



# European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

## CO-FUNDED CALL FOR PROPOSALS

### “Supporting the Future of Animal Health and Welfare”

**Deadline for submission of pre-proposals:**

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## Definitions

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

## Abbreviations

- AC: Associated Country (to the EU)
- AH&W: Animal Health and Welfare
- AMR: Antimicrobial Resistance
- APC: Article Processing Charges
- AW: Animal Welfare
- CB: Call Board
- CO: Call Office
- EAB: Ethics Advisory Board
- EC: European Commission
- EO: Evaluation Office
- EU: European Union
- EUPAHW: European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare
- FCP: Funding Contact Person
- FO: Funding Organisation
- GDPR: general data protection regulation
- GO: General Objectives
- HE: Horizon Europe

- IEPE: International Evaluation Panel of Experts
- IO: Independent Observer
- MS: Member State (of the EU)
- OA: Open Access
- OO: Operational Objectives
- PI: Principal Investigator
- R&I: Research and Innovation
- RPO: Research Performing Organisation
- SO: Specific Objectives
- SRIA: Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda
- TRL: Technology Readiness Level
- UN: United Nations
- UN SDGs: United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

## 1. Background and the Intervention Logic of the European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare

The European Partnership on Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) is committed to ensuring a sustainable production system for terrestrial and aquatic animals. This system is designed to prevent and control infectious animal diseases, promote prudent use of antimicrobials, and ensure high animal welfare throughout all stages of an animal's life.

The objectives of the EUPAHW align with the European Green Deal and its associated Farm-to-Fork Strategy, which advocates for a fair, healthy, and environmentally friendly food system. The Partnership comprises 30 Funding Organisations (FO) from 20 European countries, within and outside the European Union (EU).

A robust and sustainable livestock and aquaculture sector is essential for supplying ample and nutritious food to the global population and holds significant economic importance within the EU. However, they face numerous challenges, including infectious animal diseases worsened by ecological changes such as rising temperatures, deforestation, and an escalating threat of antimicrobial resistance (AMR)<sup>1</sup>.

The principles of One Health and One Welfare serve as vital connections between the health and well-being of animals, plants, and humans. Global socio-economic and political issues, like the COVID-19 crisis, have the potential to severely impact food security. In line with the ambitions of the European Green Deal and the Farm-to-Fork, there is an immediate need to invest in Animal Health & Welfare (AH&W) research and innovation<sup>2</sup>.

There is growing public concern about Animal Welfare (AW), highlighted by the 'End the Cage Age' campaign initiated by the European Citizens Initiative<sup>3</sup>. The EUPAHW is proposed to contribute to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) and promote a more sustainable and resilient food system. The Partnership aims to tackle these challenges through a systemic, interdisciplinary, and coordinated approach.

Based on an intervention logic, four general objectives (GO) will contribute to the long-term vision of the Partnership:

- ▮ GO1: To support the AH&W Strategic Research and Innovation Agendas from the member states (MS) and Associated Countries (AC), and add to their complementarity;
- ▮ GO2: To contribute to a robust Research & Innovation (R&I) system for AH&W in Europe, including an improved and comprehensive framework, access to innovative methodologies and products for animal infectious diseases, animal welfare monitoring and control, as well as an increased evidence base for policymakers;
- ▮ GO3: To contribute to better prevention, detection and control of animal health and welfare and to reinforce the preparedness of all actors against upcoming and emerging threats to animal health, including zoonoses and vector-borne diseases;
- ▮ GO4: To place animal welfare in the foreground of animal production.

The Partnership will organise internal R&I actions and launch calls for external R&I projects to achieve these goals.

The 2024 co-funded transnational call is the first EUPAHW call. It pools national and regional financial resources through the participation of ministries and FOs from 20 countries responsible for funding research and innovation actions with financial support from the EU.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/6971>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.oecd.org/coronavirus/policy-responses/food-supply-chains-and-covid-19-impacts-and-policy-lessons-71b57aea/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/149/european-citizens-initiative>

## 2. Scope of the Co-funded Call

The EUPAHW has set five Specific Objectives (SO) to achieve general objectives, which will generate the envisioned impacts and be delivered by 2031. General and specific objectives have been transposed into nine Operational Objectives (OO).

These Operational Objectives are grouped into five high-level Priority Areas (see Figure 2). The priority areas can be seen as successive, multi-disciplinary steps from detecting and characterising health and welfare issues to actions in the field for prevention and recovery. The nine OOs for the R&I agenda, organised per corresponding priority area, are shown in the overview of the intervention logic of the EUPAHW (Fig. 1)

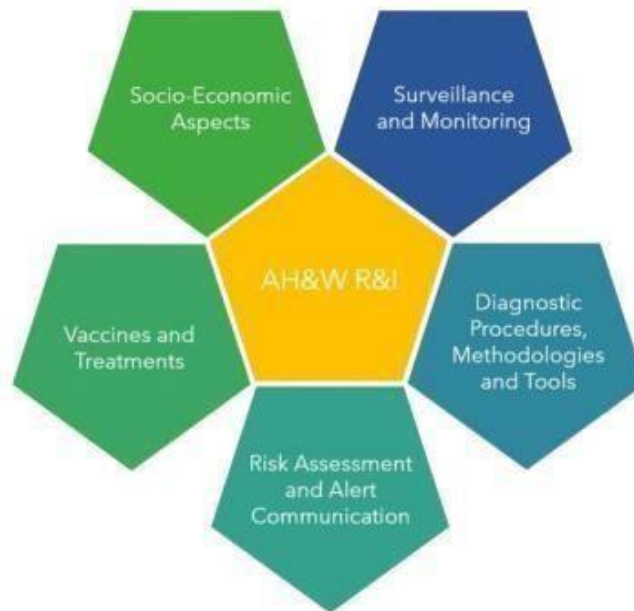


**Figure 1.** Intervention logic of the EUPAHW SRIA<sup>4</sup>: General Objectives are related to all societal, environmental, and economic drivers. Similarly, all Specific Objectives (SO) relate to both GO and most of the Operational Objectives can be linked to all SOs.

The structure for future activities will be based on five priority areas (Fig. 2), which are described in more detail below:

<sup>4</sup> [https://scar-europe.org/images/AHW\\_CWG/Documents/EUP-AHW-SRIA\\_Fev2023.pdf](https://scar-europe.org/images/AHW_CWG/Documents/EUP-AHW-SRIA_Fev2023.pdf)





**Figure 2.** The five priority areas of the EUPAHW

This call aims to enhance animal health and welfare by supporting innovative research to develop novel and improved technologies and addressing fundamental and socioeconomic science questions related to the prevention, detection, assessment, and management of animal health and welfare issues of both terrestrial and aquatic animals.

Innovative novel and improved technologies are essential for advancing AH&W. They can offer solutions to mitigate animal diseases and their effects that threaten food security, trade, and human health. Research focused on the development of novel technologies for AH&W has the potential to:

- Prevent, detect, and respond to new and emerging livestock diseases through diagnostics, vaccines, and risk assessment tools.
- Improve livestock's quality of life and well-being using new sensor technologies that monitor animal behaviour, stress, and pain.

Fundamental science is the foundation for improving AH&W. It helps us develop our knowledge of the immunological, physiological, and biological mechanisms that affect AH&W, leading to a better understanding of:

- The genetic and molecular basis of animal diseases.
- The immunological and physiological responses of animals to pathogens, stress, or environmental factors.
- The cognitive capacities of livestock and pain relief opportunities.

Social research is essential for facilitating the adoption of novel technologies and assessing their impacts on society. It can help us understand the socio-economic aspects of AH&W and its potential impacts on farmers, consumers, the production chain, and biosecurity.

## 1.1 Objectives

The purpose of this call is to support the future of the health and welfare of terrestrial and aquatic animals through research and innovation and the advancement of fundamental and socio-economic science.

The call also aims to contribute to the main objectives of the EUPAHW, as outlined in the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA), and the research objectives of the partner FOs. The Call Topics defined in the next section have been chosen to support fifteen of the SRIA Research Actions, identified as priorities by partner FOs. A list of these Research Actions is available in Annex VI.

This Call Topics have been chosen to be complementary and distinct from the research being carried out as part of the EUPAHW internal activities. A list of the internal projects is available on [www.eupahw.eu](http://www.eupahw.eu).

These objectives are aligned with the aims and provisions of Horizon Europe, Cluster 6, Intervention Area 3, and wider initiatives of the European Commission, as described in the SRIA. Moreover, improving AH&W as planned by EUPAHW will have both direct and indirect impacts on the main pillars of sustainable development, and on most, if not all, of the UN's 17 SDGs.

## 1.2 Call Topics

This call is open to proposals addressing one of the research topics described below, focusing on either terrestrial and aquatic animals, bee health, or additionally wildlife, where relevant (transmission of diseases of consequence to livestock, or zoonotic diseases).

### **Topic 1: Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare**

This topic includes research projects that concentrate on creating and advancing innovative technologies to enhance AH&W.

Some examples:

- These technologies could range from genomic surveillance of health and improved disease diagnostic methods to novel or improved vaccines and vaccine platforms.
- The development of new technologies aimed at monitoring and improving animal welfare could for instance include the creation of sensors, decision support tools, or innovative animal husbandry and aquaculture systems.

### **Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare**

This topic involves research to advance scientific knowledge and understanding of the biological, immunological, and physiological mechanisms influencing terrestrial and aquatic AH&W.

Examples include increasing knowledge of priority pathogens (bacteria, parasites, viruses, fungi, or prions responsible for important economic losses or high risk for transmission to humans), interactions with the host microbiome, diagnostics, immunology, and the basis of welfare indicators such as normal behaviour, positive emotional state, thermal comfort, ease of movement, absence of disease.

### **Topic 3: Animal Health and Welfare and Society**

This topic covers social, economic, or ethical studies that examine how pathogens, novel technologies or improved animal welfare might impact farmers, fishers, aquaculture producers, consumers, or the production chain. It would also cover studies focusing on human behaviour with respect to biosecurity, perception of welfare and impacts on demand, and communications with farmers and producers to improve awareness and acknowledgement of AH&W (i.e. to improve acceptability of policy, to facilitate a transition to sustainable production).

Collaborative research between academic and private sectors can provide benefits for AH&W, Therefore, this call encourages applications that may include partners from the private sector, where appropriate, and within national and regional regulations, as per Annex VII.

### **Exclusions:**

The research funded through this call is to improve AH&W. The focus of each research proposal should therefore be on animal health/disease and welfare. Research that mainly focuses on the following, is not in the scope of the call:

- | Improving human health
- | Companion animals (for specific species such as horses, please contact your FO)
- | Laboratory animal health and welfare research
- | Food-borne pathogens
- | AMR focusing specifically on public/human health
- | Socio-economic projects that do not integrate animal health and/or welfare
- | Development of new antimicrobials

### 3. Timeline

Submission of research project proposals	
<b>8th May 2024</b>	<b>Launch of the co-funded call</b>
First step: submission of pre-proposals	
14 <sup>th</sup> of May 10:00 CEST	Webinar for Applicants For more info: <a href="https://eupahw.ptj.de/call1">https://eupahw.ptj.de/call1</a>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> July 2024, 15:00 CEST</b>	<b>Deadline for pre-proposal submission</b>
September 2024	Communication of eligibility checks and evaluation outcomes to the research project coordinators
September 2024	Period for the redress procedure
October 2024	Evaluation of the requests for redress and communication of decisions to the applicants
November 2024	Invitation to submit full proposals
Second step: submission of full-proposals	
<b>4th February 2025, 14:00 CET</b>	<b>Deadline for full-proposal submission</b>
April 2025	Communication of the evaluation outcomes and the funding recommendation to the research project coordinators
April/May 2025	Period for the redress procedure
May/June 2025	Evaluation of the requests of redress and communication of decisions to research project coordinators
End of June 2025	Communication of the funding decision to the research project coordinators
National/Regional grant agreements	
July - December 2025	Start of research projects
Funded research project monitoring and seminars (tentative timeframe)	
4th quarter 2025	Kick-Off meeting
1st quarter 2027	Mid-term report
2nd quarter 2027	Mid-term meeting
4th quarter 2028	Final meeting
1st quarter 2029	Final report

## 4. Overview of funding opportunities

Please note that this table provides guidance on national/regional guidelines. **Applicants are advised to contact the Funding Contact Persons (ANNEX I).**

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution		Topic		
		Total [€]	maximum per project [€]	1	2	3
Austria	FWF	1,500,000		Y	Y	Y
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	300,000	300,000 per project for 3 years	Y	Y	Y
Belgium	FIO	800,000		Y	Y	Y
Belgium	FPS Health	400,000	133,000	Y	Y	N
Belgium	FWO	700,000	350,000	Y	Y	Y
Denmark	IFD	1,000,000	300.000 per partner 500.000 for all if there are two or more Danish partners	Y	Y	Y
Estonia	ETAG	100,000 or 300,000*	300,000 if coordinator, 100,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Estonia	REM	100,000	100,000	Y	Y	Y
Finland	MMM	400,000	300,000 if coordinator, 200,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
France	ANR	2,000,000	400,000 if coordinator, 300,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Germany	BMEL/BLE	1,500,000	300,000	Y	Y	Y
Ireland	DAFM	1,000,000	*	Y	Y	Y
Ireland	TEAGASC	248,000	*	Y	Y	Y
Italy	MASAF	300,000	300.000 per project Max per partner: 160,000 if coordinator, 140,000 if participant	Y	N	Y
Italy	MOH	500,000	300,000 if coordinator,	Y	Y	Y
Italy	MUR	2,000,000	300,000 (min. amount 100,000)	Y	Y	Y
Latvia	LZP	500,000	100,000 per 1 project year per 1 partner	Y	Y	Y
Lithuania	LMT	300,000	200,000 if coordinator, 150,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Lithuania	ZUM	120,000	120,000	Y	Y	Y

Country	Funding Organisation	National/regional call contribution		Topic		
		Total [€]	maximum per project [€]	1	2	3
Netherlands	MINLNV	2,000,000	350,000 if coordinator, 300,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Norway	RCN	1,480,000	350,000 for terrestrial animals research 215,000 for aquatic animals research	Y	Y	Y
Portugal	FCT	500,000	200,000 if coordinator, 100,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Slovakia	MARD	105,000	105,000	Y	Y	Y
Slovenia	MKGP	350,000	200,000	Y	N	Y
Spain	AEI	1,000,000	275,000 if coordinator, 175,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Spain	CDTI	500,000		Y	Y	Y
Sweden	FORMAS	2,000,000	500,000 if coordinator, 300,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
Türkiye	TAGEM	300,000	100,000 if coordinator	Y	Y	N
Türkiye	TUBITAK	600,000	200,000 if coordinator or private entity, 100,000 if participant	Y	Y	Y
United Kingdom	DEFRA	2,000,000	750,000	Y	Y	Y
<b>Total</b>		<b>24,603,000</b>				

\* Please find further details in the National Annex.

## 5. Application

### 5.1 Eligibility

#### 5.1.1 Who can apply

Universities and other higher education institutions, public research institutions, non-profit organisations, consumers/citizens and civil society representatives and private companies can apply, subject to the national/regional regulations and eligibility criteria (Annex VII). Partners ineligible to receive funding from any of the FOs can also be part of research consortia if they bring their own resources and submit an appropriate “Letter of Commitment” (see Annex V). However, these applicants cannot be the coordinator, and they will not count towards the minimum or maximum number of partners. In order to facilitate the building of consortia, a partnering tool will be available on the submission tool homepage (<https://eupahw.ptj.de/>).

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

### 5.1.2 Eligibility criteria

All proposals must meet the general eligibility criteria included in this section and also the national/regional eligibility criteria given in Annex VII. Only proposals meeting national and general eligibility criteria will be considered for evaluation. Therefore, contacting FCP is strongly recommended for each partner of a consortium.

#### General eligibility criteria

- | Proposals must be written in English.
- | Proposals must be submitted before the submission deadline using the submission website (<https://eupahw.ptj.de/>).
- | The project duration must not exceed 3 years.
- | Researchers can contribute to more than one research proposal submitted to the co-funded call, provided there is no double funding of the same work or cost item, and the same work is proposed only once, and that FO national regulations allow it. In case of participation in more than one project, partners must name the proposals, in which they are involved and explain clearly how their work within the respective proposals differs in the section “Partners” (via Partner Login) under “Tasks within the project”.
- | The proposed research project must be consistent with the scope of this call and with the national/organisational thematic priorities of the countries/regions involved in the proposed project. National/regional/organisational priorities are described in the national/regional regulations (see Annex VII) and can be communicated by the Funding Contact Persons (FCP) (Annex I).
- | The applicants must also respect the national/regional eligibility criteria defined by the FO they are requesting funding to. Please consider that some FOs also request the submission of a national/regional application (See Annex VII).
- | The submission of a pre-proposal is compulsory. Applicants cannot submit a full-proposal at a later stage without having submitted a pre-proposal and having been invited for full-proposal submission.
- | Projects must follow the rules outlined under “consortium structure”.
- | Full proposals must submit a Communication and Dissemination Plan (Annex III) and a Data Management Plan (Annex IV).

#### Consortium structure

- | Consortia must include a **minimum of three partners** from a **minimum of three different countries** being eligible and requesting funding from funding organisations (FOs) participating in this call and a **maximum of eight partners requesting funding**.
- | Applicants from countries not participating as funders in this call are welcome in research consortia, but cannot receive funding. Those associated partners should clearly demonstrate an added value to the consortium and secure their resources. The coordinator should ensure that sufficient resources are secured from these associated partners. The letter of commitment must be provided together with submitting the pre-proposal (letter of commitment template; Annex V). The same applies to all partners who are not eligible or not applying for national/regional funding from the FOs participating in the call. **The associated partners will not count towards the maximum or minimum number of partners required. An associated partner can only be a partner in a proposal, not coordinator of a proposal.**
- | **Total funding of partners in one country must not exceed 60% of the total funding budget of the proposal** in order to achieve balanced partnerships and ensure that responsibility and risks are shared.
- | **If a consortium does not meet the minimum number of partners, or exceeds the maximum number of partners, or if one or more of the partners requesting funding is not eligible according to the national/regional funding criteria, the proposal will be rejected without being evaluated.**



- | Some beneficiaries of the Partnership are allowed to be part of an applying consortium (Annex II). However, the majority of funding for this call should be allocated to external parties. **Therefore, the total funding allocated to parties that are beneficiaries of the EUPAHW should be at most 35% of the total funding requested by the proposal consortium.**

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

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

### 5.1.3 The project coordinator and principal investigator

Each research project consortium needs to appoint a project coordinator. The project coordinator:

- | Must be eligible for and requesting funding from one of the FOs participating in the call. An entity that plans to participate on its own expense without a funding provided via an FO participating in this call cannot act as a coordinator;
- | The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinator, is only allowed to coordinate one proposal; a PI of one proposal can be a partner in another proposal (not for all Funders organisations - see National regulations);
- | The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinator, is not allowed to chair one of the internal activities of the internal programme of EUPAHW at the same time;
- | The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinator, will lead the consortium throughout the application procedure and will be responsible for the correct submission of the pre-proposal and full-proposal;
- | The principal investigator (PI), representing the project coordinator, will ensure that all partners:
  - | fulfil the requirements stated in this call announcement and criteria as stated in the national/regional annexes and/or communicated by the FCP;
  - | provide all necessary information and comply with all formalities as required;
  - | participate actively in the proposal preparation;
- | Is fully responsible for the overall project coordination meaning ensuring the fulfilment of all the work packages, providing the monitoring reports, represent the project in kick-off, mid-term and final meetings and will be the central and only contact point for the Call Office (CO) during the full lifespan of the research project;
- | Will ensure that all work is carried out to a high standard and meets main objectives presented in the full-proposal;
- | Is responsible for sharing all information with consortium partners;



- | Will not be responsible for the financial management of project funding of the consortium partners. Each consortium partner will handle the financial management with the respective FO.

## 5.2 Submission

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

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

### 5.2.1 Pre-proposal submission

**The deadline for pre-proposal submission is the 8th of July 2024, 15:00 CEST.**

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

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

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

- | project title,
- | project acronym,
- | research topic,
- | keywords,
- | duration, including expected project start and end date,
- | Gantt chart,
- | Technology Readiness Level (TRL), if applicable,
- | project coordinator (incl. tasks, curriculum vitae of PI, list of relevant publications, team members),
- | consortium composition, i.e. organisation name and PIC number, type and country, tasks and references for each partner including the coordinator,
- | total budget and requested funding for each partner, and respective FO (where applicable),
- | summary suitable for publication,
- | background and state of the art,
- | project description,
- | potential impact of the proposal,
- | optionally: a maximum of three experts (by name), who should not evaluate the proposal due to a specific conflict of interest.

A pre-proposal template (PDF) for information only will be provided on the submission homepage (<https://eupahw.ptj.de/>). However, applicants are strongly encouraged to start working directly in the submission tool from the beginning of their application.

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

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

Implementation of up to three graphics or images is allowed and possible. Allowed formats are jpg, png or gif, with a maximal resolution of 600x600px and maximal file size 2 MB. No additional documents will be considered.

Applicants should note that the online system may experience high traffic volumes in the last hours before the submission deadline. Therefore, it is highly recommended to submit the final version of the proposal well in advance of the deadline to avoid any last-minute technical difficulties.

The information given in the pre-proposal is binding. Significant changes between pre- and full-proposals concerning the composition of the consortium, research objectives or requested budget are only possible upon request to the CO and with the decision from the Call Board (CB).

All changes must be communicated to the CO with detailed justifications and will only be allowed if the CB approves.

As an exception to the above-mentioned conditions, the following change, referred to as “widening”, is allowed upon invitation of the CB, **and stated explicitly in the invitation letter to submit a full-proposal.**

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

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

## 5.2.2 Full-proposal submission

**The deadline for full-proposal submission is the 4th of February 2025, 14:00 CET.**

Consortia invited for full-proposal submission will regain access to the EUPAHW online submission tool to submit a full-proposal for which a template will be provided via <https://eupahw.ptj.de/>. The core data provided in the pre-proposal will be automatically imported into the full-proposal and cannot be changed in the second step unless otherwise specified by the CO.

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

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

## 5.3 Evaluation and Selection

### 5.3.1 Pre-proposal evaluation

Pre-proposals that are submitted correctly and within the deadline will be checked for eligibility by the CO. The general eligibility check performed by the CO will focus on the “Eligibility Criteria” (Section 5.1.2). Additionally, the FO will conduct a national eligibility check focusing on the national/regional regulations and the national/regional eligibility criteria (see Annex VI).

Eligible pre-proposals will be evaluated by at least three experts. Conditionally eligible proposals will be evaluated. Yet, conditions must be met during full-proposal submission; otherwise, the proposals will be considered ineligible. The information provided in the pre-proposal will be used to find appropriate experts from the International Evaluation Panel of Experts (IEPE) for its evaluation. The EO will ensure that conflict of interest is avoided. Conflict of interest will be described in detail in the evaluator guideline prepared by the EO.

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

#### **Excellence**

- a) Scientific quality of the proposal
- b) Relevance of the project regarding the addressed topic and objectives of the call
- c) Novelty of the proposed research

#### **Impact**

- a) Potential impact of the expected results for future animal health and welfare
- b) Added-value of transnational collaboration
- c) Potential for fostering a longer-term international network of researchers
- d) The involvement of private partners in a pre-proposal, where appropriate, will be considered as a value towards impact

#### **Quality and efficiency of the implementation**

- a) Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (for full-proposals: including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and time-frame)
- b) Complementarity of the participants in the consortium

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the three main criteria, and not singularly for the different aspects listed below the criteria. The scoring system uses a 5-point scale for each review criteria, only full scores are allowed. Scores for the different evaluation criteria will have equal weight. The threshold for each single criterion will be 3 out of 5.

Scoring system:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### 5.3.2 Full-proposal evaluation and funding recommendation

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

#### Excellence

- a) Scientific quality of the proposal:
  - clarity of objectives
  - credibility of the proposed approach and methodology
  - expected progress beyond the state-of-the-art, innovation
  - competence and experience of participating research partners in the field(s) of the proposal
- b) Relevance of the project to the addressed topic and objectives of the call.
- c) Novelty of proposed research.

#### Impact

- a) Potential impact of the expected results for future animal health and welfare
- b) Added-value of transnational collaboration: gathering a critical mass of biological material, sharing of resources (models, databases, etc.), harmonisation of data, sharing of specific know-how and/or innovative technologies, etc.
- c) Potential for fostering a longer term international network of researchers.
- d) Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit and disseminate the project results (including management of Intellectual Property Rights (IPR)), to communicate the project (Annex III Communication and Dissemination Plan), and to manage research data (Annex IV Data Management Plan).

- e) The involvement of private partners in a pre-proposal, where appropriate, will be considered as a value towards impact.
- f) If suitable and applicable for the project: education and training of early career scientists.

### Quality and efficiency of the implementation

- a) Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and time-frame).
- b) Complementarity of the participants in the consortium.
- c) Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk and innovation management.
- d) Sustainability of research infrastructures initiated by the project.
- e) Budget and cost-effectiveness of the project (appropriate distribution of resources in relation to project activities, partners' responsibilities, and time frame).
- f) Suitability of the data management and communication plans

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

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

After the proposal discussion, IEPE members should agree on a scoring per criterion. The three agreed-upon scores will be summed up, so the overall score per project can range between 0 and 15.

As a result of the IEPE discussions and as an outcome of the IEPE meeting, one ranking list of the full-proposals from all three call topics recommended for funding will be established. Each rapporteur will include all discussed points in the evaluation report and finalise the report including the final score and individual scores for each criterion. As in the pre-proposal step, the independent expert will act again as an observer to verify that the selection procedure meets the requirements (particularly for the peer review evaluation, the ranking and the evaluation meeting). The observer will document the process in a report.

Based on the ranking list and the available funding, the CB will take the final decision for national/regional funding.

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

### 5.3.3 Redress Mechanism

Applicants can challenge the eligibility check and evaluation outcome only if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation procedures. **This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation and/or eligibility checks, including the national eligibility checks. The redress will not question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts.**

In this case, applicants shall submit their request for redress to the Call Office via email using a template which will be provided via the download area of the submission tool, up to 30 calendar days after the date of dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the evaluation office at the end of each step (first or second step). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the redress procedure, which is described below.

## Admissibility of requests for redress

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

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

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

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

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

## Procedure

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

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

The Call Office will establish a Redress Committee for each redress complaint consisting of three people (the Chair of IEPE and two representatives of funders outside of the consortium of the proposal). The Independent Observer has the right to observe the meetings of the redress committee. The role of the redress committee is to evaluate the requests for redress according to the procedure, ensuring fair and equal treatment of applicants, with the support of the Call Office, if needed. The Redress Committee will make its decision based on the implementation of the evaluation procedure and on the available information related to the proposal and its evaluation. The Redress Committee cannot overrule a negative national eligibility check of a research FO. Requests for redress on national eligibility decisions will be assessed by the FO responsible for the national eligibility check, which will justify its decision to the Redress Committee, to prove that national funding rules listed in the call text have been applied correctly.

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

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

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



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

## 5.4 Ethical aspects

The research should be carried out under the appropriate authorisation, considering the European Union and national ethical requirements. To identify potential ethical issues, applicants must complete an ethics self-assessment. Please consult Horizon Europe programme guidance “How to complete your ethics self-assessment”<sup>5</sup>. These guidelines address the following ethical issues: human embryos & foetuses, human beings, human cells or tissues, personal data, animals, non-EU countries, environment, health & safety, dual use, and exclusive focus on civil applications.

If any ethical issues are expected to arise during the proposed project, these must be addressed in the full-proposal. The EUPAHW Ethics Advisory Board (EAB) will evaluate the full-proposals on its ethical aspects.

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

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

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

## 5.5 Confidentiality & Conflict of Interest

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

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

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

- ┆ being involved in (the preparation of) any pre- and/or full proposal;
- ┆ having submitted a proposal as a principal investigator or a team member, under the call;
- ┆ being director, trustee or partner or in any way involved in the management of an applicant;
- ┆ being employed or contracted by one of the applicants;

<sup>5</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf)

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

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

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

## 5.6 General Data Protection Regulation

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

## 6. Obligations for Funded Projects

### 6.1 Published information

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

- project title and project acronym
- duration of the project
- total funding sum of the project
- name of the Principal Investigator (including contact information like professional email)
- country and organisation name of each partner, including the coordinator
- a short summary of the project.

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

### 6.2 Publications and Open Access

Open access (OA) addresses the problem of limited access to peer-reviewed scholarly research. OA is the practice of providing online access to scientific information (e.g. peer-reviewed scientific articles,) that is free of charge to the reader, and licensed so that the information can be further used



and exploited by researchers, the industry and citizens. The publication of research data, however, is not mandatory.

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

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

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

### 6.3 Negotiation of national/regional grant agreements

The participating FOs make formal funding decisions. Each participating FO will fund applicants from their country/region for the selected research projects. The participating FOs will provide funding according to applicable national/regional funding rules and HE provisions on Financial Support to Third Parties. A FO may decide, on a voluntary basis, to fund also participants that originally requested funds from another FO.

The project coordinator is responsible for informing the project partners about the selection result and synchronising the project start with the partners. The project partners should aim to start on the

same starting date. After a positive funding recommendation, the project partners must directly contact their FCP to start the grant negotiation and accomplish the remaining steps until the research project can start.

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

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

## 6.4 Project monitoring

### 6.4.1 Reporting

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

### 6.4.2 Grant holders meetings

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

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

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

## 6.5 Dissemination and communication

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

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

## Annex I: List of Funding Contact Persons

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

<b>N°</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>N°</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Country</b>	<b>N°</b>	<b>Beneficiary</b>	<b>Country</b>
1	UGent	Belgium	37	INIAV	Portugal	65	SLU	Sweden
3	AGES	Austria	38	INRAE	France	66	SSI	Denmark
5	ANSES	France	38.1	APT	France	89	SURREY	UK
6	AU	Denmark	38.2	IFCE	France	67	SVA	Sweden
7	AUTH	Greece	38.3	ENVT	France	69	Teagasc	Ireland
8	BfR	Germany	38.4	ONIRIS	France	70	TIHO Hannover	Germany
10	BMBWF	Austria	38.5	VetAgro Sup	France	72	UAB	Spain
12	BOKU	Austria	39	IRTA	Spain	73	UCLM	Spain
13	CBv SAV	Slovakia	40	ISS	Italy	74	UCPH	Denmark
15	CIRAD	France	41	IZS - Teramo	Italy	75	UL	Slovenia
16	CREA	Italy	42	IZSLER	Italy	76	ULE	Spain
17	CSIC	Spain	43	IZSLT	Italy	77	UMIL	Italy
18	DAFA	Denmark	44	LMD	Norway	78	UNIPD	Italy
90	DEFRA (APHA)	UK	55	NMBU	Norway	79	UNISS	Italy
20	DTU	Denmark	56	NRIAP	Poland	80	UNITO	Italy
21	EFSA	Italy	57	NUID UCD	Ireland	81	UNITUS	Italy
22	ELGO-VRI	Greece	58	NVI	Norway	82	UU	Netherlands
24	EULS	Estonia	59	PIWet	Poland	83	VG	Belgium
26	FBN	Germany	61	RIVM	Netherlands	84	WR	Netherlands
29	FLI	Germany	62	Ruokavirasto	Finland	85	WU	Netherlands
34	FZJ	Germany	63	Sciensano	Belgium	87	EDI-IVI	Switzerland
36	IMR	Norway	64	SLA	Georgia	88	EMA	Netherlands

## Annex III: Communication and Dissemination Plan

### Guidance on the EUPAHW Communication and Dissemination Plan

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

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

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

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

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

### What is a Communication and Dissemination Plan?

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

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

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

The plan should allow to answer the following questions clearly:

- Who are our priority audiences and why?

<sup>6</sup> <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/3bb7278e-ebf3-11e9-9c4e-01aa75ed71a1>

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

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

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

## Annex IV: Data Management Plan

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

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

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

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

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

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<sup>7</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants\\_manual/hi/oa\\_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-data-mgt\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/hi/oa_pilot/h2020-hi-oa-data-mgt_en.pdf)

## Annex V: Letter of Commitment template

# Letter of Commitment – Template

To be submitted electronically with the proposal via <https://eupahw.ptj.de/>

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

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

**Call: “Call Title”**

**Letter of commitment**

**Project title:** .....

Place, Date

We hereby confirm that the organisation has sufficient resources and is committed to participate in the project **project title**, in accordance with the proposal which is submitted by **coordinator** in the framework of the 1<sup>st</sup> Co-funded Call EUPAHW and in case the proposal is selected for funding by the Call Board.

*In addition, in case of a separate source of funding:* Please find attached to this letter a commitment from the funding **organisation** for our contribution to this project.

Signature of **Name and affiliation**



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

The following Research Actions from the SRIA are due to be addressed by this call.

**OO1 – Action 4.** Surveillance of pathogens of veterinary importance (that are not covered in One Health calls) and their antimicrobial resistance profiles.

**OO2 – Action 3.** Adapt existing, or develop new methodologies to integrate genomic surveillance data in risk assessment for the integrated use of epidemiological and genomic data.

**OO3 - Action 1.** Gain knowledge on priority pathogens (i.e. bacteria, parasites, viruses, fungi, prions, including resistance patterns) and infectious diseases responsible for important economic losses or high risk of transmission to humans, and their detection methods (including metagenomics approaches, molecular markers of interest, etc.) with the aim to identify possible diagnostic markers.

**OO3 - Action 2.** Development, optimisation and standardisation of reliable, faster, potentially automatable and/or scalable direct (antigen/genome amplification/detection) and indirect (detection/immune response) assessment tools/technologies; tools for the rapid detection of drug-resistant bacteria, viruses, fungi or parasites; on-farm, pen-site diagnostics for pathogens and antimicrobial resistance; focus on priority pathogens and those that do not have EURL.

**OO3 - Action 3.** Development, optimisation and standardisation of tools to distinguish between (i) infected and vaccinated individuals (DIVA) as well as (ii) presence of unviable or infectious pathogens to study the pathogens' survival in the environment or in effluents and (iii) to study inter-species (including wild animals) circulation of pathogens or resistant variants.

**OO4 - Action 2.** Development of technologies on the slaughter line to assess animal welfare on farm and/or during transport. Identification of suitable ABM with appropriate level of validity, sensitivity and specificity; development of in-line sensors, large scale data collection.

**OO4 - Action 6.** Development of technologies to assess animal welfare during transport. Affordable and reliable solutions to prevent serious welfare problems through early detection of signals before and whilst in transit, e.g. lameness, lesions, heat stress, aggression, thirst or hunger, exhaustion, etc. Development of sensor technology, data analysis tools, data collection and integration platforms, decision support for the driver; related staff training.

**OO5 - Action 3.** Perform research on prudent use of antimicrobials: research on treatment concepts for antimicrobial and antiparasitic usage, on alternatives to antimicrobials including feed additives/nutrition, studying improved vaccination strategies, etc.; development of best practices for administration/application of Veterinary Medicine Products (VMP) in livestock and aquaculture production systems.

**OO6 - Action 3.** Perform research on how to improve animal welfare through better understanding of animal cognitive capacities and emotions adapted to each species' needs, opportunities for pain relief, and environmental enrichments technologies.

**OO6 - Action 6.** Improve animal welfare through novel husbandry systems including innovative feeding and breeding strategies. Develop nutritional solutions to mitigate prolonged hunger and undesirable behaviours (e.g. broiler breeders, breeding sows) or metabolic and physiological problems (e.g. veal calves, high producing dairy cows). Address the relevance of genetics to reduce wide spread behaviour problems (e.g. tail biting, feather pecking), optimise breeding programmes for welfare (e.g. addressing piglet mortality, leg health issues in broiler).

**OO7 - Action 1.** Perform basic research to study interactions between pathogens and host microbiome, focussing on the immune system and trained immunity, and direct or indirect interactions between pathogens (e.g. co-infections), antimicrobial and antiparasitic drugs and host microbiome, mechanisms of anti-microbial (antibiotic and antiparasitic) resistance, where not covered by EUP OH-AMR.

**OO8 - Action 2.** Develop tools such as vaccine platforms and expression systems, immunological toolboxes (cell lines, reagents, etc.) and delivery systems, etc.; this will be done in collaboration with industry, where appropriate.

**OO9 - Action 1.** Assess the economic and societal burden of selected priority diseases (including resistant pathogens), including their control (e.g. cost-benefit of different surveillance components and risk mitigation options).

**OO9 – Action 2.** Assess the socio-economic consequences of the possible changes in livestock and fish farming that may result from e.g. changes in citizen demand regarding animal welfare or that may be an effect of new legislative requirements.

**OO9 – Action 3.** Set up social science studies among farmers, consumers and other actors along the production chain on their behaviour (also in relation to AM use) to maintain and improve animal health and welfare, including consumers' willingness to pay for improvements; incentives and barriers to adopt innovations and practices including health- and welfare labelling schemes.

## Annex VII: National/ Regional Regulations

### Austria (FWF)

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

**Funding Organisation:** FWF Austrian Science Fund; [www.fwf.ac.at](http://www.fwf.ac.at)

#### Funding Programme:

[Principal Investigator Projects International — FWF](#)

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

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

#### Funding Contact Point:

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Stefanie SCHAGGINGER email: [stefanie.schagginger@fwf.ac.at](mailto:stefanie.schagginger@fwf.ac.at) phone: +43 676 834878213

#### Terms and Conditions

In addition to the application at the Animal Health and Welfare level, administrative data (in accordance with the FWF guidelines for **Principal Investigator Projects**) **must be submitted online to the FWF** at <https://elane.fwf.ac.at/>.

This is required already at the pre-registration stage via the programme category “**PIK – International Projects preproposal**” deadline **9<sup>th</sup> July 2024**, 14:00 CET (local time in Vienna) For the full proposal stage applicants must choose the programme category “**PIN– International Projects**” (Deadline **05<sup>th</sup> February 2025**, 14:00 CEST (local time in Vienna).

**Both steps are mandatory.**

**All proposals must be submitted using the elane online portal.** Project funding is administered through the research institution (PROFI); for this reason, the submission must **be approved** in the application portal both **by the applicant and by the respective research institution.**

Please note that the number of ongoing/approved projects in which one researcher can serve as principal investigator is limited to three in the Stand-Alone Projects Programme, International Programmes, Clinical Research and Arts-Based Research Programmes.

### **Eligibility:**

All Austrian **research institutions** are eligible to apply<sup>8</sup>. The intended project must be carried out in Austria or under the auspices of the applying Austrian research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out.

The research institution appoints a principal investigator to carry out the project. Neither a specific academic degree nor Austrian citizenship is required to act as principal investigator. The principal investigator must, however, have appropriate scientific qualifications and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. The research institution must provide the necessary infrastructure.

Researchers are eligible to apply if their publication record over the last five years has been internationally visible and if their current career stage is commensurate with the career progression expected in their field.

[Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project \(PROFI mode\) \(fwf.ac.at\)](#)

**Funding:** € 1.500.000,00- **4 projects;**

### **Admitted costs:**

The current FWF salary scale ([Personnel costs \(fwf.ac.at\)](#) ) indicates the salaries that may be requested. The FWF grants an annual salary adjustment to compensate for inflation; this is applied automatically to all contracts of employment in Principal Investigator projects that are valid when the adjustment takes effect. For scientists funded by the FWF, the funding is limited to “project-specific costs, i.e. personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution’s infrastructure, according to the general FWF Funding Guidelines published at [Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project \(PROFI mode\) \(fwf.ac.at\)](#).

The FWF does not finance infrastructure or basic equipment at research institutions. Overheads may not be requested. Subcontracts must be well justified, i.e. must represent the only or the most economical way to have the work performed, please contact the FWF directly for clarification of individual cases.

### **Topic Priorities:**

No

**Any other information: no**

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<sup>8</sup> Research institutions must be [registered](#) in the FWF's research institution portal.

## Belgium (F.R.S.-FNRS)

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

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

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

### Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Joël Groeneveld	<a href="mailto:joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be">joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be</a>	+32 2 504 9270
Quist Florence	<a href="mailto:international@frs-fnrs.be">international@frs-fnrs.be</a>	+32 2 504 9351

## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#).

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

### Funding:

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

### Admitted costs:

Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. For the administrative application on e-space, costs such as “Consumables”, “Travel”, and “Other” should all be included in the “operating expenses” category in the form.

For “overhead” costs:

Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget.

Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

Please check the [Practical guide on costs](#) for any other questions.

### Topic Priorities:

The F.R.S.-FNRS supports basic research in public research institutions within the Wallonia-Brussels Federation. Researchers from these institutions can also join projects that involve private partners, as long as the research performed in the Wallonia-Brussels Federation remains fundamental.

**Any other information:** please check our website <https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels>

## Belgium (FIO)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Fonds voor Innovatie en Ondernemen (FIO)

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

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

**Funding Contact Point:**

contact person:

email:

phone:

Jef Willems

[jef.willems@vlaio.be](mailto:jef.willems@vlaio.be)

+32 2 553 03 86

### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:** The following types of private entities are eligible:

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

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

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

- [Eligibility criteria research projects](#)
- [Eligibility criteria development projects](#)

**Funding:** €800.000

**Admitted costs:** The following costs are eligible:

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

For more detailed information about admitted costs, please refer to the [guide to the VLAIO cost model](#).

**Topic Priorities:** All

## Belgium (FPS Health)

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

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

**Funding Programme:** Contractual Research Unit, [Open calls | FPS Public Health \(belgium.be\)](#)

### Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Valérie Van Merris	<a href="mailto:valerie.vanmerris@health.fgov.be">valerie.vanmerris@health.fgov.be</a>	+32 524 90 92

## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

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

1. only Belgian research institutions may apply for funding from the FPS Health;
2. one of the research topics related to the call scope and funded by the FPS Health is addressed (see topic priorities);
3. the Belgian part of the research must fit within the competences of Contractual Research relating to animal health;
4. the research topic may not fall within the competence of the regional authorities unless the aspects that fall within the regional competence are funded by these regional authorities; work packages or tasks that are outside the specific scope of FPS Health must be funded by an external funding source as well;
5. the research must support or help preparing the Belgian policy in the field of animal health; this means that the research must provide knowledge that supports the Government in its policy, in particular the FPS Health and the Federal Agency for the Safety of the Food Chain (FASFC).

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

Applicants are strongly advised to check the national guidance provided on Contractual Research's website and to contact the Funding Contact Point for advice before submitting a proposal.

### Funding:

The total funding budget foreseen for Belgian research institutions is € 400,000.

The maximum allocated grant for the Belgian partner(s) per project shall not exceed € 133,000.

### Admitted costs:

- Staffing costs, excluding the staffing costs for the coordinator (and promotor) participating in the Belgian consortium
- Operational costs
  - Standard operational costs are flat-rate costs and include normal expenses related to the research activities (e.g. ordinary supplies, consumables, office supplies, documentation, travel expenses, use of computers and software),



- Specific operational costs are directly related to the research activities (e.g. usage costs for equipment, maintenance costs, costs for analyses, subcontracted work).

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

**Topic Priorities:**

Belgian applicant(s) requesting a grant from FPS Health can apply for funding for projects addressing one of the following research topics relating to animal health, provided that the proposed research will support or help preparing the Belgian policy:

Topic 1: Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare

***Any other information:***

Belgian applicants invited to submit a full proposal (step 2) shall introduce at the latest on 4th February 2025, 14:00 CET the national information sheet and their budgetary tables to FPS Health. Templates are available on the Contractual Research's website.

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

## Belgium (FWO)

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

**Funding Organisation:** The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

### Funding Contact Point:

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

## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

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

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

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

Or by consulting the FWO contact points mentioned above.

### Funding and eligible costs:

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

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

### Some practical examples:

**FO:** the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total

requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.

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

### **Topic Priorities:**

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

### **Additional eligibility criteria:**

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

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

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

### Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.

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

## Denmark (IFD)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)

**Funding Programme:** International Collaborations

**Funding Contact Point:**

**Name:**

Thorbjørn M. Gilberg

**E-mail:**

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**Phone number:**

+45 61905050

### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:**

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

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

**Funding:**

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

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

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

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

**Topic Priorities:** All

**Documentations:**

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

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

**Any other information:** [Guidelines](#)

## Estonia (ETAG)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Estonian Research Council (ETAG)

**Funding Programme:** European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0)

### Funding Contact Point:

**Name:** Priit Kilgas

**Email:** priit.kilgas@etag.ee

**Phone:** +37259094883

## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

#### 1. Project Participants

1.1. The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.

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

After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the 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.

**1.2 The Principal Investigator** 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:

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

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

1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline). Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or there have been

other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.

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

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

**Funding: ETAG will only fund 1 project, the budget will be 100 000 € per project or 300 000 € per project if Estonian partner is the coordinator.**

**Admitted costs:**

## **2. Budget**

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

### **2.2. Direct costs:**

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

#### **2.2.2. Other direct costs are:**

- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad;
- where the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel and accommodation costs are eligible only for travels abroad;
- consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project;
- publication and dissemination of project results;
- organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs);
- fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project;
- patent costs;
- all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project.

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

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

2.5. **Double funding** of activities is not acceptable.

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.

**Topic Priorities:** All topics (Topic 1, Topic 2, Topic 3)

Additional criteria to be taken into account:

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

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

### **4. State Aid**

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

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

### **5. Grant Agreement**

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

### **6. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing**

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



## **7. Nagoya Protocol**

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

## Estonia (REM)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture (REM)

**Funding Programme:** "Development plan for the field of agriculture and fisheries until the year 2030" (PõKa 2030)

### Funding Contact Point:

Name: Gret-Kristel Mällo

Email: gret-kristel.mallo@agri.ee

## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

#### 1. Project Participants

1.1. The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.

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

After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in writing that the 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.

**1.2 The Principal Investigator** 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:

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

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

1.2.3 must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, prior to the preproposal deadline). Patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on maternity, paternity, or parental leave, in compulsory military service, or there have been

other exceptional circumstances (e.g., serious illness), they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.

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

### **Funding:**

The total requested funding for all Estonian partners within one consortium may not exceed 100 000 € .

### **Admitted costs:**

## **2. Budget**

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

### **2.2. Direct costs:**

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2.5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable.

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.

### **Topic Priorities: All topics**

Topic 1: Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 3: Animal Health and Welfare and Society

Additional criteria to be taken into account:

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

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### **5. Grant Agreement**

If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be

signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.

## **6. Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing**

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

## **7. Nagoya Protocol**

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

## Finland (MMM)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry MMM

### Funding Contact Point:

**contact person:**

Elina Nikkola

Eero Rautiainen

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## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

#### **Eligible institutions:**

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

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

#### **Eligible applicants:**

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

#### **Eligible costs:**

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

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

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

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

Additional eligibility criteria:

Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) are not allowed to submit more than one application.

### **The general conditions of RDI projects funded by MMM:**

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

### **Funding:**

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

### **Admitted costs:**

For details, please see Chapter 3 “Terms and conditions related to grant-financed costs and to revenue and financing” in the document ‘Standard terms and conditions for research, development and innovation activities (RDI) financed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry’ ([in Finnish](#); [in English](#)).

### **Topic Priorities:**

No specific requirements.

### **Any other information**

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



## France (ANR)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Agence nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

**Funding Programme:** Partenariat Européen Santé et bien-être animal (link to be created)

**Funding Contact Point:**

contact person:	email:	phone:
<i>Isabelle Hippolyte</i>	<i>Isabelle.hippolyte@agencerecherche.fr</i>	-

### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

#### Eligible Institutions

ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations or further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France.

In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organisation (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).

The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project and requests funds from a funding organisation other than ANR, it is mandatory to involve a French enterprise; otherwise the French partners requesting funding to ANR will be declared ineligible.

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

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

- €400,000 (if Coordinating Partner is French)
- €300,000 (for French Partners)

#### *Other Funding Criteria*

*The funding requested from ANR for a project must be between 15 000 € and 300 000 €. If there are several Partners requesting funding from ANR, the 300 000 € must be split. If a Partner requesting funding from ANR is Coordinator of a proposal, the maximum amount of funding requested can reach 400 000 €.*

**Admitted costs (including overhead calculation):** [ANR's funding regulation \(EN\)](#)

**Topic Priorities:**

<b>Topic 1</b>	<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Topic 3</b>
yes	yes	yes

**Additional eligibility criteria:**

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

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

Project partners' commitment:

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

**Please consult the Complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details** (Document "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR").

## Germany (BMEL/BLE)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Federal Office for Agriculture and Food (BLE) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture (BMEL)

**Funding Contact Point:**

contact person:	email:	phone:
Katerina Kotzia	Katerina.Kotzia@ble.de	+49 (0)228 6845 3486
Johanna Brieden	Johanna.Brieden@ble.de	+49 (0)228 6845 3285

**Funding: Funding:**

Indicative budget	1,500,000,- €
Additional budget is foreseen for sustainable aquatic animal projects	not yet determined
Maximum funding per project	300,000 € (Please note the project lump sum (“overhead”) regulation that is explained below.)
Project duration	36 months

**Topic Priorities:**

The following topics can be funded:

Topic1	Topic 2	Topic 3
yes	yes	yes

Research proposals relating to genetic engineering techniques and R&D of genetically modified animals are excluded.

**Terms and Conditions**

**Eligibility:**

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

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

### **Eligibility criteria:**

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

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

- | Funding will be awarded as a non-repayable project grant.
- | Eligible applicants are universities, universities of applied sciences, non-university research institutions, as well as Federal and State institutions with research tasks. Research institutions, which are jointly funded by the Federal Government and the 'Länder', may only be granted project funding under certain conditions and only for project-related expenditures in addition to their institutional funding.
- | Double funding is not possible.
- | Up to 300,000 € (including the project lump sum) are available per project for German partners. The grant is awarded in the course of project funding as a non-repayable grant or allocation based on the eligible project-related expenditure or costs as full or partial funding. A project lump sum or so-called "overheads" of up to 10 percent of personnel expenses can only be granted in the case of grants on an expenditure basis (AZA).
- | The German project partners of full proposals selected for funding will, at a later stage, be invited to submit a national application
- | National funding is provided as delineated in the national call announcement, which will be published in the 'Bundesanzeiger'

## Ireland (DAFM & Teagasc)

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

**Funding Organisation:** *Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) & Teagasc – The Agriculture and Food Development Authority (Teagasc)*

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

### Funding Contact Point:

Philip Kennedy	email: PhilipM.Kennedy@agriculture.gov.ie	0035316072501
Willie Ryan	email: willie.ryan@agriculture.gov.ie	0035316072327

### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

#### National Eligibility Criteria

- *Topics to be funded Submissions for both Themes 1 Theme 2 and Theme 3 are eligible. All of the issues described under each theme are eligible for inclusion into a proposal.*
- *Grant applications will only be accepted from approved Irish RPOs (see section 4 of the Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants)*  
<https://www.gov.ie/pdf/?file=https://assets.gov.ie/284748/06891559-9e51-4d24-b5b6-3925eeb92d35.pdf#page=null>
- *The grant request by Irish RPOs must not exceed the maximum funding per project as set of €500,000 from DAFM and €124,000 from Teagasc. Where funding from both DAFM and Teagasc is sought the total combined DAFM/Teagasc maximum funding per project is: €624,000 per project.*
- *Address at least one of the scientific areas related to the call scope (as set out in the central Call announcement/documents under the European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare EUPAHW (First Co-funded Call)*
- *Avoid duplication of recent national and international research work already funded or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the scientific topic areas in European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare First Co-funded Call.*
- *Closely align with relevant national policy and foresight documents including but not restricted to Food Vision 2030, the national animal welfare strategy IMPACT 2030, Programme for Government, and Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Agriculture, and also align with relevant strategic research and innovation priority areas and agendas.*

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

#### Eligible Funding Partners

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

#### Teagasc Funding

It is not mandatory for Irish applicants to request grant-aid from both DAFM and Teagasc.

Where grant-aid is sought from Teagasc this must be stated clearly in the Budget Comments section of the pre-registration and full proposal application forms.

The grant-aid from Teagasc must be in the form of €124,000 for a four-year Walsh Fellowship-funded PhD – please refer to the ‘Funding Rules’ (Section 5) of the Guidelines for Irish Applicants and to the Teagasc website (Teagasc Walsh Scholarship Programme) for more details on how the Walsh Scholarship funding is structured.

### **Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants**

Please see the ‘Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants’ located on the DAFM website which sets out in more detail the rules for Irish applicants seeking grant-aid from European Partnership Animal Health and Welfare, First Co-funded Call and must be read in conjunction with the requirements set out in this National Annex, the Call Announcement document and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda of the Partnership.

### **Further Information**

Applicants should note that the discussions and decision regarding the eligibility of any Irish applicants to the Call or on the final selected projects is taken by DAFM only.

**Funding:** *Please see the ‘Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants’ located on the DAFM website which sets out in more detail funding.*

#### Total Indicative Budget for call (note limit for individual projects)

DAFM: €1000,000

Teagasc: €248,000

**Admitted costs:** *Please see the ‘Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants’ located on the DAFM website which sets out in more detail admitted costs.*

**Topic Priorities:** *no*

## Italy (MASAF)

Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For the detailed binding rules please refer to the national document User Manual (Manuale Utente) 2023

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644>.

Some indications applicable only to this call are specified hereafter.

**Funding Organisation:** Ministry of agriculture, food sovereignty and forestry - Masaf

**Funding Programme:**

PSIR: <https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9065>

### Funding Contact Point:

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### Terms and Conditions

**Eligible applicants:** Universities, public and private no profit research institutions *See details in User Manual 2023:*

<https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644>

The entities requesting budget to Masaf must be registered to the Italian National Research Register ("Anagrafe nazionale delle ricerche") – Registration number must be indicated in the partner description (template pre-proposal and full proposal in the submission system).

SMEs and organisations with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the project is proven and their costs are covered by their own or other external resources (they have to fill Annex V). Costs cannot be covered by Masaf.

**Participation to more projects: not allowed for the same person to** be coordinator, participant or team member in more than one proposal

Italian applicants must specify in the submission system (proper box) whom they request funds to among 3 Italian Funder Organization (Masaf, MoH, MUR).

**Funding commitment:** 300.000 euro

The maximum requested funding for one project cannot exceed 300.000 €, taking into account that one single beneficiary entity (Operative Unit = Unità Operativa, UO) as partner is allowed to request funding to Masaf as follows:



UO partner not acting as Coordinator max amount requested 140.000 € (own costs excluded)

UO partner acting as Coordinator max amount requested 160.000 € (own costs excluded). Coordination costs can be requested up to a max amount following the rules indicated in the User Manual 2023 (see below further details on coordination costs).

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

**Topic 1, 3** not included projects on fishery

**Type of research funded:** Only applied research can be funded

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

### **Admitted costs**

In defining the eligibility for funding of project costs, national applicants must strictly refer to the regulations indicated in the standing User Manual 2023.

Not exhaustive indications are given hereafter:

#### **A) Personnel**

A 1) Permanent personnel – no contribution if already paid with public funds; for private no-profit institutions permanent scientific staff can be reimbursed if not already paid with public funds and if the related accounting documents report CUP (Codice Unico di Progetto=Unique Project Code)

The cost of permanent personnel working in the project must be declared (as own contribution and not higher than 30% of the total project cost) even if it will not be reimbursed.

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

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

**Travel not foreseen** – cost for travels can be foreseen only in E) lump-sum operating expenses – spese forfettarie di funzionamento - for coordinator travels see point F.

#### **B) Consumables**

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

C1) Consultants/professional job (IVA)

C2) Services

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

**D) Equipment** – Only use cost (related to the project duration) for scientific equipment will be reimbursed.

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

**F) Coordination** - If the Italian applicant is also playing the role of coordinator, the eligible costs are those indicated in the User Manual 2023. Masaf will reimburse the coordination cost. This cannot be higher of the maximum amount allowed calculated on the total international project requested funding.

Please note: travels related to the coordination activity are included in the coordination costs.

No cost for project monitoring by an expert is foreseen, therefore this budget cannot be requested.

*TO FILL THE BUDGET TEMPLATE IN THE SUBMISSION SYSTEM REFER TO THE NEXT TABLE OF CORRESPONDANCE*

**Correspondance between eligible costs (Masaf) and financial table submission system**

If specifications are needed (see column notes of the table), please provide them:

Pre-proposal stage: in the partner/task description

Full proposal: in the specific box “Finance Comments”

<b>Masaf item</b>	<b>EUPAHW 1<sup>st</sup> Call (financial table submission system)</b>	<b>Notes</b>
A1 and A2 Personnel/Personale	Personnel	Personnel not reimbursed must be indicate as “own contribution”
	Travel	travel costs are not a separate item for Masaf rules; they can be foreseen using part of lump-sum – column “other” (Table 2 Submission tool)
B. Consumables/Materiali di consumo	Consumables and equipment	Specify the amount respectively for consumables and equipment (only use quote)
C. External activities/Attività esterne	Subcontracts	In the submission system under this item please include: Item E (Lump sum), Item F (Coordination Costs), specifying the amount for each item included in “Subcontracts”
D. Equipment/Attrezzature	Consumables and equipment	Specify the amount respectively for consumables and equipment (only use quote)
E. Lump sum /Spese forfettarie di funzionamento	Subcontracts (cell „overheads“)	
F. Coordination/Coordinamento (if any)	Subcontracts	

## Additional information

**National document** to be presented by Italian participants **before the proposal submission deadline**

### Public entities/Universities

No documents have to be submitted to Masaf.

### No-profit private research bodies

Documentation stating their research mission (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) must be sent to the following PEC address:

[aoo.cosvir@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it](mailto:aoo.cosvir@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it) specifying in the object “Project *acronym* Bando EUPAHW 2024 – ente privato no profit”.

**National document** to be presented by Italian participants (beneficiaries) **after the final funding decision** (communication by Call Office to selected projects for funding)

Only after the official communication sent by the Call Office to the coordinators (expected at the end of June 2025), Masaf DISR IV will formally request to each Italian UO of the projects selected for funding to fill in the national template, based on the User Manual 2023. The template will be sent along with the letter indicating the approved budget amount and requesting to apply for the national grant. The template must be written in Italian and must follow the User Manual 2023 rules and specific indications, if any, provided to the UO.

## Relevant document/links

To define total costs and requested budget to Masaf	<p>User Manual 2023  <a href="https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644">https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644</a></p> <p>Please refer to main document “Manuale Utente”; annex 2, annex 3.            (consider that Annex 1 - scheda progetto - will be filled only in case of selected project, at national contract phase)</p>
National reference to funding programme	<p>PSIR:  <a href="https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9065">https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9065</a></p>
Info on international call:	<p><a href="https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079">https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079</a></p>

## Italy (MOH)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Ministry of health, MoH

**Funding Programme:** Ricerca Corrente, RC

**Funding Contact Point:**

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### Terms and Conditions

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

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

A copy of the pre-proposals and of the full proposals, have to be submitted also to the “Direzione generale della sanità animale e dei farmaci veterinari - Ufficio 2” at the following address: m.bagni@sanita.it and m.ianniello@sanita.it; the above will apply also in the case of partnership in an not Italian coordinated project.

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

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

**Admitted costs:** Personnel cost (must not exceed 50% of the required budget); consumables; travel & subsistence; coordination (meeting organization; website management and dissemination: must not exceed 10% of the required budget); subcontractor; general costs (must not exceed 10% of the required budget).

**Topic Priorities:** All the 3 topic

## Italy (MUR)

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**Funding Organisation:** Ministero dell'università e della ricerca - MUR

**Funding Programme:** [www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it](http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it)

### Funding Contact Point:

Contact person:

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*Valeria Pulieri*

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### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

#### Eligible Institutions

The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy:

- Universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014;
- enterprises, foundations and other not-for-profit legal entities (including associations and NGOs provided they are registered legal entities)

### Funding rates

All R&D activities considered as: Basic research, Industrial/Applied research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.

However, Basic Research and Industrial/Applied research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share).

Maximum funding percentages:

Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation
70 %	70 %	25 %

### Additional eligibility criteria

#### Legal/administrative/financial conditions

Applicants shall:

- not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry of University and Research;

- not have requested/got any other funding for the same project;
- be compliant to the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni";
- not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 1314/2021 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014;
- be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC).

Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.

**For any private entity, if the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided:**

**a)  $CN > (CP - I)/2$**

Where:

- CN = net assets (Capitale netto)
- CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year
- I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

**b)  $OF/F < 8\%$**

Where:

- OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari)
- F = turnover (Fatturato)

**Funding:**

**Funding amount:** € 2.000.000,00 (two million) of National Funds

**Limits per project or other rules regarding funding budget:** Maximum funding per project: 300.000 euro; minimum funding per project: 100.000 euro.

MUR may decide to fund participants that originally requested funds to Ministero della Salute (MinSal) or Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste (MASAF) in case these ministries run out of funds. However, such participants can be funded by MUR only if they comply with MUR eligibility criteria.

**Admitted costs:**

All **costs** incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following **categories** are eligible:

- A) Personnel,
- B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting)
- C.1) Travel and subsistence
- C.2) Equipment
- C.3) Other goods and Services
- E) Indirect Costs/Overheads ("Spese generali") calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [ E) = 25% of A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3].

Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable.

### Topic Priorities:

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

**Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare**

**Topic 3: Animal Health and Welfare and Society**

### *Any other information:*

In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit to MUR a national integrative application signed by the legal representative person or a person delegated for this task, through the national web platform, available at the following link: <https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it>.

The national integrative application must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the international call. Any participant who does not submit its national integrative application by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding. Participants who originally asked funding to MinSal or MASAF will be allowed to submit the national integrative application afterwards.

### *Relevant documents*

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.

The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “**Avviso integrativo nazionale**”, to be published on the dedicated web page on MUR website:

<http://www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/eupahw.aspx>

Applicable laws and rules:

(<http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx>):

- [DL 22 giugno 2012, n. 83](#), convertito, con modificazioni, dalla Legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, articoli 60, 61, 62 e 63 di cui al Titolo III, Capo IX "Misure per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica"
- [DM n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021](#) - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca
- [DM n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021](#) - Modificazioni all'articolo 15 del decreto n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021

Information available at:

<http://www.ricercainternazionale.mur.gov.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/eupahw.aspx>

## Latvia (LZP)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Latvijas Zinatnes padome, LZP

**Funding Programme:** <https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem>

**Funding Contact Point:**

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### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:**

R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) must be listed in the Register of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.

Small and medium enterprises must be registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia. National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation).

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

**Funding:**

Maximal funding 100 000 EUR per 1 project year for 1 project partner

**Admitted costs:**

Direct costs: personnel costs, consumables, equipment (only depreciation costs), other direct costs, including travels; Subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs); Indirect costs can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs excluding subcontracting costs

**Topic Priorities:** All topics included in the Work Programme of call can be funded

**Any other information:**

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



## Lithuania (LMT)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)

### Funding Contact Point:

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### Terms and Conditions

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

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

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

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

**Topic Priorities:** No priorities

### Any other information:

Funding is provided according to GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.

No national official paper work until positive evaluation decision

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

## Lithuania (ZUM)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Lietuvos Respublikos Žemės ūkio ministerija (ŽŪM)

**Funding Programme:** N/A

**Funding Contact Point:**

contact person:	email:	phone:
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### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:** Following partners are eligible for funding: universities, research organizations

**Funding:** Maximum funding per project – 120 000 EUR; minimum project duration – 36 months, maximum project duration - 36 months.

**Admitted costs:** Eligible and ineligible costs, other requirements are stated in the “Rules for the administration of international research and experimental development projects of the ministry of agriculture for the period 2024-2027 approved on the 15 th December 2023 by the order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania No. 3D-862.

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

**Topic Priorities:** Lithuanian applicant(s) requesting a grant from The Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania can apply for funding for projects addressing the following research topics:

Topic 1: Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment, and Management of Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 2: Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare

Topic 3: Animal Health and Welfare and Society

## Netherlands (MINLNV)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit - MINLNV

**Funding Programme:** Open programmering

**Funding Contact Points:**

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### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

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

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

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

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

The subsidy is coming from the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (MINLNV).

The following conditions apply:

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

The 'TO2 regeling' (<https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040605/2018-07-25>) and the tariff agreement under it.

2) For other organizations and universities:

De Kaderwet EZK- en LNV subsidies (<https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0007919/2019-01-01/> - artikel 2a).

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

The Dutch participation in proposals should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agenda KIA Landbouw, Water, Voedsel (<https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl/nieuws1/nieuwe-kennis-en-innovatie-agenda-naar-een-duurzaam-gezond-en-veilig-nederland/>) and other relevant policies on animal health and animal welfare.

#### Funding:

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

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

**Admitted costs:**

Eligible costs are personnel costs for the performance of the project and direct costs such as materials, small scientific equipment, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. Project management can be maximum of 10% of the total project costs. Travel expenses can be maximum of 5% of the total project costs.

**Topic Priorities:**

Projects on all topics are eligible but for the exception of proposals concerning breeding, genetics and/or genomics. Moreover, if a choice would be necessary, priority will be given to Call Topic 2 (Fundamental Research for Animal Health and Welfare) and Call Topic 3 (Animal Health and Welfare and Society) over Call Topic 1 (Novel Technologies for Prevention, Detection, Assessment and Management of Animal Health and Welfare).

## Norway (RCN)

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

**Funding Organisation:** The Research Council of Norway (RCN)  
**Funding Programme:** Department for Food and Bioeconomy  
[Portfolio for food and bioresources \(forskingsradet.no\)](https://forskingsradet.no)

### Funding Contact Point:

Contact person: Maan Singh Sidhu  
e-mail: [mss@forskingsradet.no](mailto:mss@forskingsradet.no)  
phone: +47 95741303

### Terms and Conditions:

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

### Eligibility:

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

### Funding:

- RCN will provide up to € 1 480 000 (NOK 17 million) in funding projects, under this all:
  - Up to € 1050 000 (NOK 12 million) for terrestrial animal projects
  - Up to € 430 000 ((NOK 5 million) for aquatic animal projects
- RCN is using separate funding budgets lines: 1) funding line on terrestrial animals, 2) funding line on aquatic animals. The oversubscription factor will be calculated for both budget lines separately.
- The maximum funding requested from the RCN should not exceed:
  - Up to € 350 000 per project for terrestrial animal projects
  - Up to € 215 000 per project for aquatic animal projects

### Admitted costs:

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

### Topic Priorities:

- Grant applications with Norwegian participants can address any of the 3 research topics described in the call.

- Proposals can address research topics either on terrestrial animals or aquatic animals. Projects addressing both terrestrial animals and aquatic animals are also acceptable, but it must be made clear in the application, which budget line they are applying for.
- Proposals addressing "wild catch" will not be prioritized.

#### **General information:**

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

#### **Any other information:**

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

## Portugal (FCT)

Information type	Details
Applicable regulation	Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to <a href="#">FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds</a> , as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October, and to other applicable national and EU legislation.
Type of beneficiaries	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> .
Criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility	For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see article 5 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> .
Projects typology and areas to be supported	For complete information regarding projects typology and areas to be supported under this call, see pages 9 and 10 of the Call Text.
Criteria of projects' eligibility	For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> and pages 13 and 14 of the Call Text.
Funding allocation to be granted and conditions	<p>FCT budget allocation for this call is <b>500,000 €</b>.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT per proposal with a <b>Portuguese Coordinator</b> is <b>200 000,00 €</b>.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT per proposal with a <b>Portuguese Project Applicant</b> is <b>100 000,00 €</b>.</p> <p>If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the <b>same international consortium</b> applies for funding by FCT, the <b>combined funding</b> demanded by all the Portuguese applicants <b>may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Coordinator</b> (200 000,00 €) or with a <b>Project Applicant</b> (100 000,00 €). Portuguese Coordinators and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</p> <p>For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a>.</p>
Limits to the number of applications to be submitted by the beneficiary	The maximum number of applications submitted or participated in by an Applicant is indicated on pages 14 and 15 of the Call Text.
Rules and limits to the expense eligibility	<p>For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of <a href="#">FCT Regulation</a> apply to <b>eligible expenses</b> and in article 9 to <b>non-eligible expenses</b>.</p> <p>Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the <b>salaries and other remuneration supplements</b> of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</p> <p>Expenditure on <b>adapting buildings and facilities</b> is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</p> <p>The <b>project's indirect costs</b> are based on the application of a flat rate of <b>25% of the direct eligible costs</b> (Ex. Direct eligible costs: 80 000€; corresponding indirect costs 20 000€).</p>
Applicable forms of payment	<a href="#">In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation</a> , the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on <b>real costs</b> . As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of <a href="#">article 8 of FCT Regulation</a> .
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will <b>not</b> be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</li> </ul>

Information type	Details
	<p><b>Statement of Commitment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Within 10 working days</u> after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a <b>Statement of Commitment</b> duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to the contact persons for this call.</li> <li>• The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Autenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory.</li> <li>• Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</li> </ul>
<b>Contact Point</b>	<p>Marta Abrantes, <a href="mailto:marta.abrantes@fct.pt">marta.abrantes@fct.pt</a>, +351 21391 1596  Alexandre Maurício, <a href="mailto:alexandre.mauricio@fct.pt">alexandre.mauricio@fct.pt</a>, +351 213 917 648</p>



## Slovakia (MARD)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Ministerstvo podohospodarstva a rozvoja vidieka Slovenskej republiky (MARD)

**Funding Programme:** N/A

**Funding Contact Point:**

contact person:

*Jana Hreňová*

email:

*jana.hrenova@land.gov.sk*

phone:

*+421 2 59266229*

### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

Organizations under governance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak republic in accordance with national legislation.

Other eligible organisations in Slovakia according to the general criteria of the call can apply without the contribution of the MARD.

Min/Max project duration: 36 months

Legislative base:

- Act No. 172/2005 on the organization of the state support for research and development
- Act No. 523/2004 on the budgetary rules of public administration

More information will be available on <https://www.mpsr.sk/?navID=1&id=19091>

#### Funding:

Overall budget: **105 000 Eur**

Maximum funding per project: **105 000 Eur**

**Admitted costs:** Staff Costs, Travel and Subsistence, Consumables, Equipment, Subcontracting, Overheads

More information will be available on <https://www.mpsr.sk/?navID=1&id=19091>

**Topic Priorities:** all topics

## Slovenia (MKGP)

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**Funding Organisation: *Ministrstvo za kmetijstvo, gozdarstvo in prehrano, (MKGP)***

<b>Funding Contact Point:</b>		
contact person:	email:	phone:
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Metka Kalinšek	metka.kalinsek@gov.si	++386 (0)1 478 9009

### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

##### – **Eligible Institutions**

Research organizations as defined in the national [Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act \(Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti\)](#). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (*Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS*). Organizations that fulfill these requirements may be:

- universities,
- public research institutes,
- private research institutes,
- non-governmental organisations.

##### – **Eligible Applicants**

All participating Slovenian researchers have to be registered in the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of researchers (SICRIS) and must have available research hours.

The project activities of each Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the primary investigator/primary researcher who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (*Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta*) and Methodology of Call proposal evaluation ([Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise](#)).

#### Funding:

<b>Indicative budget</b>	<b>350,000 €</b>	
<b>Maximum funding per project</b>	<b>200,000 € for all Slovenian partners within one consortium</b>	
<b>Project duration</b>	Min. 24 months	Max. 36 month

## Eligible costs

MKGP will fund all eligible costs of successful Slovenian transnational projects, recommended for funding, in accordance with the Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (*Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije*). Eligible costs are defined based on the FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency's research project categorization (A, B, C or D based on the research conducted).

Eligible costs must be directly related to the research conducted and mandatory include all the following categories as elements of the FTE:

- personnel (including social security, health, pension, and other contributions according to national legislation);
- material (travel and meetings costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs);
- depreciation costs.

Overhead or indirect costs are eligible. The value is calculated based on the FTE value of category A, B, C, or D research projects, under the condition that costs under each of the specific FTE elements are appropriately decreased (by a max. of 25% for indirect costs). Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (*Zakon o javnem naročanju*) applies.

Up to 100 % of eligible costs can be funded for research organisations (universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Communication from the Commission 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.

Maximum funding percentages for applied research:

- Universities and research organisations 100 %
- non-governmental organisations 100 %.

## Additional eligibility criteria

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

- Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30-day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MKGP and the selected Slovenian partner.

## Topic Priorities

*The following topics can be funded:*

<b>Topic1</b>	<b>Topic 2</b>	<b>Topic 3</b>
yes	no	yes

## Additional Information

**No submission of the pre- and full proposal at national level is needed.**

**National contracting negotiations** will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation, including evidence of the starting date of the transnational project (in the form of a Consortia Agreement or statement on the starting date by the transnational project coordinator), will be a prerequisite for signing the contract at national level. The needed evidence on project expenses will be more precisely determined in the national contract. All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person / NCP.

**Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level will be required three times:** each year after the end of the annual project implementation.

## Useful Links

- **Resolution: Our food, rural areas and natural resources after 2021** (*Resolucija o nacionalnem programu o strateških usmeritvah razvoja slovenskega kmetijstva in živilstva »Naša hrana, podeželje in naravni viri od leta 2021«* (Uradni list RS, št. 8/20): <http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=RESO125>
- **Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act** (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti, Uradni list RS, št. 186/21 in 40/23): <http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7733>
- **Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of research institutions** (*Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS*): <https://cris.cobiss.net/ecris/si/en>
- **Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project** (*Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta*, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21-ZZrID): <http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV12558>
- **Methodology of applications evaluation in scientific research calls** (*Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za (so)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti na razpise*): [ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za \(so\)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti \(neuradno prečiščeno besedilo št. 3\) \(aris-rs.si\)](http://www.aris-rs.si)
- **Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia** (*Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije*, Uradni list RS št. 35/22, št. 144/22 in 79/23): <http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=URED8468>
- **FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency's research project categorization**: [ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Veljavni akti - Sklep o začasni ceni ekvivalenta polne zaposlitve za leto 2024 \(arrs.si\)](http://www.aris-rs.si)
- **Public Procurement Act** (Zakon o javnem naročanju, Uradni list RS št. 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – odl. US, 100/22-ZNUZSZS, 28/23 in 88/23-ZOPNN-F): <http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7086>

## Relevant documents

### - **Legal basis – National regulation:**

State Administration Act (Zakon o državni upravi (Uradni list RS, 113/05 – UPB, 89/07 - odl.US, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10-ZUP-G, 8/12-ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 in 18/23)) - Article 16 and 38.č; Agriculture Act (Zakon o kmetijstvu (Uradni list RS, št. 45/08, 57/12, 90/12 – ZdzPVHVVR, 26/14, 32/15, 27/17, 22/18, 86/21 – odl. US, 123/21, 44/22, 130/22 – ZPOMK-2, 18/23 in 78/23)); Public Finance Act (Zakon o javnih financah (Uradni list RS, št. 11/11 - uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 14/13, 101/13, 55/15 - ZFisP, 96/15 - ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – odl.US, 18/23 – ZDU-10 in 76/23)) - Article 106. j; Regulation on the procedure of standards and manners to allocate means for the promotion of the evolutionary programme and the preferential tasks (Uredba o postopku, merilih in načinih dodeljevanja sredstev za spodbujanje razvojnih programov in prednostnih nalog (Uradni list RS, št. 56/11)); Act Regulating

the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2024 and 2025 (*Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2024 in 2025 (ZIPRS2425) (Uradni list RS, št. 123/23)*), Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (*Zakon o integriteti in preprečevanju korupcije (Uradni list RS, št. št. 69/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb in 16/23-ZZPri)*); Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (*Resolucija o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski strategiji Slovenije 2030 (Uradni list RS, št. 49/22)*); Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (*Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 35/22, 144/22 in 79/23)*), Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (*Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21 – ZZrID*); National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (*Nacionalna strategije odprtega dostopa do znanstvenih objav in raziskovalnih podatkov v Sloveniji 2015-2020, št. 60300-5/2015/5 z dne 3. 9. 2015*), Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (*Zakon o Vladi Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 24/05-UPB, 109/08, 28/10-ZUKN, 8/12, 21/13, 47/13-ZDU-1G, 65/14, 55/17 in 163/22)*).

## Spain (AEI)

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

**Funding Organisation:** Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

**Funding Programme:** The framework for this funding action is the [Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación](#) at national level, the call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia \(STRAN\)](#) of the AEI. The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (PCI) (Projects of International Collaboration).

Applicants are encouraged to consult the [PCI 2024-1](#) call text and especially the [PCI requirements document](#) on the national call website, as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.

### Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
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### Terms and Conditions

#### Eligibility:

<b>Project duration</b>	Min. <b>24</b> months	Max. <b>36</b> months (preferably)
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The eligible beneficiaries are non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument PCI and the [PCI Requirements document](#). The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during the whole duration of the project.

Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is strongly encouraged participating in this transnational call consortia obtaining funds from the CDTI or other innovation and technological development funding agencies.

- Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must:
  - o Be eligible to the corresponding PCI (see PCI2024-1 as an example) call and the PCI requirements document
  - o Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.
  - o Spanish PIs must have a contractual relation with the beneficiary covering the expected total length of the project (2024 – end 2028).

**Incompatibilities:** These must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets, international calls or EU partnerships. It is important to check eligibility before sending the application form.

- o PIs are not allowed to apply for funding in (i) more than one proposal of this transnational call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and (iii) in PCI calls in consecutive years.

- o If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- o A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- o PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal (phase 1 and 2) to this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.

Important:

- o The applicants shall include the PI's full name and identification number as they appear in their DNI in the application form, as well as the full name of their institution in the original language and the CIF.
- o Check the eligibility before sending the preproposal to avoid unwanted situations and damages to third parties.
- o Submission of proposals at the national level will be required at a later stage

<b>Funding:</b>
<b>Maximum funding for the AH&amp;W call 2024: 1.000.000€</b>
<b>Maximum funding for a 36 months project:</b>

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

<b>Maximum funding per project</b>	<b>DC (€)</b>	<b>IC (25%) (€)</b>	<b>TOTAL (€)</b>
One AEI applicant in the proposal	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI applicant in the proposal acting as Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal	200.000	50.000	250.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal with one of them acting as Coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

**Additional € 30.000 (direct costs)** can be granted for the entire proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks.

IMPORTANT:

- maximum two AEI applicants are allowed in the same proposal.
- the **direct costs** in the application **must be rounded to the thousands**.
- these amounts refer to 3 years projects. In case of shorter projects, the amount will be adjusted accordingly

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



### **Eligible costs:**

Research and innovation activities are eligible. Whole work packages of dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible.

Only personnel costs for temporary employment dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.

Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

Overheads (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs).

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

**Topic Priorities:** Research and innovation activities in all Animal Health and Welfare (EUPAHW) topics in this call are eligible.

### **Any other information:**

#### **Further requirements:**

In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.

Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example mixed centres).

Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.

**Important and mandatory acknowledgement:** Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the AEI: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI 2025 call".

**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.

#### **Open Access and Open Data policy**

Applicants should comply with Open Access/Open Data specified in the respective PCI call or equivalent. The results of the funded research actions, including both the results disseminated through scientific publications and the data generated in the research, must be available in open access, with the exceptions indicated in the PCI call or equivalent.



## Spain (CDTI)

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

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

### Funding Contact Point:

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## Terms and Conditions

### Eligibility:

- Project duration: between 12 and 36 months.
- Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution: For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.
- Eligible type or research:
  - Applied research TRL: 4-7.
  - CDTI only funds activities that can be classed as industrial research or experimental development
- Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level: Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI's electronic submission system. CDTI's application process consists of completing an online application form (PAR application form) which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check Type of research funded and Eligible costs sections in this table). Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.
- Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency: Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.

### Funding:

- No maximum nor minimum per project.
- Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs.

### Admitted costs:

- Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project.
- Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM)
- Instrument and equipment costs

- Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price.
- Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max EUR 2,000 per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project (EUR 8,000 max. for the duration of the project).
- Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI's electronic submission system.

**Topic Priorities:** all topics

***Any other information:*** CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding. R&D activities to be financed must be within the TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.

## Sweden (FORMAS)

The following national information and eligibility criteria apply to applicants in the first call of the partnership Animal Health and Welfare.

Indicative budget	2,000,000 EUR
Maximum budget per project	300,000 EUR per project 500,000 EUR per project if the coordinator is from Sweden
Eligible organizations	Universities, research institutes, private companies, private and public organisations that engage in economic activity, public authorities, and NGOs. State aid rules apply when Formas provides grants to companies and other organisations engaged in economic activity. The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity. Specifications: Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply. Please find more information on State aid rules below!
Eligible applicants	The main applicant in the Swedish project group does not need to be a researcher with a PhD, or from a research-performing organisation. However, at least one partner in the Swedish project group must have a PhD and be employed by a research-performing organisation.
Eligible costs	Formas' standard eligibility criteria apply. Please see Formas' general instructions: <a href="#">How it works - Formas</a> VAT should not be included in the budget figure. Please note that all costs must be submitted in Euros (EUR) in the international submission platform for both pre and full proposals, and in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Swedish submission platform Prisma if invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage. Use the historic exchange rate (EUR to SEK) from the date when the first step for pre-proposals close. The exchange rate used must come from Sveriges Riksbank ( <a href="#">Sök räntor och valutakurser   Sveriges Riksbank</a> )
Additional information	It is a transnational eligibility requirement of this call that applications are written in English. You should write the application in English since the expert panel consists of international reviewers. Swedish applicants are also able to provide an additional Swedish version of their application. For additional applications, or parts of applications written in Swedish, these can be translated by professional translators into English. In such cases, it will not be possible for applicants to view or make linguistic adjustments to the application after it is translated and submitted to the expert panel for assessment. All scientific publications resulting from projects funded by Formas must be published using immediate open access (OA). Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Animal Health and Welfare Partnership (the international submission platform) and are invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage, will be contacted by Formas for further information on how to register their full proposals with Formas' system Prisma. Swedish applicants in the same project consortium must apply in Prisma under one single project application after they have been invited (full proposal). Project duration is 3 years. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both the Animal Health and Welfare Partnership and FORMAS.

<p>Additional information on state aid rules.</p>	<p>The provisions enabling Formas to provide funding to organisations are contained in the Swedish Government's Regulation (2017:195) on state aid for research and development and innovation in the environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. It is based on the European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) 651/2014 Article 25. Further information is provided via the links below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Terms and Conditions for Grants - Formas</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas</a></li> </ul> <p>Applicants who would be receivers of state aid, in case funding is approved by Formas, need to be aware that the legal requirements for transparent reporting of state aid have been changed in 2023. This means that approved state aid which amounts to 100 000 euro or more to one Project Party (or if the project concerns primary agriculture sector or fishery and aquaculture sector 10 000 euro), must be reported openly within the EU. Formas is responsible for this reporting. Those who submit an application are considered to be informed about this requirement of reporting and are considered to approve that this reporting will be made above the legal thresholds.</p> <p>Applicants engaged in economic activities are strongly advised to find the latest updated information on state aid rules on Formas' web page. <a href="#">State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas</a></p>
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### Funding rates:

For an explanation of the numbers within brackets, see (in Swedish): [tabell för Stödnivåer Formas stödförordning.pdf](#).

Maximum funding percentages:

Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial research/Applied Research	Experimental development/Innovation
Large Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	50% (65%)	25% (40%)
Medium Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	60% (75%)	35% (50%)
Small Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	70% (80%)	45% (60%)
Universities, public research organisations Public authorities	100%		
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	100%		
Associations* with both economic and non-economic activities, who apply for aid only for non-economic activities	100%		

\*Such applicants must be aware, that if the funding is used in the economic activity of the association, funding will be reclaimed in full with interest.

Please consult the "State aid regulations" webpage for details and documents regarding these funding rates. [State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas](#)

## Türkiye (TAGEM)

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

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

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

**Funding Contact Point:**

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### Terms and Conditions

**Eligibility:**

General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM), is connected to the “Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry”, has 48 research institutes, 8 veterinary control institutes and FMD Institute, throughout the country. Only these institutes are eligible to benefit from our fund.

**Funding:**

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

Total amount allocated for this call is 300.000 €.

For each consortium, maximum indicated budget per each TAGEM affiliated partner cannot exceed 50.000 €.

Where an affiliated institute has the coordinator role in the consortium, the maximum grant can be up to 100.000 € for each proposal.

**Admitted costs:**

**Topic Priorities:**

Topic 1 and Topic 2

## Türkiye (TUBITAK)

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

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

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

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

### Funding Contact Point:

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### Terms and Conditions

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

This is required deadline **10<sup>th</sup> July 2024**, 23:59 (local time in stanbul).

### Eligibility:

All Turkish

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

are eligible to apply.

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

are **not** eligible to apply.

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

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

Principal investigator must have a doctorate/proficiency degree in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, veterinary medicine/art proficiency if they are university personnel, it is sufficient to have at least a four-year university undergraduate education if they work in public institutions or private organizations. They must be permanent/full-time staff (except retirees and postdoctoral researchers

who do not work in any institution/organization) of the institution (higher education institutions, public institutions or private organizations) where the project will be carried out.

**Funding:**

- **200,000** Euros per project,
- Per executive organization;
  - **100,000** Euros for higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organizations,
  - **200,000** Euros for private organizations

**Admitted costs:**

- Personnel expenses (including auxiliary personnel expenses)
- Domestic and international travel expenses (Project coordinator, researchers and assistant staff can participate in the travels)
- Consultancy and service procurement expenses
- Expenses for purchasing tools, machinery, equipment, software and publications
- Material and consumable purchase expenses
- Expenses related to the audit and certification made by a certified public accountant (Supported within the scope of the certified public accountant fees in the valid fee schedule for R&D aid transactions made by TÜBTAK, specified in the minimum wage tariff for certified public accountants published annually by the Ministry of Treasury and Finance).

**Topic Priorities:**

No

## United Kingdom

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

**Funding Organisation:** The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)

### Funding Contact Point:

contact person:	email:	phone:
Thomas Erritt	thomas.erritt@defra.gov.uk	+4420 8026 8482

### Terms and Conditions

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) anticipates an investment of up to €2.00M for proposals to this call for research.

Proposals from UK partners should have a maximum budget of €0.75.

A funding agreement with Defra for successful proposal/s will be subject to standard Defra research and development terms and conditions which are available via this [link](#)

Further information on research in Defra is available via this [link](#).

### Eligibility:

All enquiries about eligibility should be directed to the Defra contact point.

### Funding:

**EUR 2,000,000** total budget.

If total UK costs for a proposal are above €0.75m please discuss with the national contact point.

### Admitted costs:

Defra support research grants at full economic cost.

Admitted costs: Eligible costs will be allowed in the categories of: (a) Staff Costs (b) Equipment (c) Travel and Subsistence (T&S) (d) Consumables (e) Overheads (f) Other agreed costs e.g. Sub-Contracting

### Topic Priorities:

Defra will support all three research areas outlined in the call.