA CR website</a>. Deadline for submitting all documents is the same as the deadline for submitting pre-proposals. All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner stated above shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: <b>afth9xp</b>) with subject: „Horizon2020 - M-ERA.NET Call 2025 - prokázání způsobilosti - <i>project acronym</i>“</p> <p><i>*Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox <u>before the deadline</u> will be considered <b>not eligible</b> for TA CR funding.</i></p> <p><u>Project start</u></p> <p>Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>Czech beneficiaries must follow the rules of TA CR for reporting on the project (i.e. submission of interim and final reports and reports on the implementation of the results).</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>“Guide for Czech applicants” and all mandatory forms are available on <a href="#">TA CR website</a> (in Czech).</p>

# Denmark: IFD

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Denmark
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M-ERA.Net 3
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://innovationsfonden.dk/da">https://innovationsfonden.dk/da</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Daniel G. Marques, <a href="mailto:daniel.g.marques@innofond.dk">daniel.g.marques@innofond.dk</a> , +45 6190 5006 General mailbox: <a href="mailto:internationale@innofond.dk">internationale@innofond.dk</a>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1.0 MEUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	5-6 partners in 3-4 projects
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	The maximum funding amount per Danish partner in international projects is 300,000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is 500,000 €. <p>The minimum funding amount is 50,000 € per partner.</p>
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	All TRL levels are eligible
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	The maximum investment rate varies between 25-90% for each individual participant. Please see tables 1-4 in our Guidelines.
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	All Danish organizations directly involved in activities in the projects are eligible as applicants to Innovation Fund Denmark.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	After the central application deadline IFD will, via our national e-grant platform, invite the Danish applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant. Applicants are not required to submit documentation to IFD beforehand. The invitation is sent approximately 2-4 weeks after the application deadline. Please contact IFD, if you do not receive this invitation. <p>Non-public organisations will be requested to upload a “No undertaking in difficulty declaration” and a “Financial and legal declaration”. In addition, SME’s will be required to upload an “SME declaration”. If requesting <i>de minimis</i> funding, then a “<i>de minimis</i> aid compliance form” is required.</p> <p>All templates are available at IFD’s website.</p>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Regular technical and financial reports are a requirement. National monitoring conditions apply according to the Guidelines and the individual Grant letters.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<b>IFD’s website, FAQ and Guidelines:</b> <a href="https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/p/international-collaborations#accordion7920">https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/p/international-collaborations#accordion7920</a>



# Estonia: ETAG

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Estonian Research Council
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	national
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	
<b>Programme website</b>	
<b>Programme owner</b>	
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Margit Suuroja, tel.: +372 731 7360, e-mail: margit.suuroja@etag.ee
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	300 000 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	1
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	300 000 EUR if the Estonian participant is coordinating a consortium submitting a proposal.  150 000 EUR if the Estonian participant is a partner in a consortium submitting a proposal.  In case that more than one Estonian team participates in the same consortium the budget must be shared.
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1-6
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p><b>1. Project Participants</b></p> <p><b>1.1. The Host Institution</b> may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. After the submission deadline and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account. If the State aid or de minimis aid regulations apply, the funding will not be granted to a Host Institution who has been subject to a funding withdrawal decision pursuant to a previous European Commission decision that deemed the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market, if that decision has not been complied with.</p> <p><b>1.2 The Principal Investigator</b> 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 Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p>

1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application 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. International 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 pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.

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

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

## **2. Budget**

2.1 Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.

### **2.2 Direct costs**

2.2.1 Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs 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 only for travels abroad;
- consumables and minor equipment related to the project;
- publication and dissemination of project results;
- organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering);
- fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events 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, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs.

**2.3 Subcontracting costs** should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. 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.

**2.4 Indirect costs (overhead)** are 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. 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.

	<p>2.5 Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>3. State Aid</b> EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.</p> <p><b>4. Consortium Agreement</b> The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	No
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Yes
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_2024.pdf">https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_2024.pdf</a>

# Finland: AKA

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Research Council of Finland (AKA)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Finland
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	
<b>Programme website</b>	
<b>Programme owner</b>	
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Saila Seppo, saila.seppo@aka.fi
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1.5 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	5-6
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	0.4 M€
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	basic research, TRL 1-3
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	The applicant must be a <b>researcher at the level of a docent</b> or have equivalent scientific qualifications. The funding covers up to <b>70% of the total cost model</b> . The applicant must be employed by a <b>university or research institute located in Finland</b> .
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	-
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	-
<b>Further guidance</b>	

# Finland: BF

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Innovaatiokeskus Business Finland
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Finland
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Hydrogen & Batteries, Decarbonized Cities
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/programs/hydrogen-and-batteries">https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/programs/hydrogen-and-batteries</a> , <a href="https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/programs/decarbonized-cities">https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/programs/decarbonized-cities</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Business Finland
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Business Finland
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Matti Säynätjoki, <a href="mailto:matti.saynatjoki@businessfinland.fi">matti.saynatjoki@businessfinland.fi</a> , tel. +358505577899 Satu Penttinen, <a href="mailto:satu.penttinen@businessfinland.fi">satu.penttinen@businessfinland.fi</a> , tel. +358505983319
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1000000 EUR, (more funding can be considered in case of highly ranked projects)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	n/a
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	n/a
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	2-7
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	SMEs max. 65%, large companies max. 50%, universities and research organizations 80%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Applicant organisations must be legal entities registered in Finland. Business Finland's normal funding terms and conditions apply. SMEs and large companies can participate in consortia either independently or together with other Finnish partners. Finnish companies can either apply for Business Finland funding or act as an in-kind partner in the consortium. Research organisations must work in parallel with companies. Consortia must include at least three companies of which at least two are Finnish companies (SMEs or large companies) to be eligible for funding. All applicants are required to contact Business Finland in advance before submitting of applications.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	End of February 2026
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Reporting according to Business Finland standard reporting practices.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding">https://www.businessfinland.fi/en/for-finnish-customers/services/funding</a>

# France: ANR

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Agence Nationale de la Recherche
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="#">Au service de la science   ANR</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	ANR
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	ANR
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Dr. Larissa Chaperman ( <a href="mailto:larissa.chaperman@agencerecherche.fr">larissa.chaperman@agencerecherche.fr</a> ) Dr. Aymen Ben Amor ( <a href="mailto:aymen.benamor@agencerecherche.fr">aymen.benamor@agencerecherche.fr</a> )
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1.000.000 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	No predefined maximum. Requested funding should be justified with respect to the project work plan.
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL start-end range from 1 to 5: the activities of Partners requesting funding from ANR must be positioned at "basic research" segment or at the first segment of "applied research".  TRL 6 and above are <b>not</b> eligible for ANR funding.
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Funding rates vary based on the type of research and the type of partners requesting support, please consult for more details <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	The standard funding rules of ANR apply (please consult <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a> for more details). Within this framework, personnel costs, consumables, subcontracting (within 50% of the eligible costs for the partner), equipment and travel costs may be eligible. Eligible costs depend on the type of partners requesting support.  Applicants requesting funding from ANR can only participate in one proposal per call.  Eligible Topics for ANR:  Topic 1 – Sustainable materials for energy applications Topic 4 – Functional materials Topic 6 – Next generation materials for electronics
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Submissions at stage 1 are done at the centralized M-ERANET level. It is not necessary to request ANR's formal approval before submitting a pre-proposal.  Projects invited to stage 2 will be contacted via email (deadlines and precise address will be specified) to submit their full proposal to the ANR platform, in addition to the centralized submission.

<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Financial reporting at the national level is needed, following specific requirements regarding the final financial reporting. Please consult the appendix for partners requesting funding from ANR to this call on the ANR website. The M-ERA.NET level scientific report must also be submitted in the ANR platform.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Applicants requesting support from ANR must read the specific appendix available on ANR's webpage (" <a href="#">Au service de la science   ANR</a> ").

# France: RNA

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Regional
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Support to Innovative Projects & Regulation for the support to cies
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://les-aides.nouvelle-aquitaine.fr/economie-et-emploi/projets-de-recherche-collaboratifs-publicprive">Innovez en Nouvelle-Aquitaine ! La région vous soutient</a> & <a href="https://les-aides.nouvelle-aquitaine.fr/economie-et-emploi/projets-de-recherche-collaboratifs-publicprive">https://les-aides.nouvelle-aquitaine.fr/economie-et-emploi/projets-de-recherche-collaboratifs-publicprive</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Region Nouvelle-Aquitaine
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Frédérique DECOSSE (cies) : <a href="mailto:frederique.decosse@nouvelle-aquitaine.fr">frederique.decosse@nouvelle-aquitaine.fr</a> Elise CONTRAIRE (competencies centers) : <a href="mailto:elise.contraire@nouvelle-aquitaine.fr">elise.contraire@nouvelle-aquitaine.fr</a>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	450.000€ (200.000 for cies & 250.000€ for competencies centers)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	N/A
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	No maximum funding. Each project will be analysed according to the above mentioned programme/initiatives
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	2 to7
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	80% max for competencies centers & 60% max for cies
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Beneficiaries: companies of all sizes / competencies centers</li> <li>- No thematic restriction;</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	As soon as the project has passed the M-EraNet selection, the partner has to submit an application form to the Regional instruction.  Projects have to be approved by the Standing Committee (Regional Council)
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	A synthesis report is asked at the end of the project for the payment of the balance.
<b>Further guidance</b>	



# Germany/Freestate of Saxony

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Freestate of Saxony
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	regional - Saxony
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	<b>FRL EFRE/JTF-Technologieförderung 2021 bis 2027</b>
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/19834-FRL-EFRE-JTF-Technologieforderung-2021-bis-2027">https://www.revosax.sachsen.de/vorschrift/19834-FRL-EFRE-JTF-Technologieforderung-2021-bis-2027</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Freestate of Saxony
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Freestate of Saxony
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Gabriele Süptitz e-mail: <a href="mailto:gabriele.sueptitz@smwk.sachsen.de">gabriele.sueptitz@smwk.sachsen.de</a> EuProNet@smwk.sachsen.de  Phone: +49351 564-64210
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	Approx. 4 Mio. EUR ( <i>conditional the availability of budget funds</i> )
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	No limitations
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	No limitations
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	For Saxon enterprises including SMEs only project parts with “industrial research” or “experimental development” above TRL 4 are eligible for funding.
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	For Saxon enterprises <u>see FRL EFRE/JTF Technologieförderung 2021 bis 2027</u>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	No thematic restrictions; Saxony will support projects within the entire scientific scope outlined in the Call Announcement.  Only Saxon enterprises are eligible, participation of at least one Saxon SME required.  Saxon parts of the project has to be finished until July 2028  Other eligible criteria:  <u>see FRL EFRE/JTF Technologieförderung 2021 bis 2027</u>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	No regional schedules, cut-off dates or deadlines  Only in the case of a positive funding recommendation of the full proposal, Saxon applicants will be asked to submit a regional application according to the related Saxon guideline <u>FRL EFRE/JTF Technologieförderung 2021 bis 2027</u> .
<b>Submission of financial and</b>	Financial and scientific reports are to be submitted after the funding decision according to the obligations of the regional “Zuwendungsbescheid”

<b>scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	
<b>Further guidance</b>	In case of further questions please contact SMWK/Gabriele Süptitz gabriele.sueptitz@smwk.sachsen.de

# Hungary: NKFIH

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	National Research, Development and Innovation Office
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	
<b>Programme website</b>	www.nkfi.gov.hu
<b>Programme owner</b>	National Research, Development and Innovation Office
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	National Research, Development and Innovation Office
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Dr. Elod Nemerkenyi elod.nemerkenyi@nkfi.gov.hu 36-1-896-3987
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	EUR 300.000 (three hundred thousand)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	EUR 150.000 (one hundred and thirty thousand)
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Basic research
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	100%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Institutions of higher education and research institutions only – call 2024-1.2.2-ERA-NET: <a href="https://nkfi.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-multilateral-programmes-2024-122-era-net/call-for-proposals">https://nkfi.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-multilateral-programmes-2024-122-era-net/call-for-proposals</a>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Annual
<b>Further guidance</b>	

# Israel: IIA

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	NATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION AUTHORITY
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Israel
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M ERA.NET
<b>Programme website</b>	-
<b>Programme owner</b>	ISERD +Infrastructure Division
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Dafna Raz
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Dafna Raz: <a href="mailto:Dafna.r@iserd.org.il">Dafna.r@iserd.org.il</a> Rachel Loutaty: <a href="mailto:rachel.l@iserd.org.il">rachel.l@iserd.org.il</a> Moshe Avrahami : <a href="mailto:moshe@innovationisrael.org.il">moshe@innovationisrael.org.il</a>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	750,000 Euro
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	3-5
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	250,000 Euro
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Applied research TRL 2-5
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Industry – 66% (of approved budget) Academia – 80% (of approved budget) *  * Academia is eligible, subject to: 1. Commitment of an Israeli company (a partner in the consortium) to fund at least 10% of the Academia's approved budget. 2. Joint tasks/working package of the specific academia and company  <a href="#">For further details</a>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Israeli company engaged in R&D and is the owner of the Intellectual Property  Israeli Academia Institute –subject to the following:  1. Commitment of an Israeli company (a partner in the consortium) to fund at least 10% of the Academia's approved budget. and 2. Joint tasks/working package of the specific academia and company  Eligible cost and expenses – In line with national rules and regulation as detailed in  The call will appear at ISERD site in due course, please refer to ISERD site before submitting the national application.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	The call will appear at ISERD site in due course, please refer to ISERD site before submitting the national application.

<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Proposal's submission at the national level <a href="#">as detailed</a> and as <a href="#">described</a> The call will appear at ISERD site in due course, please refer to ISERD site before submitting the national application.
<b>Further guidance</b>	

# Israel: MOST

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Israel's Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (MOST)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National- Israel
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology (MOST)
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.il/he/departments/ministry_of_science_and_technology/govil-landing-page">https://www.gov.il/he/departments/ministry_of_science_and_technology/govil-landing-page</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology (MOST)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Ministry of Innovation, Science, and Technology (MOST)
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Avi Raveh, Ph.D. AviR@most.gov.il Office: +972 (2) 5411136 Cell: +972 (55) 8864207
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	200,000 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	100,000 EUR
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	As appears in call work program and in guide for proposer's documents TRL 2-4
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>Eligibility is restricted to MOST regulations which can be found on the MOST website:</p> <p><a href="https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/rfp/rfp20220111/he/%D7%A0%D7%95%D7%94%D7%9C%20%D7%A2%D7%91%D7%95%D7%93%D7%94%20%D7%9C%D7%9E%D7%99%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%9F%20%D7%9E%D7%97%D7%A7%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%9D%202022.pdf">https://www.gov.il/BlobFolder/rfp/rfp20220111/he/%D7%A0%D7%95%D7%94%D7%9C%20%D7%A2%D7%91%D7%95%D7%93%D7%94%20%D7%9C%D7%9E%D7%99%D7%9E%D7%95%D7%9F%20%D7%9E%D7%97%D7%A7%D7%A8%D7%99%D7%9D%202022.pdf</a></p> <p>Proposals must meet the following preconditions. Proposals that do not meet the preconditions will be automatically rejected and will not be passed on to the scientific committee for review and evaluation.</p> <p>Projects must be conducted by Israeli scientific research teams.</p> <p>Each joint research team must be led by a Principal Investigator (PI) from each country.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator (PI) from Israel must be affiliated with an academic institution, meaning: An accredited institution of higher education in Israel, according to the Council for Higher Education Act, 1958.</p>

	<p>A research institute, which is a non-profit organization, a government company or a governmental unit.</p> <p>the purposes of this Call a "research institute" means an institute whose main activity is the advancement of cutting-edge scientific knowledge, which possesses appropriate infrastructure and equipment, and which employs researchers who, inter alia, publish articles related to their research in leading scientific journals and who present their research at international symposia.</p> <p>An Israeli PI that has or will have an active grant from any international cooperation program of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology whose funding will be concurrent to the funding of this program, is not eligible to apply. A researcher may submit one additional proposal in the international cooperation program as co-PI, if he does not have an active grant in the international program in which he acts as co-PI.</p> <p>or co-PI who has submitted a proposal to a different Call in the international program that has an expected start date in 2026, is not eligible to apply as a researcher in the this Call as a researcher in the same position.</p> <p>No parallel funding is allowed in the international program. In this regard, please note the expected starting date of approved projects as detailed in the terms of the Call. Additionally, please be advised that for the purposes of adherence with eligibility requirements, the status of a researcher cannot be changed from PI to co-PI, or vice versa, after the proposal has been submitted. It will be clarified that, the aforementioned limitations regarding changing the status of the members of the research team include the addition of a PI and/ or Associated-PI who, at the time of submission, was defined as an external consultant or were not listed in the proposal and/or research group.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Proposals must be submitted by the coordinator directly to the M-era-Net website</p> <p>Additionally, The Israeli PI shall submit the proposal through the Science Forefront system, at <a href="https://kf.most.gov.il">https://kf.most.gov.il</a> as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Deadline for researchers' submission:</b> The PI must submit the proposal in English via the Science Forefront system no later than one week prior to the Final Joint Deadline by <b>Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 on 15:00 Israel time.</b></li> <li>• The online system will be closed for submissions after the said date and hour and no <b>researchers'</b> submissions will be accepted after that time. Israeli researchers who have not submitted their proposals by <b>April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, at 15:00 local time (Israel)</b> will not be allowed to submit their proposal.</li> <li>• The Affiliated Institution must submit the proposal by the Final Joint Deadline on <b>Thursday April 30, 2025 at 15:00 Israel time.</b> Affiliated Institution that fails to submit their proposal through the Science Forefront system by Final Joint Submission deadline, <b>will not be accepted.</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>In accordance with the terms of the “standard MOST Procedures Regarding Scientific Projects Funded by MOST” and to “MOST Standard Contract for Scientific Projects”. Within three months of the conclusion of the project, Israeli PIs must submit a final report in English to MOST at Reports@most.gov.il or through the Science Forefront system. It should include a final scientific and financial report covering the work and cooperation carried out during the entire 3-year project period, in accordance with the contract's requirements.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>Please check MOST regulations</p> <p>Israeli researchers should consult administrative matters directly with the Research Authority at their Affiliated Institution. The Institution will contact the Ministry in case of necessity.</p>

# Italy: CAR

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Regione Calabria
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Calabria
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	PR Calabria FESR-FSE+ 2021/2027 – Azione 1.1.1 – Sostegno a progetti di ricerca, sviluppo e innovazione, anche in collaborazione con organismi di ricerca, nelle Aree e nelle traiettorie prioritarie della S3
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/">https://calabriaeuropa.regione.calabria.it/</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Regione Calabria
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Dirigente Avv. Valeria Adriana Scopelliti
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Dott.ssa Roberta Saladino <a href="mailto:roberta.saladino@regione.calabria.it">roberta.saladino@regione.calabria.it</a> <a href="mailto:universitaricerca@pec.regione.calabria.it">universitaricerca@pec.regione.calabria.it</a>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	500.000,00 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	166.666,00 €
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Industrial research and experimental development: From TRL 3 – Experimental proof of concept To TRL 7 – System prototype demonstration in operational environment
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Enterprises  For Industrial Research Activities up to 60% in case of medium enterprises and up to 70% in case of small enterprises  For Experimental Development Activities up to 35% in case of medium enterprises and up to 45% in case of small enterprises  Universities and public research institutions, research organizations (public)  For Industrial Research Activities 70%  For Experimental Development Activities 45%



<p><b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b></p>	<p>Types of organizations: SMEs and partnership between SMEs, Universities and research institutions</p> <p>Thematic restriction: in according with the Smart Specialization Strategy of Calabria Region, the projects to be funded must focus exclusively on Calabria S3 innovation areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agriculture 4.0 and Agri-food</li> <li>• Environment, Circular Economy and Biodiversity</li> <li>• Eco-sustainable construction, Energy and climate</li> <li>• Tourism and Culture</li> <li>• ICT, Digital Technologies and Innovative Tertiary Sector</li> <li>• Smart Manufacturing</li> <li>• Logistics and Sustainable Mobility</li> <li>• Life Sciences</li> <li>• Blue economy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Transmission by pec respecting the same dates of Joint Call 2025</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>Transmission by pec respecting the same dates of Joint Call 2025</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>Transmission by pec respecting the same dates of Joint Call 2025</p>

# South Korea: KIAT

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Korea Institute for Advancement of Technology (KIAT)																
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National																
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	International Industrial Technology Cooperation Program of MOTIE																
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="http://www.kiat.or.kr">www.kiat.or.kr</a>																
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE)																
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	KIAT																
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	<p>- Youngji Tak, Director of KIAT Europe office: <a href="mailto:yjtak@kiat.or.kr">yjtak@kiat.or.kr</a> / +32 493-37-95-11</p> <p>- Sohyeon Lee, Researcher: <a href="mailto:sy27@kiat.or.kr">sy27@kiat.or.kr</a> / +82 (0)2-6009-3765</p>																
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1 Million Euros																
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	No hard limit on the number of Korean research partners participating in a M-ERA.NET project																
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	<p>500,000,000 KRW/year (up to 3 years)</p> <p>(Approx. 340,000 EUR/year, up to 3 years)</p>																
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL 3 ~ TRL 8																
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Up to 67% for SMEs, 50% for Mid-tier companies, 33% for Large companies, and 100% for Non-profit organizations (Universities, Governmental Research Institutes)																
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>- Korean companies, non-profit research institutes and universities are eligible to request funding</p> <p>- At least one Korean company(private) should be included in the Korean consortium</p> <p>- All participating Korean companies must have been in business for more than 1 year as of the date indicated on the business registration certificate</p> <p>- All participating Korean companies should have obtained the “Corporate R&amp;D Centre Accreditation” issued by KOITA(Korea Industrial Technology Association)</p> <p>- Project funding is comprised of government contribution(grants) and civilian dues (cash and in-kind)</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="454 1809 1513 2069"> <thead> <tr> <th>Classification</th> <th>Share of government contribution</th> <th>Minimum required share of Cash from the civilian dues</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Large Company</td> <td>Up to 33%</td> <td>At least 15%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mid-tier Company</td> <td>Up to 50%</td> <td>At least 13%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SME</td> <td>Up to 67%</td> <td>At least 10%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Other (non-profit)</td> <td>Up to 100%</td> <td>Only if necessary</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Classification	Share of government contribution	Minimum required share of Cash from the civilian dues	Large Company	Up to 33%	At least 15%	Mid-tier Company	Up to 50%	At least 13%	SME	Up to 67%	At least 10%	Other (non-profit)	Up to 100%	Only if necessary
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<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Korean consortium should contact KIAT after submitting the Pre-proposal via M-ERA.NET submission platform</li> <li>- Only selected Full-proposals will be invited to submit the national application</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	<p>Korean consortium should submit the annual progress report and financial report. Final report should be submitted within 3 months after completing the project.</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p><a href="http://www.kiat.or.kr">www.kiat.or.kr</a></p>

# Latvia: LZP

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Latvian Council of Science (LZP)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	national
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Support for participation in European Union's research and technology development programs
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem">https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Latvian Council of Science (LZP)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Latvian Council of Science (LZP)
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Maija Bundule <a href="mailto:maija.bundule@lzp.gov.lv">maija.bundule@lzp.gov.lv</a> +371 26514481
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1 000 000 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	~4
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	in average 100 000 EUR per project year per partner
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL1 - TRL8, basic research, applied research, experimental development
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015) <a href="https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma">https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</a>
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) must be listed in the Registry of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.  Private entity must be registered in the Registry of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia, provides most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia, be able to submit its financial statements for the last two closed financial years and has a Latvian bank account.  No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the project.  Project eligible cost types: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Direct costs: personnel costs, travels costs, subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs), other direct costs such as materials and consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), and etc.;</li> <li>- Indirect costs: can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at</b>	After the M-era.Net 3 consortium has recommended the project for funding and the project coordinator has received the decision, the project participant shall submit to

<b>national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	the Latvian Council of Science an “Application for granting support for the implementation of the project” and the project application.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Once a year the project partner should submit to LZP the periodic scientific report and financial report.
<b>Further guidance</b>	In order to receive funding for the implementation of the project, a copy of a Consortium Agreement signed by all project participants must be submitted to the Latvian Council of Science.

# Lithuania: LMT

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Lietuvos mokslo taryba (Research council of Lithuania)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Not applicable
<b>Programme website</b>	Not applicable
<b>Programme owner</b>	Not applicable
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	<a href="mailto:sauius.marcinkonis@lmt.lt">sauius.marcinkonis@lmt.lt</a> ; +370 676 17256
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	Up to 300 000
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	Up to € 150.000 per project (for project partner) or up to € 200.000 per project (for project coordinator)
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	All
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Up to 100%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>Applicants can submit proposals to all Call topics.</p> <p>The general funding rules of Research Council of Lithuania (LMT ) apply:</p> <p>the applicant is Lithuanian higher education and research institution (which is listed in the Register of Ministry of Education and Science of Republic of Lithuania);</p> <p>SME eligible to apply only in collaboration with Lithuanian higher education and research institution;</p> <p>The applicant who intends to act as a project leader (PL) or principal investigator (PI) has to be a scientist (researcher holding at least a Ph.D. degree);</p> <p>A person, acting as a PL, PI or a core group member can participate only in one proposal per Call.</p> <p>The workload of the core members of project team (PL and PI) must be <math>\geq 20</math> hours multiplied by the duration of the project in months.</p> <p>National funding will be provided according to the <a href="#">General Rules</a> of the Research Council of Lithuania for the competitive funding of the Research and Dissemination Projects approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council Chairman on 4 April, 2019.</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at</b>	Applicants are not requested to submit any national forms during pre-proposal and full proposal submission stages.

<b>national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Requested to submit regular financial, mid-term and final reports.
<b>Further guidance</b>	About programme: <a href="https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/m-eranet/">https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/m-eranet/</a>  About specific Calls: <a href="https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/kvietimai/">https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/kvietimai/</a>

# Luxembourg: FNR

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	<b>Luxembourg National Research Fund / Fonds National de la Recherche</b>	
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National	
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	INTER (Promoting International collaboration)	
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.fnr.lu/funding-instruments/inter/">https://www.fnr.lu/funding-instruments/inter/</a>	
<b>Programme owner</b>	Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)	
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)	
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Christiane Kaell <a href="mailto:christiane.kaell@fnr.lu">christiane.kaell@fnr.lu</a>  +352 691 362 817	
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	500.000 €	
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	N/A	
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	N/A	
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Basic research, applied research, innovation	
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Up to 100%	
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	FNR funding limited to eligible Luxembourg public research institutions. A principal investigator may act in one proposal only.	
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Proposals must be submitted to the FNR at latest 7 working days after the Meranet submission deadline	
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Annually	
<b>Further guidance</b>		



# Malta: Xjenza Malta (XM)

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Xjenza Malta (XM)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National Funding Organisation
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	-
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/open-funding-schemes/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/open-funding-schemes/</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	-
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Xjenza Malta
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Kaylen Borg - <a href="mailto:kaylen.borg.1@gov.mt">kaylen.borg.1@gov.mt</a> - +356 2360 2134 General inbox - <a href="mailto:eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt">eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt</a>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	EUR 300,000
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	1-2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	EUR 300,000
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL 1-7 Eligible Malta-based applicants can participate in projects in all the topics proposed in the Call Text 2025.
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	50%-100%
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, planning to carry out Fundamental Research, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects and must either be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. A partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership <i>en nom collectif</i>, <i>en commandite</i> or a limited liability company; or</li> <li>b. Be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or</li> <li>c. Professional body; or</li> <li>d. NGOs; or</li> <li>e. Non-profit making entities (including Foundations).</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).</li> </ol> <p>Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of the Malta-based entities and the funding route chosen.</p> <p>Eligible costs include the following: personnel; instruments, specialised equipment, and research consumables; IP and knowledge transfer activities; travel and subsistence; subcontracted activities; overheads and other operating expenses.</p>

	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website: <a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/funding-schemes/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/funding-schemes/</a> .
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	The <b>national application form</b> together with the <b>required annexes</b> can be downloaded from the Xjenza Malta website and must be sent to <a href="mailto:eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt">eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt</a> by the national deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	An Interim Technical Report and Financial Report are to be presented to Xjenza Malta at the mid-point of the project. At the end of the project, an End of Project Technical Report and End of Project Audited Financial Report need to be submitted.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website: <a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/funding-schemes/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/funding-schemes/</a>

# Norway: RCN

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	The Research Council of Norway
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nanotechnology, Microtechnology and Advanced Materials</li> <li>• Industry and services</li> <li>• Energy</li> </ul>
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="#">The Research Council of Norway</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	The Research Council of Norway
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	The Research Council of Norway
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	<p>Lenka Hannevold</p> <p>e-mail: <a href="mailto:lha@rcn.no">lha@rcn.no</a></p> <p>Phone: +47 98 23 04 53</p>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	<p>3 700 000 €</p> <p>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.</p>
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	n.a
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	<p>Maximum budget pr. Norwegian partner is 450 000 €</p> <p>Total budget for Norwegian partners in a single project is 500 000 €</p>
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL 2-6
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	<p>The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow RCN cost model and RCN regulations: <a href="#">Budget (RCN)</a></p> <p>The aided part of the research and development project is set by the State Aid Rules and must fall within the categories "<a href="#">industrial research</a>" or "<a href="#">experimental development</a>". The aid is assessed to fall within, and must only be used in accordance with, the EU's Block Exemption Regulation <a href="#">Article 25</a> (Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014). Undertakings that fall under the state aid regulations' definition of "<a href="#">undertaking in difficulty</a>" cannot receive support from the Research Council. For more information see: <a href="#">State aid</a>. In this call undertakings can apply for maximum funding up to 50 per cent of the costs in the project. Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. The currency in the Norwegian contracts will be in NOK to avoid currency risk. The currency exchange rate applied is from the pre-proposal deadline date (13th May 2025). The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for R&amp;D Projects.</p>

<p><b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b></p>	<p>The participation of a Norwegian industrial partner is <b>required</b> for the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Innovative surfaces, coatings and interfaces</li> <li>- Advanced composites and lightweight materials</li> <li>- Functional materials</li> <li>- Materials addressing environmental challenges</li> <li>- Next generation materials for electronics</li> </ul> <p>The participation of a Norwegian industrial partner is strongly <b>encouraged</b> for the following topic:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainable materials for energy applications</li> </ul> <p>A minimum of 10% of person-months (PM) from the Norwegian partners' PM effort must be allocated to industrial partner(s).</p> <p>Pre-proposals with industrial participation may be prioritized when assessing which applications progress from stage 1 to stage 2.</p> <p>Eligible Norwegian partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Approved research organisations</a> in Norway. These organisations do not count as industry partner.</li> <li>• Undertakings that carry out economic activity in Norway and have been issued an enterprise number under the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>n.a.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>Yes, conforming with the contract agreement</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p><a href="#">Current calls for proposals - apply for funding</a></p>

# Poland: NCBR

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	National Centre for Research and Development		
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National – Poland		
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2025		
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa</a>		
<b>Programme owner</b>	National Centre for Research and Development		
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	National Centre for Research and Development		
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Name: Krzysztof Jabłoński e-mail: <a href="mailto:krzysztof.jablonski@ncbr.gov.pl">krzysztof.jablonski@ncbr.gov.pl</a> Phone: +48 22 25 66 702		
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	2,5 mln €		
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	~ 6-7 projects		
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>			
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Industrial research and experimental development.  Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate tasks. They can be included in an appropriate cost category within research tasks.  Projects should start from 3-6 TRL range and finish 5-8 TRL.		
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>		Industrial research	Experimental development
	Research and knowledge-dissemination organisation	100%	100%
	Micro/small enterprise	50+20+5/15/25 (max 80%)	25+20+5/15/25 (max 70%)
	Medium enterprise	50+10+5/15/25 (max 80%)	25+10+5/15/25 (max 60%)
	Large Enterprise	50+5/15/25 (max 75%)	25+5/15/25 (max 50%)
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	Qualified applicants: enterprises; research and knowledge-dissemination organisations only in cooperation with Polish enterprises. The project consortium with Polish participation must contain at least one Polish enterprise to be eligible for Funding.		
<b>Submission of the proposal at</b>	The same as in M-ERA.NET 3 Call 2025		

<b>national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Scientific reports submitted annually. Final report including the scientific and financial part.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Applicant whose proposal will be included in the international list of projects recommended for funding will be asked to prepare a national proposal for funding, within the time limit and in the form indicated by the NCBR. The proposal will be assessed in terms of the legitimacy of the requested grant amount (the proposal will not be assessed in terms of content). Based on the assessment, the Director of the NCBR will decide on the amount of funding for Polish units.

# Poland - NCN

Name of Funding agency	National Science Centre
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	national
Name of the programme/initiative	M-ERA.NET
Programme website	<a href="https://www.ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-mera?language=en">https://www.ncn.gov.pl/wspolpraca-zagraniczna/wspolpraca-wielostronna/konkurs-mera?language=en</a>
Programme owner	National Science Centre, Poland
Program manager (executing funding organisation)	National Science Centre, Poland
Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)	<p>Anna Kotarba, e-mail: <a href="mailto:anna.kotarba@ncn.gov.pl">anna.kotarba@ncn.gov.pl</a></p> <p><b>Information for applicants, budget consultations:</b></p> <p>Magdalena Nowak, e-mail: <a href="mailto:magdalenanowak@ncn.gov.pl">magdalena.nowak@ncn.gov.pl</a>, tel. +48 538 185 453</p> <p>We recommend that Polish applicants consult the budget table for the Polish part of the project with the NCN. To ensure timely feedback, <b>please submit the budget table in .xlsx format to <a href="mailto:magdalenanowak@ncn.gov.pl">magdalena.nowak@ncn.gov.pl</a> by 30 April 2025.</b></p> <p>The budget form template is available on the <a href="#">NCN website</a>.</p>
Funding Commitment	€ 1 500 000
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	7-8
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	No maximum funding limit per partner.
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	TRL 1-4, only basic research
Funding rates (approx.)	N/A
Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Principal Investigator:</b> Any researchers with a doctoral degree, employed at a Polish host institution may act as Principal Investigator or Project Leader.</li> <li><b>Eligible costs</b> - Applicants are obliged to adhere to the rules included in the Annex to terms and regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO, available on the <a href="#">NCN website</a>.</li> <li><b>Overhead costs</b> must not exceed a maximum of <b>20%</b> of the total direct costs and may not be increased during the course of a research project. Additionally, indirect costs of up to 2% of direct costs may be spent on open access to publications and research data.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>At the full proposal stage an NCN proposal covering the Polish part of the project must be prepared by the Polish research team and submitted to the NCN electronically via the <a href="#">OSF submission system</a>.</p> <p>Submission deadline for NCN proposals in ZSUN/OSF: <b>26 November 2025, 4 p.m. CET</b> (7 days following submission of full proposals in the M-era.Net Proposal Submission Platform).</p> <p>The EUR budget of the Polish part of the project in the joint proposal must be calculated according to the following exchange rate: <b>1 EUR = 4,2073 PLN</b>.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>NCN requires submitting annual and final reports. Each report consist of scientific and financial parts.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>Detailed information on submitting proposals, project contracts, reporting and settlement of financed projects will be available in the call announcement on the <a href="#">NCN website</a>.</p>



# Slovak republic: SAS

Name of Funding agency	Slovak Academy of Sciences
Geographical coverage (national/regional)	Slovak republic
Name of the programme/initiative	Promoting knowledge-based research in selected areas
Programme website	<a href="https://oms.sav.sk/en/">https://oms.sav.sk/en/</a>
Programme owner	Slovak Academy of Sciences
Program manager (executing funding organisation)	Slovak Academy of Sciences
Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)	Martin Novák, email: <a href="mailto:mnovak@up.upsav.sk">mnovak@up.upsav.sk</a> , tel.: +421257510119 Zuzana Panisova, email: <a href="mailto:panisova@up.upsav.sk">panisova@up.upsav.sk</a> , tel. +421257510245
Funding Commitment	360 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	120 000 €
Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range	n/a
Funding rates (approx.)	Up to 100%
Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)	<p><b>Only research institutes and/or centres of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%).</b> The main applicant must have, at the time of submission, a contract(s) with one or several of the institutes/centres equivalent to more than 50% of the full-time employment valid for the whole duration of the project. Each member of the applicant's team must also have an employment contract or a fellowship with the same or another SAS institute/centre.</p> <p>Applicants from other Slovak R&amp;D centres (universities and/or other organisations from Slovakia) can join project consortia only as collaborators that have to secure their own funding.</p> <p>Costs regulation:</p> <p><i>Personnel costs</i> up to 15 % of all direct costs or up to 30% of all direct costs, if the Slovak team is the consortium's coordinator.</p> <p><i>Overheads</i> up to 20% of all direct costs</p> <p><i>No capital expenditures are allowed</i></p>
Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)	no
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	yes
Further guidance	<a href="https://oms.sav.sk/dokumenty/dokumenty-referatu-medzinarodnych-projektov/">https://oms.sav.sk/dokumenty/dokumenty-referatu-medzinarodnych-projektov/</a>

# Slovenia: MVZI

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation										
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National programme										
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Programmes of International Scientific Cooperation										
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.gov.si teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/">https://www.gov.si teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/</a>										
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI)										
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation (MVZI)										
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Doroteja Zlobec <a href="mailto:doroteja.zlobec@gov.si">doroteja.zlobec@gov.si</a>										
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	2.400.000,00 EUR										
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	8 research projects with Slovenian applicants.										
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	EUR 300,000.00 per project (the actual amount and dynamics of co-funding shall be defined in the national co-funding contract).										
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	Basic or industrial research TRL 1-6 (foreseen activities of the Slovenian partner). The type of research to be carried out by Slovenian researchers must be identified and explained in the project proposal.										
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 100% for research organisations (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose funded activity is <b>non-commercial</b> in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.</li> <li>• For research organisations whose funded activity is <b>commercial</b> in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation, the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27.6.2014) and the national scheme for State aid for research and development (the Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport 2022-2030, as amended, published at: <a href="https://www.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-znanost-in-sport/znanost/">https://www.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-znanost-in-sport/znanost/</a>), the maximum co-funding rates shall be as follows:</li> </ul> <table border="1" data-bbox="411 1951 1294 2085"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of research</th> <th>Large enterprises</th> <th>Medium-sized enterprises</th> <th>Small enterprises</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Type of research	Large enterprises	Medium-sized enterprises	Small enterprises				
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	<b>Basic research</b>	100%	100%	100%
	<b>Industrial research</b>	65%	75%	80%
	<b>Experimental development</b>	40%	50%	60%

<p><b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b></p>	<p><b>Legal basis:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Administration Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 113/05 – official consolidated version, 89/07 – Constitutional Court Decision, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10 – ZUP-G, 8/12 – ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 and 18/23; hereinafter: ZDU-1);</li> <li>• Public Finance Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 11/11 – official consolidated text, 14/13 – corr., 101/13, 55/15 – ZFisP, 96/15 – ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – Constitutional Court Decision, 18/23 – ZDU-1O and 76/23, hereinafter: ZJF);</li> <li>• Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 186/21 and 40/23, hereinafter: ZZrID);</li> <li>• Rules on co-funding scientific research activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 69/23);</li> <li>• Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 126/23);</li> <li>• Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2025 and 2026 – ZIPRS2526 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 104/24);</li> <li>• Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2025 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 123/23 and 104/24), Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2026 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 104/24);</li> <li>• Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 69/11 – official consolidated text, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb and 16/23-ZZPri);</li> <li>• Personal Data Protection Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 163/22; hereinafter: ZVOP-2);</li> <li>• Trade Secrets Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 22/19, hereinafter: ZPosS);</li> <li>• Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – Constitutional Court Decision, 100/22 – ZNUZSZS, 28/23 and 88/23 – ZOPNN-F, hereinafter: ZJN-3);</li> <li>• Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 49/22);</li> <li>• Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 35/22, 144/22 and 79/23);</li> <li>• The criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for research project or programme leaders, effective from 22 May 2024 (available at <a href="https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp">https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp</a>);</li> </ul>
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- Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01);
- Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport 2022-2030, available at: <https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MVZI/Znanost/Strategije-predpisi-in-drugi-dokumenti/Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf>);
- Decree on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 59/23);
- Open Science Action Plan for the implementation of Action 6.2: Open science to improve the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research in the framework of the Resolution on the Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2030 of 31 May 2023, No 63100-1/2023/5 (available at: [https://www.arrs.si/sl/dostop/inc/24/Akcijski\\_nacrt\\_odprta%20znanost.pdf](https://www.arrs.si/sl/dostop/inc/24/Akcijski_nacrt_odprta%20znanost.pdf)).

**"Research organisations", as defined in the ZZrID, are eligible for co-funding.** All participating organisations must be registered in the register of research organisations of the Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenian Current Research Information System, hereinafter: the SICRIS).

**The eligibility of the research leader and other members of the research team:** The project activities of each Slovenian partner must be supervised by a research leader who fulfils the conditions for a project leader as defined in paragraph one of Article 63 of the ZzrID. Regarding the definition of internationally comparable research outputs, the criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for the management of a research project or programme of 22 May 2024 are available at <https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp>

All participating researchers must be registered in the SICRIS and have available research hours.

**The total funding requested per project for all Slovenian partners within a consortium may not exceed EUR 300,000.00 for the entire duration (3 years) of the project.**

#### **Eligible costs**

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation will finance all eligible costs of Slovenian applicants in selected transnational projects, in accordance with the Decree on scientific

research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Eligible costs must be directly related to the research carried out and must include all of the following categories of direct costs:

- Personnel (including social, health, pension and other contributions in accordance with national legislation);
- Materials (travel and meeting expenses, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs and other costs);
- Depreciation costs.
- Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.

For more detailed explanations, please refer to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: <https://www.gov.si teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/>).

In the event of the application of the Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers, costs will be planned in accordance with the provisions of this Annex.

**Public expenditure eligibility period:** from the financial year 2027, until the end of the financial year 2029.

**Project expenditure eligibility period:** From the start date of the transnational project, as specified in the National Documentation for the duration of the project, with the prescribed additional 30-day deadline for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The project expenditure eligibility period starts after the entry into force of the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners from the date on which the national co-funding contract enters into force.

The co-funding contract enters into force on the date of the fulfilment of the suspensive condition, i.e. on the date of the conclusion/signing of the **consortium agreement**. The consortium agreement shall be deemed to be signed when the last signatory party signs it. If the consortium agreement is not signed at the latest within one year from the date of the start of the project (as specified in the national documentation), the contract between the parties shall not enter into force and therefore no rights and obligations shall arise between them. In this case, the contracting party cannot demand performance from the counterparty as agreed in the above-mentioned contract. As from the date of the entry into force of the contract, the eligible person shall be entitled to the payment of eligible costs and expenses incurred by it as a result of the implementation of the project from the date of the start of the

	project.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	<p><b>Applicants must submit the transnational application in accordance with the instructions and deadlines set out in the joint transnational call for tender.</b></p> <p><b>The submission of an application at the national level is not foreseen.</b></p> <p>All information necessary to establish the eligibility for the co-funding of Slovenian applicants must be evident from the duly submitted transnational project application.</p> <p>The national contracting procedure will start once the projects are proposed for co-funding at the level of the transnational call for tenders. The national documentation submitted, including evidence of the start date of the transnational project, will be a prerequisite for the signature of the contract at the national level (a draft contract is annexed to the <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: <a href="https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/">https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/</a>).</p>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	In accordance with the co-funding contract and the National Annex.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p><b>All Slovenian applicants are recommended to contact the Slovenian national contact person.</b></p> <p>All Slovenian applicants should refer to the information published on the call for tenders at the following website: <a href="https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/">https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/</a></p> <p>For more detailed explanations, please refer to the <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: <a href="https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/">https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/</a>).</p>

# South Africa: DSTI

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Department of Science, Technology and Innovation																		
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	South Africa																		
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M.ERA.NET																		
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="http://www.esastap.org.za">www.esastap.org.za</a>																		
<b>Programme owner</b>	Department of Science, Technology and Innovation																		
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Department of Science, Technology and Innovation																		
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	<p>Ms Anita Mnisi: <a href="mailto:Anita.Mnisi@dsti.gov.za">Anita.Mnisi@dsti.gov.za</a></p> <p>Tel: +27 26 63 6328</p> <p>Ms Ntombi Mchuba: <a href="mailto:Ntombi.mchuba@dsti.gov.za">Ntombi.mchuba@dsti.gov.za</a></p> <p>Tel: +27 60 974 6773</p>																		
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	400 000 EUR																		
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	The number of projects will be determined by approved projects that would have met the eligibility criteria and recommended for funding.																		
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	DSTI will co-invest up to maximum of 90% of the approved funds for a period not exceeding 36 months with institutions as detailed below:																		
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of research</th> <th>Medium &amp; Large Enterprises</th> <th>Small Enterprises</th> <th>Universities &amp; Research Institutions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental/Basic Research</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial/Applied Research</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			Type of research	Medium & Large Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities & Research Institutions	Fundamental/Basic Research	90%	90%	90%	Industrial/Applied Research	90%	90%	90%	Experimental development	90%	90%	90%
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Experimental development	90%	90%	90%																
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	<p>South African institutions will have to involve the Historically Disadvantaged Institutions (HDI) in their projects, this is for eligibility on National funding</p> <p>Direct costs:</p> <p><u>Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation</u></p>																		

The DSTI will cover travel costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations.

Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.

Costs of personnel

DSTI will cover personnel cost to be incurred during project implementation.

Subcontracting

DSTI will not prevent SA applicants from subcontract activities within the project but encourages SA researchers to commit to activities that they are mostly able to implement. And will not support subcontracting of parties outside South Africa. The co-investment contract will be between DSTI and the main SA applicant and not the subcontractor. Therefore, DSTI will not be involved in any agreements/arrangements regarding activities to be implemented and how the reimbursed will be done between main SA applicant and the subcontracted party.

This call is open to working researchers residing in South Africa and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council, small, medium (SMEs) and large enterprises in the private sector and national system of innovation (NSI) organisations involved in R&D.

It is “obligatory” for South African lead researcher/principal investigator (PI)s based at historically advantaged institutions, SMEs and large companies to include, as part of the research team, a research partner from any of the historically disadvantaged institutions. Proposals submitted by an applicant based at a historically advantaged institution without a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution will be ineligible. The research partner from the historically disadvantaged institution in this case can serve as a co-applicant in the proposal.

**Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)**

Applicants based at historically disadvantaged institutions can act as PIs and submit proposals without the involvement of and or partnering with researchers based at historically advantaged institutions if they prefer.

Please note that only the following eight universities will be recognized as historically disadvantaged in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training November 2015 Ministerial Statement on university funding:

1. University of Limpopo (UL)
2. University of Fort Hare (UFH)
3. University of Venda (Univen)
4. Walter Sisulu University (WSU)
5. University of the Western Cape (UWC)
6. University of Zululand (UniZulu)
7. Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT)
8. Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU).



	Historically Disadvantaged Institutions and Individuals also refers to: SMEs owned by Black and Female Individuals. The inclusion of emerging researchers and youth innovators is strongly encouraged.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	The deadlines will be indicated on the call; however, researchers are advised to submit their proposals to DSTI for advice one month in advance of submitting them to the coordinator.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	National: Submission of financial and scientific reports will be stipulated in the contracts negotiated between the DSTI and the institutions
<b>Further guidance</b>	None

# Spain: AEI

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="#">Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Ministerio de Ciencia e Innovación
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	AEI
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	<p><u>Representative:</u> Name: Beatriz Gómez Miguel E-mail: <a href="mailto:beatriz.gomez@aei.gob.es">beatriz.gomez@aei.gob.es</a></p> <p><u>Administrative and technical issues:</u> Name: Jorge Sotelo Santos; Raquel Fernández Reyes E-mail: <a href="mailto:era-mat@aei.gob.es">era-mat@aei.gob.es</a></p> <p><u>Scientific Issues:</u> Name: Dr. Roberto Pacios; Dr. Federico Mompeán García</p>
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	€1,000,000
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	N/A
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	<p>The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared non eligible.</p> <p>IMPORTANT: a maximum of two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the AEI in the same Proposal are allowed.</p> <p>The following funding limits for direct costs (and additional 25 % of indirect costs can be added) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible. Please, indicate separately direct and indirect cost and keep amounts multiple of 1000. In any case, the AEI will round the numbers to a multiple of 1000.</p> <p>Maximum amount per Proposal NOT coordinated by a Spanish partner funded by AEI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If there is only one Spanish partner in the proposal, the maximum funding is 140.000€.</li> </ul> <p>If the Consortium is led by a Spanish Coordinator funded by AEI, the maximum funding amounts per proposal are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal, acting as Coordinator: 220.000€.</li> <li>if there is one Spanish Partner in addition to the Spanish Coordinator: 260.000€.</li> </ul>

	Direct Costs (€)	Indirect costs (€)	Total Costs
One Applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
One Coordinator + one applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000

Up to additional € 30.000 (direct costs) can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the Spanish Partners, that must be clearly justified in the budget.

**IMPORTANT:** Two AEI applicants are **ONLY** allowed in case one of them is the coordinator. Otherwise, only one AEI-applicant per proposal is allowed.

Centers 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 centers).

**Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range**  
Fundamental/Basic Research, Applied Research, Experimental Research.  
All TRLs.

**Funding rates (approx.)**  
100% of eligible costs

**Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)**

**The eligible entities for the AEI funding are (check [General requirements](#)):**  
Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI call [document](#) (or equivalent).

**MANDATORY:**

The **Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs)** must be eligible as per PCI call (or equivalent) and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.

**Important:**

- Applicants **have to** send to the AEI (era-mat@aei.gob.es) the document “Declaración de responsable” duly signed by the Spanish principal investigator. They must send it until one week after the deadline of the phase 1 of the call,
  - The document to be signed you can find it on [Convocatorias Internacionales | Agencia Estatal de Investigación](#) “Ciencia de materiales” M-ERA section. You can download it in PDF and WORD
- The applicants should include the PI’s full name and the full name of their institution as it is stated in the “[Sistema de Entidades \(SISEN\)](#)”.

**Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-NETs or other international initiatives):**

- Principal Investigators will not be eligible for funding if they apply in more than one proposal of this transnational joint call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call (or equivalent) and in PCI calls (or equivalent) of consecutive years.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If the same PI submits two or more proposals to the present call, all but one will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.</li> <li>• A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.</li> <li>• PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call.</li> </ul> <p>Please consult the specific <a href="#">document</a> on eligibility for PCI calls.</p> <p>The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</p> <p><b>Eligible costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.</li> <li>• Direct costs such as current costs, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</li> <li>• Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including outsourcing).</li> <li>• Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total final budget (excluding overheads).</li> </ul> <p><b>Prioritisation criteria:</b></p> <p>In the case two or more projects are considered equal with respect to their scientific merits, the AEI will prioritise funding projects that comply with more of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consortium is led by a Spanish Coordinator funded by AEI</li> <li>• Consortium includes a Spanish Industrial partner (requesting funding or participating with own funds)</li> <li>• Scientific relevance of the Spanish team contribution</li> <li>• Alignment with the <a href="#">Estrategia Española de Ciencia, Tecnología e Innovación 2021-2027</a> and the is the <a href="#">Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027</a>.</li> </ul> <p><b>Mandatory acknowledgement:</b></p> <p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI XX call (or its equivalent)”.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Only for selected projects.</p> <p>Please consult <a href="#">PCI 2024-1</a> for specific details of the procedure, since requirements will be similar.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p><b>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups:</b></p> <p>The instrument for funding Spanish groups is the Spanish call on RDI projects “<a href="#">Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional</a> (PCI)”, applicants are encouraged to consult the call <a href="#">PCI 2024-1</a> since the requirements will be similar.</p>

**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 of the AEI](#)

**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.

# Spain (Basque Country): EJ-GV

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	EJ-GV (EUSKO JAURLARITZA – GOBIERNO VASCO)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Regional: The Basque Country (Spain)
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	HAZITEK
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.euskadi.eus/ayuda_subvencion/2024/hazitek-2025/web01-tramite/es/">https://www.euskadi.eus/ayuda_subvencion/2024/hazitek-2025/web01-tramite/es/</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Consejería de Industria, Transición Energética y Sostenibilidad– Eusko Jaurlaritz - Gobierno Vasco / Basque Government - Ministry of Industry, Energy Transition and Sustainability.
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Innobasque – Agencia Vasca de la Innovación / Innobasque - Basque Innovation Agency
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Judith De Prado Olivenza / Catalina Chamorro Silgado <a href="mailto:jdeprado@innobasque.eus">jdeprado@innobasque.eus</a> / <a href="mailto:cat-chamorro@euskadi.eus">cat-chamorro@euskadi.eus</a> +34 944 209 488 / +34 945 018 210
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	500.000 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	No limit
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	500.000€ funding per beneficiary and per year
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL: 4 - 7
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Up to 70% of eligible costs in the case of Industrial research and up to 70% in the case of experimental development. Maximum amount of funding: 500,000€ funding per beneficiary and per year. Minimum annual budget for a Basque company: 50.000 € to be eligible.
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beneficiaries: Small, medium and large companies and company associations. (Research centers, universities and public entities only if subcontracted by the beneficiaries)</li> <li>• Type of research eligible for funding: Industrial research and experimental development.</li> <li>• Thematic restriction and other remarks: Proposals must fit within Basque Country's strategic specialization areas defined in the PCTI 2030: smart industry, cleaner energies, personalised healthcare, healthy food, eco-innovation, sustainable cities, creative Basque Country or within the Cross-cutting Tractor Initiatives (Healthy Ageing, Electric Mobility and Circular Economy)</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Basque partners must submit the proposal (in Spanish or Basque) to the regional programme in 2026 call. Deadlines are defined yearly.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	During the first quarter of 2026 (1st January – 31th March aprox).

<b>Further guidance</b>	
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# Spain (Asturias): SEKUENS

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	AGENCIA DE CIENCIA, COMPETITIVIDAD EMPRESARIAL E INNOVACIÓN DEL PRINCIPADO DE ASTURIAS -Agencia SEKUENS (Asturian Agency for Science, Business Competitiveness and Innovation - SEKUENS Agency)														
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Regional														
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Grants for participation in international collaborative R&D projects														
<b>Programme website</b>															
<b>Programme owner</b>	SEKUENS														
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	SEKUENS														
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Ms Ana E. Fernández Monzón anae@sekuens.es														
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	250.000€														
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	2-3														
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	150.000€														
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	3-8														
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<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<b>Types of organisations</b> Only companies (of any size) are eligible. R&T Centres & Universities are welcome as subcontractors.														



	<p><b>Eligible costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Personnel costs (experienced researchers and technicians). Only own personnel under contracts in Grupo 1, 2 or 3. Social Security contributions are not eligible.</li> <li>(b) Cost of contractual research: technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed at market prices, and costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity. Subcontracting costs up to 50% of the budget.</li> <li>(c) Costs of materials, supplies and similar products directly linked to the research activity.</li> <li>(d) International travel costs incurred directly as a result of the research project.</li> <li>(e) Cost of the project audit fee.</li> <li>(f) 15% of the personnel cost as a flat rate.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minimum budget per regional applicant and project</b> 100.000€ (expected budget 125.000€)</p> <p><b>Project category and thematic content</b> The contribution of the regional partners to the international project must fall within the category of Industrial Research or Experimental Development as described in the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014. The activities to be carried out by the regional partners must be in line with the S3 strategy.</p> <p><b>Other eligibility criteria</b> The project will not start before the submission of the application at regional level. Only activities to be carried out by applicants based in Asturias will be eligible.</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b></p>	<p>Regional application after final international decision. One-step procedure.</p>
<p><b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b></p>	<p><b>General rule</b> At regional level, only one final report is required at the end of the project. No pre-financing, except in exceptional cases.</p>
<p><b>Further guidance</b></p>	<p>This grant could affect to eligible the eligible budget submitted by an applicant to other R&amp;D calls launched by SEKUENS in the same year. It is recommended that applicants contact SEKUENS as soon as the decision to participate has been made.</p>

# Sweden: Vinnova

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Verket för innovationssystem (Vinnova)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Sustainable value chains
<b>Programme website</b>	N/A
<b>Programme owner</b>	Vinnova
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Vinnova
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Anders Marén, <a href="mailto:anders.maren@vinnova.se">anders.maren@vinnova.se</a> , 08-473 31 88
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	10.500.000 SEK (10.5 MSEK)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	Not specified
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	Maximum total funding to Swedish consortium partners is 3.500.000 SEK per funded project
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL 2 - TRL 7
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	Rates per Swedish consortium partner up to the limits set by EU state aid rules
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>The following categories of costs may be eligible (subject to some limitations):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. personnel costs, i.e. gross salary and actual additional costs, to the extent that the Participant's personnel work in the project,</li> <li>2. costs of equipment, land and buildings to the extent and for the period used for the project,</li> <li>3. costs of consultants and licenses etc.,</li> <li>4. other direct costs,</li> <li>5. actual indirect costs per participant up to maximum 30 % of eligible personnel costs (this limit does not apply to universities and higher education establishments).</li> </ol> <p>Costs for services performed by third parties (consultants/subcontractors) may not exceed 20 % of the public funding.</p> <p>Minimum 30 % of the total costs for Swedish participation in a project must be incurred by companies.</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Application for national funding of Swedish participation in selected projects to be submitted immediately after the full proposal selection process has been finalised.
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	Financial and progress report every six months. Final report one month after project ending.

**Further guidance**

The requirement for a minimum 30 % of the Swedish cost to be incurred by Swedish companies is referring to a minimum share of the total cost for activities performed by Swedish participants in a project. The requirement does not constitute for 30 % of the project costs to be covered by companies, because companies can (within the limit of 3.5 million SEK funding per project application) apply for a partial financial support up to the limits set by EU state aid rules.

An example:

- A Swedish participation has a total cost of 1.000.000 SEK.
- The Swedish consortium consists of a research organisation requesting 100 % funding and an SME requesting 70 % for “Industrial research” activities according to GBER Article 25.
- To fulfil the requirement, the budgeted costs for the SME must be at least 300.000 SEK out of which the SME can apply for 70 % = 210.000 SEK in funding from Vinnova.
- The budgeted costs for the research organisation can be maximum 700.000 SEK, all of which can applied for from Vinnova.

The maximum funding to the Swedish project participation would then become  $700.000 + 210.000 = 910.000$  SEK, i.e. a 91 % funding rate at project level. The SME would cover 30 % of own costs which would amount to a 9 % contribution to the total Swedish project costs.

# Switzerland: SFOE

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Switzerland
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	Energy research programmes
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.bfe.admin.ch/bfe/en/home/research-and-cleantech/research-programmes.html">https://www.bfe.admin.ch/bfe/en/home/research-and-cleantech/research-programmes.html</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	Swiss Federal Office of Energy (SFOE)
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Topic 1: Stefan Oberholzer ( <a href="mailto:stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch">stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch</a> , +41 58 465 89 20)
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	Topic 1: EUR 600 000 (tbc)
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	-
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	-
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL $\geq 3$
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	80% for public institutions, 50% for private organisations
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	The participation of industrial partners (i.e. manufacturers at material, device and application level) is strongly desired to ensure the relevance of the research to technological development and to provide advice and data. Exceptions must be clearly justified. Topic 1: Projects should primarily focus on batteries and, in second priority, on fuel cell and hydrogen technology. See the national call text for details.
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	Applicants must submit a national full proposal (see Section 3.4 of the <a href="#">Directive</a> ) by <b>31 Octobre 2025</b> . The <a href="#">official application forms</a> have to be used and sent to: Topic 1: Stefan Oberholzer ( <a href="mailto:stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch">stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch</a> )
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	See Section 4, “Monitoring and reporting”, of the <a href="#">Directive</a>
<b>Further guidance</b>	(1) <a href="#">Directive on the submission and evaluation of applications for financial support for energy research, pilot and demonstration projects and authorisation of sandbox projects</a> Swiss applicants are obliged to contact the responsible SFOE programme manager at least two weeks before the submission deadline for pre-proposal:

	Topic 1: Stefan Oberholzer ( <a href="mailto:stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch">stefan.oberholzer@bfe.admin.ch</a> , +41 58 465 89 20)
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# Taiwan: NSTC

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	National
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	M-ERA.NET
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/?l=en">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/?l=en</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan
<b>Program manager (executing funding organisation)</b>	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), Taiwan
<b>Contact person(s) (e-mail, tel.)</b>	Dr. Ian Liou (Email: <a href="mailto:ianliou@nycu.edu.tw">ianliou@nycu.edu.tw</a> ) Dr. Ching-Mei Tang (Email: <a href="mailto:cmtom@nstc.gov.tw">cmtom@nstc.gov.tw</a> ) Mr. Randy Chang (Email: <a href="mailto:mcchang76@gate.sinica.edu.tw">mcchang76@gate.sinica.edu.tw</a> )
<b>Funding Commitment</b>	0.75 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The maximum amount per year per project is €90,000.00 (about NTD3,000,000).</li> <li>- The decision regarding the exact amount of the grant is dependent on the result of the NSTC's internal reviews.</li> <li>- The number of grants of every principle investigator must comply with NSTC's regulation of the max number of two international cooperation projects granted by NSTC for the same duration.</li> </ul> <p>For more about the budget requirements of the projects based on which applicants can apply to NSTC for funding, please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch</a></p>
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	TRL 2-9
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	The maximum amount per year per project is €90,000.00 (about NTD3,000,000)
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	<p>In compliance with the NSTC's regulation 'Operation Guidelines for NSTC Research Grants':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>Applicant institutions</b> (i.e., research conducting institutions) shall be approved by NSTC to be eligible recipients of subsidisation in accordance with the 'Operation Guidelines for Institutions Applying for NSTC Grants'. The eligible institutions are classified into three categories as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taiwanese public/private colleges and universities.</li> <li>2. Taiwanese public/private research institutions.</li> <li>3. Taiwanese Medical institutions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>■ <b>Principal Investigator(s)</b> must meet several qualifications. For more information about the qualifications please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch</a></li> </ul> <p><b>In principle</b>, the NSTC (Taiwan) does not directly subsidise the industry.</p>

<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Taiwanese project partners shall submit a proposal to the NSTC for national financing after the project has been selected and approved for funding through the M-ERA.NET evaluation and selection process.</li> <li>- The proposals are required to be submitted to NSTC for funding as soon as possible as the internal process of the NSTC generally takes 6 months.</li> </ul>
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch</a>
<b>Further guidance</b>	please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch</a>

# TÜRKİYE : TÜBİTAK

<b>Name of Funding agency</b>	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye-TÜBİTAK
<b>Geographical coverage (national/regional)</b>	Türkiye (National)
<b>Name of the programme/initiative</b>	1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation
<b>Programme website</b>	<a href="https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararası-destek-programlari/1071-uluslararası-arastırma-fonlarından-yararlanma-kapasitesinin-ve-uluslararası-ar-ge-isbirliklerine-katılının-arttırılmasına-yönelik-destek-programı">https://tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararası-destek-programlari/1071-uluslararası-arastırma-fonlarından-yararlanma-kapasitesinin-ve-uluslararası-ar-ge-isbirliklerine-katılının-arttırılmasına-yönelik-destek-programı</a>
<b>Programme owner</b>	TÜBİTAK
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<b>Funding Commitment</b>	1.000.000 €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable research partners</b>	-
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner</b>	To be announced on <a href="#">TUBITAK web-site</a> .
<b>Type of research eligible for funding: eligible TRL range</b>	1-8
<b>Funding rates (approx.)</b>	SMEs can receive funds as 75% of all eligible R&D costs and large companies receive funds as 60 % of all eligible R&D costs. Higher education institutions, their institutes, research hospitals and R&D centres can receive funds as 100% of all eligible R&D costs
<b>Major eligibility criteria (e.g. types of organisations, thematic restriction, cost types and caps)</b>	The programme is open for all technology areas. To be announced on <a href="#">TUBITAK web-site</a> .
<b>Submission of the proposal at national/regional level (schedule, cut-off dates, deadlines, etc.)</b>	To be announced on <a href="#">TUBITAK web-site</a> .
<b>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</b>	To be announced on <a href="#">TUBITAK web-site</a> .
<b>Further guidance</b>	