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**Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on
“Biodiversity and transformative change (BiodivTransform)”**

2024-2025 joint Call

Funding Organisations rules

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to the 2024-2025 [Biodiversa+ Call “BiodivTransform”](#).

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Please make sure to consult these rules and to contact your Funding Organisations Contact Point for more information and in case of any doubt. We draw your attention on the fact that **compliance with Funding Organisations’ eligibility criteria and rules is mandatory.** Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be declared non-eligible and will not be evaluated.

Table summarizing the different edition of this documents, including the changes that were made within each version.

Version	Publication date	Changes made
V0	Sept. 10 th , 2024	n/a
V1	Sept. 13 th , 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of CONFAP's (Brazil) rules and participation modalities. • Update of FNRS (Belgium) and FWO (Belgium) rules to remove a paragraph that is not relevant anymore for this call. • UEFISCDI (Romania): approval for the funding organisation to be part of the call has been received. • DFG and VDI/VDE (Germany): linguistic improvement of the text. • RCF (Finland): update of the maximum amount of funding per awarded project which is now 225 000 EUR per project.
V2	Sept. 17 th , 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NKFIH (Hungary): the maximum amount of funding per awarded projects is 125 000 EUR per project • CONFAP (Brazil): removal of FAPERR (State of Roraima) that will not financially join this call.
V3	Sept. 26 th , 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of IFD's (Denmark) rules and participation modalities • Addition of AEI & FB's (Spain) rules and participation modalities • Addition of TÜBİTAK's (TÜRKİYE) rules and participation modalities
V4	Oct. 14 th , 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participation of Rannis (Iceland) has been confirmed. Their national rules remain pending. • Upade of AEI / FB (Spain): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Replacement of "Although private enterprises are not funded by AEI/FB, The Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds. In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritize the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector" by "In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritise the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector." As CDTI is in fact not participating in this call.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update of the following sentence: <i>“Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed, except in cases which are duly justified. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposal”</i>
V5	Oct. 16 th , 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CONFAP (Brazil): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Confirmation of FAPDF budget (Federal District): 20.000 EUR, expecting to fund ca. 2 projects. ○ Reduction of FAPESPA (Para) budget at 50.000 EUR; expecting to fund ca. 1 project. ○ Confirmation of FAPES budget (Espirito Santo): 100.000 EUR, expecting to fund ca. 2 projects.

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Austria – FWF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Austria
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Anna Dickermann +43 1 50567408218 Anna.dickermann@fwf.ac.at

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1,500,000€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	The FWF anticipates funding of 4- 5 projects, given the maximum commitment of € 1,5 Mio for all projects.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organisation: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute. Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	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,

	<p>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)</p> <p>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</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>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.</p> <p>Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>International – Multilateral Initiatives — FWF</p> <p>And</p> <p>Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<p>In addition to the application at the Biodiversa+ 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/</p> <p>This is required already at the pre-registration stage via the programme category "PIK – International Projects preproposal" deadline 11. November 2024, 14:00 CET (local time) For the full proposal</p>
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	<p>stage applicants must choose the programme category “PIN– International Projects” (Deadline 14. April 2025, 14:00 CET (local time). Both steps are mandatory.</p> <p>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 before the deadline.</p> <p>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. Information on the limit of the number of ongoing/approved projects and thus the limit of applications that can be submitted can be found at project number limit.pdf (fwf.ac.at)</p> <p>For information on submitting an application from abroad see the FWF Website at Applying from Abroad – FWF</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	n.a.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	<p>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. The following criteria are decisive in assessing their publication record—documented in the “Publication list” and in initiating the review process:</p> <p>Quality assurance: Most relevant in assessing the applicant’s publication record are those publications that have undergone</p>

a quality assurance procedure in line with international standards (peer review or an equivalent procedure; in the natural and life sciences, peer review is expected). Journals must usually be listed in Web of Science, Scopus, or the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). In the case of journals that are not listed in these databases, or in the case of monographs, edited volumes, contributions to edited volumes, or other publication types, the applicant must provide a link to the publisher's website, describing the respective quality assurance procedure. If no description should be available, it is the applicant's responsibility to provide evidence that the publication has been subject to an appropriate quality assurance procedure.

International visibility: Most of the applicant's publications must have a wider than national reach. In the natural sciences, life sciences, and social sciences, most of the publications listed must be in English.

Number/scope and quality of the applicant's publications must be commensurate with the expected career progression and the field concerned. At least two publications must have undergone a quality assurance procedure and must be internationally visible with a substantial and independent contribution on the part of the applicant. At least one publication with first or last or corresponding authorship in the life sciences is required.

Should an applicant fail to meet one or more of the above criteria, the applicant must include an explanation with the application. In cases of doubt, the decision-making bodies of the FWF shall decide whether the research qualifications are adequate.

Belgium – Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS



CONTACT

Country / Region	Belgium
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS
Funding Organisation Contact Point	Mr. Joël GROENEVELD, Head of International Affairs, +32 2 504 9270, international@frs-fnrs.be

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	300 000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	/
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	300 000 € for a total period of three years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to four years. Since this is a co-financed call, this extra year should not be included in the proposal see article III.6 of the PINT-MULTI regulations .

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call. • 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.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	NA

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	PINT-MULTI
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Biodiversa+ BiodivTransform 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.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes, via e-space
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	NA

Belgium – FWO

CONTACT

Country / Region	Belgium/Flanders
Funding Organisation (Acronym)	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Toon Monbaliu (General and 'FO') europe@fwo.be +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters ('SBO') europe@fwo.be +32 (0)2 550 15 95

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	750.000 EUR in total
Minimum and/or maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum 250.000 EUR per project/consortium (overhead included).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All environments/realm(s) are eligible, if the type of research fits the chosen FWO funding channel.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>The FWO integrates two of its national/regional funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake (i.e. more fundamental in nature vs. strong valorization potential).</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FWO Research Projects (FO)- Strategic Basic Research (SBO) <p>Deviations from the national framework are specified in this national annex.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ The FWO foresees a budget of 750.000 EUR, which allows for the funding of at least three projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above), and both are capped at max. 250.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel; see explanation below). ○ For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) apply the same approach. A structural overhead rate should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for 'FO' projects, and a 17% overhead rate for 'SBO' projects. Some practical examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>FO</u>: 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 250.000 EUR. ➤ <u>SBO</u>: 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 250.000 EUR.
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>!! IMPORTANT !!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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 (preproposal 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.

- Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. As such, no mention of this option should be made in the FWO pre-registration document.
- The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the [FWO Research Projects](#) and article 14 of the [Strategic Basic Research \(SBO\)](#) regulations do not apply here.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 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.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Will be announced on the FWO website .
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level	A mandatory administrative application has to be submitted at regional level, via the FWO e-portal (also see 'Additional specific eligibility rules').
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>Scientific reporting according to the Biodiversa+ call requirements.</p> <p>Financial reporting according to the FWO fundamental research project (FO) or SBO project regulations.</p>
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	It is strongly advised to approach the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.

Brazil – CNPq

CONTACT

Country / Region	Brazil
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	National Council for scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dileine Cunha dileine.cunha@cnpq.br +55-61-99213-0583

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	100,000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	N/A
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	30,000.00 EUR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All eligible environments foreseen in the call
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Researchers from higher education institutions, public or private (if non-profit); Researchers from R&D institutes and centres, public or private (if non-profit); Researchers from public companies that carry out activities of research in S&T&I.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	According to CNPq's RN-17/2011: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Direct Costs<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Consumable materials;b) Air Tickets and per diems.- Indirect Costs<ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Third party services both natural and legal persons.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The research project coordinator for the Brazilian side must hold a Doctoral Degree and have a Lattes Curriculum http://lattes.cnpq.br/ up-to-date until the pre-proposal submission deadline; and be linked with an eligible institution;➤ if a foreigner, be in a regular situation in Brazil;➤ residence in Brazil.

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>https://www.gov.br/cnpq/pt-br</p> <p>Projects to be financed by CNPq will be supported under the modality APQ (Individual Grant for Research – regulations available at: http://memoria2.cnpq.br/view/-/journal_content/56_INSTANCE_0oED/10157/25480#rn17114)</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Approved projects from states with non-participating FAPS will be funded by CNPq. Brazilian researchers should check for participating FAPS in their state. The pre- and full proposal do not need to be submitted to CNPq.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	N/A
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	N/A

Brazil – CONFAP

CONTACT

Country / Region	Brazil
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies – CONFAP
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Elisa Natola Advisor for International Cooperation internacional.confap@gmail.com For each participating State Funding Agency (FAP), contacts are listed below

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	Total amount: € 1.560.000. Additional budget to be confirmed. The contribution provided by each participating State Funding Agency (FAP) is detailed below
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Not defined.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Details are specified below for each participating State Funding Agency (FAP): the table in “Other important information” indicates the approximate number of projects that may be supported (where applicable) within the total budget of each FAP. Furthermore orientations, including the maximum amount they can request must be verified with the respective FAPs.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible Institutions: Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved state funding agencies FAPs.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	As a general rule, Brazilian State Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and

	grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	Eligible applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree, and be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call, through their Respective State Funding Agencies; have scientific or technological production evaluated by Curriculum (Súmula Curricular) Applicants must verify the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and disseminated in the respective websites of the participating FAPs (Guidelines for the call).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	CONFAP: https://confap.org.br
National rules shall be detailed by each participating FAP and published on their respective websites:	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundação Araucária - https://www.fappr.pr.gov.br 2. FAPDF - https://www.fap.df.gov.br 3. FAPEAL – http://fapeal.br 4. FAPEAM – http://www.fapeam.am.gov.br 5. FAPEAP - http://www.fapeap.ap.gov.br/ 6. FAPEMA - https://www.fapema.br 7. FAPEMAT - https://www.fapemat.mt.gov.br/ 8. FAPEMIG - http://www.fapemig.br/pt/ 9. FAPEPI - http://www.fapepi.pi.gov.br 10. FAPERGS - https://fapergs.rs.gov.br 11. FAPERJ - https://www.faperj.br 12. FAPES - www.fapes.es.gov.br 13. FAPESB - https://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br/ 14. FAPESC - www.fapesc.sc.gov.br 15. FAPESP - https://fapesp.br/ 16. FAPESPA - http://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br 17. FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br 18. FAPT – https://www.to.gov.br/fapt 	

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Must be verified with the involved FAP.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Must be verified with the involved FAP.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Must be verified with the involved FAP.
Other important information	

List of Brazilian State Funding Agencies participating in the call, their contacts and details on their total budget reserved for the call and the targeted number of projects to be funded within this amount:

	FAPs	State	Budget EUR	Approximate number of projects to be funded within the max. allocated budget	Contacts
1	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	240.000	5	internacionalizacao@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
2	FAPDF	Distrito Federal	20.000	2	veridianne.nery@fap.df.gov.br
3	FAPEAL	Alagoas	20.000	1	pesquisafapeal@gmail.com
4	FAPEAM	Amazonas	60.000	2	internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br
5	FAPEAP	Amapá	20.000	1	fapeapcct@gmail.com
6	FAPEMA	Maranhão	25.000	3	isaura.modesto@fapema.br
7	FAPEMAT	Mato Grosso	TBC	TBC	TBC
8	FAPEMIG	Minas Gerais	100.000	2	nci@fapemig.br
9	FAPEPI	Piauí	20.000	1	helano.pinheiro@fapepi.pi.gov.br
10	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	30.000	Not Defined	dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
11	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	100.000	3	assessoria.internacional@faperj.br
12	FAPES	Espírito Santo	100.000	2	parcerias@fapes.es.gov.br
13	FAPESB	Bahia	100.000	2	adrielle.almeida@fapesb.ba.gov.br

14	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	100.000	2	internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
15	FAPESP	São Paulo	600.000	Not Defined	vsubinas@fapesp.br
16	FAPESPA	Pará	50.000	1	assessoriainternacional@fapespa.pa.gov.br
17	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000	1	programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br
18	FAPT	Tocantins	TBC	TBC	TBC
19	FUNDECT	Mato Grosso do Sul	25.000	1	internacional@fundect.ms.gov.br

Bulgaria – BNSF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Bulgaria
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Bulgarian National Science Fund - BNSF
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Milena Aleksandrova aleksandrova@mon.bg +359 884 171 363

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	460 163 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	No minimum amount
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Up to 153 388 EUR per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	1) Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act; 2) Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act. http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: Link (in Bulgarian) Link (in English)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	Other additional eligibility rules are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: Link (in Bulgarian) Link (in English)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Link (in Bulgarian) Link (in English)
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The form should be filled and electronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://nims.egov.bg/login#/
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Each PI is obliged to send an annual report for the BNSF-funded project. BNSF provides templates and guidelines
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	NO

Czech Republic – TA CR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Czech Republic
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Ondřej Kusbach +420 770 127 549 ondrej.kusbach@tacr.cz

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1 000 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	170 000 EUR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All environments* *For Czech Applicants to be eligible, results of the project must be applicable in the environment of the Czech Republic
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation)● Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the Regulation) and Enterprises who act as natural persons according to Annex 1 of the Regulation engaged in an economic activity pursuant to Act no. 455/1991 coll. on Trades (Trade Act).● Organisational units of the state <p>Aforementioned actors are eligible, both as main Czech applicants and additional Czech members of the project-consortium. However, the main applicant may be only an entity that has its registered office, establishment or branch in the Czech Republic.</p> <p>TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • meeting the definition of an “undertaking in difficulty” • which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík" • which has not disclose its ownership structure in the so-called “Evidence skutečných majitelů” • which will not enter a state of conflict of interests by submitting the pre-proposal <p>Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech candidate in the project is determined based on the type of entity and type of research according to the Regulation (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 80 % of eligible costs.</p> <p>Type of supported research: Applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). For definitions of applied research see the Framework and the Regulation.</p> <p>Czech applicants must comply with the “SIGMA - DC4 (Mezinárodní spolupráce)” programme rules. Relevance to the programme objectives (see Guide for Czech 30 Applicants on TA CR website) is examined as a part of the eligibility check.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • personnel costs (including scholarships) • subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period) • other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables) • indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate. Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the General Terms & Conditions.
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>For Czech Applicants to be eligible, results of the project must be applicable in the environment of the Czech Republic (Applicability of foreseen project outputs and their employment in the conditions of the Czech Republic will be assessed during the national eligibility check).</p>

	<p>Eligible projects for TA CR:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the project meets the definition of applied research ● the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.) ● the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA ● the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal ● the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity
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<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>https://www.tacr.cz/program/partnerstvi-pro-biodiverzitu/</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level</p>	<p>The Czech applicants are requested to submit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A Sworn statement of the applicant ● Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)* ● if the applicant plans to achieve the “Patent” type of result, patent search must be substantiated* ● if the applicant plans to achieve the “NmetS” type of result, a certification document must be substantiated ● Sworn statement of the composition of the consortium (only if Czech enterprise is part of the project consortium; submitted by the main Czech applicant only) <p>All mandatory documents to be found on TA CR website. Deadline for submitting all documents is the same as the deadline for submitting pre-proposals. All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner stated above shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box</p>
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	<p>ID: afth9xp). See the details in the “Guide for Czech applicants” on TA CR website.</p> <p>*Applicants who will not submit this mandatory form (if relevant) via databox before the deadline will be considered as not eligible for TA CR funding.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Czech beneficiaries must follow the rules of TA CR for reporting on the project (i.e. submission of interim and final reports and 32 reports on the implementation of the results).
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	<p>No*</p> <p>*This is subject to change based on the results of step 1.</p>
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	<p><u>Supported results:</u></p> <p>Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● P - patent ● G - technically realised results - prototype, functional sample ● Z - pilot plant, proven technology ● R - software ● F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design ● Nmap - specialised map with expert content ● NmetS - methodology approved by the relevant state administration authority ● S - specialised public database ● V, Vsouhrn - research report ● J_{imp}, J_{SC}, J_{ost} – reviewed research paper ● B – scientific book ● C – chapter in a research book ● M – holding a conference ● O - Miscellaneous*

	<p>For “O” type of outputs: If “O” type is the only output, the “Vsouhrn” type of output, i.e. a comprehensive research report, must be achieved simultaneously</p> <p><u>Intellectual Property Rights</u></p> <p>The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.</p> <p><u>Publicity obligations</u></p> <p>While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR.</p> <p><u>Project start</u></p> <p>Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).</p> <p>Czech candidates are obliged to sign an agreement with their foreign partners (i.e. Consortium Agreement), which will define the modalities of cooperation on the project and the distribution of intellectual property rights.</p>
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Further Comments:

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

Applicant	Industrial Research	Industrial research with a bonus for effective collaboration	Experimental development	Experimental development with a bonus for effective collaboration
Small enterprise*	70 %	80 %	45 %	60 %

Medium-sized enterprise*	60 %	75 %	35 %	50 %
Large enterprise	50 %	65 %	25 %	40 %
Research Organisations**	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***

*A SME is defined in Annex 1 of the Regulation

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

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

Denmark – IFD

Country / Region	Denmark
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Aila Lonka +45 6190 5036 aila.lonka@innofond.dk</p> <p>Thorbjørn Moth Gilberg +45 6190 5050 thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk</p> <p>General contact: internationale@innofond.dk</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1,300,000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50,000 € per partner.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>The total maximum funding per project is 500.000 €, if two or more Danish partners participate in a project.</p> <p>The maximum funding for one Danish partner is 300.000 €.</p> <p>Maximum funding rates apply, according to the Guidelines.</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All Danish organizations directly involved in activities in the projects are eligible as applicants to Innovation Fund Denmark.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Innovation Fund Denmark offers co-funding to Danish participants in projects successful in this call. Eligible costs are: salaries, travel, subcontracting, materials, communication and knowledge sharing, other expenses, overhead, if applicable.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	When applying you will be asked to submit mandatory declarations, depending on your organisation type. You can find them here .

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Guidelines International Collaborations Declarations
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Each Danish participant in a project will be invited to upload a pdf-version of the preproposal with annexes on e-grant 2-4 weeks after the call deadline for the pre-proposal. At that stage, enterprises will also be requested to upload additional financial declarations on e-grant.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	If funded, Danish partners must individually report on progress and financials according to the conditions described in the guidelines .
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	

Estonia – ETAG

CONTACT

Country / Region	Estonia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Estonian Research Council (ETAG)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Margit Suuroja +372 731 7360 margit.suuroja@etag.ee

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	300 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	150 000 EUR if the Estonian participant is a partner in a consortium. 300 000 EUR if the Estonian participant is coordinating a consortium.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p> <p>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</p>

how the Estonian part in the project is executed.

The Principal Investigator:

1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal deadline;
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;
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 preproposal submission 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.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps

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

2. Other direct costs are:

- travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance 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.

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

4. Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should

	<p>be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs.</p> <p>5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p> <p>6. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.</p> <p>7. 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, engaged in an economic activity, regardless of its legal status and the way in which it is financed.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>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 Fund³ 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.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p> <p>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.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_2024.pdf
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	

Faroe Islands – RCFI

CONTACT

Country / Region	Faroe Islands
Funding Organisation Full name (Acronym)	Research Council Faroe Islands (RCFI)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Maria Húsgarð, +298 567802 – maria@gransking.fo Annika Sølvará, +298 567803 – annika@gransking.fo

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	100,000
Minimum amount of funding <u>per awarded partner or project</u> (in EUR)	50,000 per research partner
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded partner or project</u> (in EUR)	100,000 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Any legal research performing entity that is registered and located in the Faroe Islands.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	RCFI national rules are to be followed
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	No

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Gransking.fo
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level	Before submitting an application, partners from the Faroe Islands are required to consult with RCFI
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Annual reports are required.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No

Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	

Finland – RCF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Finland
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Research Council of Finland (RCF)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Harri Hautala, +358 295 33 5019, harri.hautala@aka.fi

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	850000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	225 000 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Institutions: University, University hospital, Research institute, Industry (including SMEs).</p> <p>Academy funding cannot be used for economic activity, which is defined as all activity where goods or services are offered on an open market regardless of whether profits are pursued or generated. When an organisation is also engaged in economic activities, separate accounts must be kept of the funding and costs of and the revenue generated by such activities</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>The call is implemented under the full cost model where Academy's funding can be up to 70 % of the total costs of a project. Academy funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (e.g. direct salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. costs for premises). Both types of costs are covered with the same percentage. The call follows the funding rules of the Academy project funding.</p> <p>Value added tax is also paid out of Academy research grants, provided that the VAT remains to be paid by the funding recipient and the recipient is not entitled to deduct VAT costs in its accounting. If the VAT does not remain as a final cost for the organisation, it cannot be included in the costs of an Academy-funded</p>

	<p>project. The 40 funding recipient must not be overcompensated by the payment of costs that will not remain as its final costs.</p> <p>Subcontracting rules: To EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested.</p> <p>To Non-EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested.</p> <p>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): No.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Persons: The applicant must be a researcher at the professor or docent level or with a doctoral degree.</p> <p>If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.</p> <p>Only one application per researcher will be considered (incl. a consortium subproject) in this call. Please check AKA's Regulation at https://www.aka.fi/globalassets/1-tutkimusrahoitus/1-hae-rahoitusta/nain-kaytat-rahoitusta/research-council-of-finland-funding-terms-and-conditions-1-nov-202331-oct-2024.pdf</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to	Draft the online application so that only funding requested from the Academy (max 70 % of total costs) is included.
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be completed at the national/regional Level	After all full proposals have been evaluated, AKA will invite the successful Finnish candidates to submit their proposal to the AKA's online service, where you have to indicate also the funding share of the site of research (at least 30% of the total costs).
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/report--your-project/
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	In addition to the national regulations, within a transnational call specific rules of the consortium may be applicable; please read carefully the Call Text and all the related instructions.

France – ANR

CONTACT

Country / Region	France
Funding Organisation (Acronym)	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) https://anr.fr//
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Béregère BROCHE, Céline BILLIERE, Scientific project officers Biodiversa.cs@agencerecherche.fr

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	2 000 000 €
Minimum and/or maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>In the case of partners applying for ANR funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to 300 000€ per project - Up to 320 000€ per project in case the coordinator is a French partner requested funding to ANR - Min. of 15 000€ per beneficiary <p>Overheads should be included in the requested budget, please consult the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR” about the applicable overheads rate (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF)</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a Beneficiary institution	<p>To be eligible for ANR funds, the consortium must include at least one French public research organisation (i.e., EPA, EPSCP, EPST or EPIC).</p> <p>Partners from the private sectors established in France can be eligible for funding if, among other things, they are not in financial difficulty (following EU regulations). ANR will check their financial health.</p> <p>Please consult the documents called « Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR à l’appel à projets BiodivTransform » (https://anr.fr/BiodivTransform) and “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR” (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF) for all details regarding the national eligibility rules.</p> <p>Private entities can simulate their financial health using the following Excel form: Simulation-financement-ANR-EED-2021.xls</p>

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please refer to the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR” (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF).
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Please read the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR” (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF).
Additional specific eligibility rules	Please read very carefully the document called “ Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR à l’appel à projets BiodivTransform ”, (https://anr.fr/BiodivTransform)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://anr.fr/fr/appels/ https://anr.fr/BiodivTransform Click on the link of the Biodiversa+ Call on “Biodiversity and Transformative Change – BiodivTransform (Appel Biodiversa+ 2024-2025)”
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level	No ANR submission required. Please note that ANR’s contact points may contact applicants requesting funding from ANR by email if additional information is required.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Please read paragraph 5.3 of the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR” applicable (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF).
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	A consortium agreement may be requested under the conditions set out in the ANR Funding Regulation (please refer to “Fiche pratique n°4” at https://anr.fr/RF)
Other important information	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.

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.

Only a summary of the ANR rules applicable to this call is provided in this document. Full details can be consulted in the annexes available on the webpage of the call on the ANR website “**Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR à l’appel à projets BiodivTransform**”, (<https://anr.fr/BiodivTransform>) and the document called “**REGLEMENT FINANCIER relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides de l’ANR**” (which can be downloaded here: <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>).



Funding Organisations:

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG)



**Bundesministerium für Bildung und
Forschung (BMBF) /**



**VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH –
Projektträger (VDI/VDE-IT)**



Who is addressed by this information?

This document contains details of specific requirements for applicants submitting a proposal for *DFG* or *BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT* funding. Please note that **it is mandatory to follow the requirements set out below.**

Procedure

- **Pre-proposals:**

Pre-proposals submitted by applicants requesting funds from a German research funding organisation (DFG or BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT) are assessed for eligibility. If the pre-proposal is eligible for funding by one of these research funding organisations, general eligibility is established.

- **Full Proposals:**

All submitted full proposals applying for funds from a German research funding organisation and **eligible for DFG and BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT** funding are processed according to a uniform procedure. In addition to mandatory submission of all full proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat, **full proposals must either be submitted to the DFG via the [DFG elan portal](#) by April 30, 2025 at the latest or – where DFG eligibility does not apply – to BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT via [easy Online](#) in the funding portal of the German Federal Government by September 30, 2025 at the latest.** In the (rare) case that your full proposal is only eligible for funding by one of the two German research funding organisations, you will be informed.

- **Funding decision:**

In case of a funding recommendation by Biodiversa+ and eligibility for funding by the DFG and the BMBF, the two funding organisations will jointly decide which organisation will fund your project. For some applicants it may therefore be necessary to submit an additional full proposal via [easy Online](#) in the funding portal of the German Federal Government.

Technical advice

- Submission via the DFG’s electronic proposal processing system (elan)

Please note that **prior to submission of the full proposal to the DFG, applicants must be registered in the elan system**. All applicants eligible for DFG funding are to be registered no later than three weeks in advance of the deadline for submitting full proposals.

The proposal form (= the same file containing your full proposal as submitted to EPSS) must be submitted via elan, the DFG’s electronic proposal processing system (www.dfg.de/elan/en). Do **NOT** use the DFG template “Project Description – Project Proposal”, 53.01).

Please select as follows:

- Proposal Submission/New Project (*Antragstellung/Neues Projekt*)
- Individual Grants Programme (*Einzelförderung*)
- Proposal for a Research Grant (*Antrag auf eine Sachbeihilfe*)
- -> Start online form (-> *Online-Formular starten*)
- Select the appropriate call “**BiodivTransform 2024/2025**”

More detailed information on how to submit a proposal under the BiodivTransform call will be published on [DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+](#) at the beginning of 2025. Since there are certain peculiarities to be considered when submitting a proposal under the BiodivTransform call, please be sure to check this information before starting proposal submission even if you are familiar with the elan system.

- Submission via easy Online in the funding portal of the German Federal Government for BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT

Please select as follows:

- “New form” (*Neues Formular*)
- Under the relevant funding ministry “BMBF”, select “*Fördermaßnahme*” and “*BiodivTransform*” as the funding programme
- Please select the form according to your institution (e.g. AZAP for universities)
- -> Start online form
- Important note: **If you interrupt data entry in the electronic form system and leave the portal, be sure to save your file** – if you wish to continue data entry, click on “continue editing draft” (*Entwurf weiter bearbeiten*) → accept the terms of use and then upload the file you have started in the subsequent screen and complete data entry. If you have any problems, click on the “Contact/Support” button at the top right of the screen. You will receive support promptly.

For further information on easy Online and access to the system:

<https://foerderportal.bund.de/easyonline>

Detailed information applicable to both German funding organisations

CONTACT

Country / Region	Germany	
Funding Organisation	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) https://www.dfg.de/	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) www.bmbf.de

		VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH – Projektträger (VDI/VDE-IT) www.vdivde-it.de
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) Gaby Rerig +49 228 885-2406 gaby.rerig@dfg.de Tanja Zdebel +49 228 885-3105 tanja.zdebel@dfg.de	VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH Projektträger Lebenswissenschaften Rainer Schliep +49 30 310078-5896 rainer.schliep@vdivde-it.de Dr. Sandra Rajmis +49 30 310078-3628 sandra.rajmis@vdivde-it.de
Information available at	DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+	BMBF – Biodiversa+

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding Organisation	DFG	BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT
Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	€ 1,500,000	€ 2,000,000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	€ 350 per applicant	No fixed minimum amount
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>The maximum amount refers to the sum of all costs applied for by all researchers seeking German funding for a project, including overhead costs (<i>Programmpauschale</i>) (= programme allowance for indirect project costs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For projects with no German coordination: € 270,000 • For projects with German coordination: € 350,000 <p>In justified exceptional cases (e.g. if applying for DFG – Module Temporary Position) a small cost overrun might be allowed.</p>	

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Funding Organisation	DFG	BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT
Eligible environment(s) / realm(s)	No restrictions	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Qualified researchers (as a rule, those holding a doctorate) working in any discipline at a German research institution are eligible for funding.</p> <p>Researchers working at institutions which serve purely commercial purposes or those who are not permitted to publish findings in a generally accessible form are not eligible to apply.</p> <p>Important:</p>	<p>Universities, research institutions and comparable institutions are eligible to apply. Individual persons are not eligible for funding.</p> <p>Grants will be awarded in accordance with BMBF funding regulations, sections 23 and 44 of the “<i>Bundeshaushaltsordnung</i>” (BHO), associated administrative regulations as well as the BMBF "Guidelines for Grant Applications on an Expenditure Basis (AZA)" and/or "Guidelines for</p>

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	<p>For collaborations with commercial partners in your consortium, the results of the planned projects must be in the pre-competitive range (TRL 7 maximum; see h2020-wp1415-annex-g-trl_en.pdf (europa.eu)). Furthermore, a collaboration agreement must be concluded between the scientific and the commercial partners and forwarded to the DFG. We recommend using the DFG model agreement (cf. DFG Forms and Guidelines, No. 41.026). The “Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/01)” must be taken into account.</p> <p>In the case of researchers who are employed at one of the institutes or member organisations of the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society, Helmholtz Association or Leibniz Association, researchers working at a publicly funded institute associated with one of these research institutions, and researchers working at international research facilities located in Germany, please note that the duty to cooperate does not apply to this call. (<i>“Es gilt keine Kooperationspflicht.”</i>)</p>	<p>Grant Applications on a Cost Basis (AZK)".</p> <p>At the time of payment of a grant awarded, the existence of a permanent establishment or branch office or other entity serving the non-economic activity of the grantee in Germany is required.</p> <p>Applicants should read and follow the instructions contained in the <i>“Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgabenbasis”</i> or <i>“Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis”</i>, depending on the legal status of the applicant’s institution. All forms and guidelines are available on the federal funding portal (<i>“Formularschränk für Fördervordrucke des Bundes”</i>).</p> <p>All applicants from non-university research organisations (Fraunhofer, Helmholtz, Leibniz and Max Planck institutions) must follow specific application rules. These applicants should contact the FCP at VDI/VDE-IT for advice.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Please note that the calculation of personnel costs differs between the DFG form 60.12 “DFG Personnel Rates” and the BMBF federal funding portal as they are based on different average rates.</p> <p>You will find information on DFG average personnel rates in DFG form 60.12 “DFG Personnel Rates”.</p> <p>These costs can be applied for under the DFG – Module Basic Module and – where applicable – under the DFG – Module Temporary Position.</p> <p>(Information on <i>“personellen (tarifbedingten) Mehrbedarf”</i>: DFG form 41.44).</p> <p>Overheads are calculated automatically by the DFG’s elan</p>	<p>Please consider in your calculation of personnel costs, that according to the BMBF guidelines, personnel costs are eligible by maximum to E13 level 3.</p> <p>Please make sure that the calculations in the AZA(P) and AZK form correspond to the calculations in the work plan of the project description (costs/expenses and person months).</p> <p>Please note that applicants from non-university institutions determine their own respective project allowances (i.e. <i>“Gemeinkosten”</i>,</p>

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	<p>system. However, please fill in 22% of direct costs as overheads in the Biodiversa+ form.</p>	<p>“<i>Infrastrukturpauschale</i>” etc.). These may differ significantly from the rates for overheads (“<i>Projektpauschale</i>”) for universities. Please include these project allowances and overheads respectively within the requested funding sum. Universities may use the AZAP form and apply for 20 % of direct costs as project allowance / overheads within the easy Online form.</p>
	<p>Only temporary positions are eligible (no permanent employees).</p>	
	<p>Please note that it is not possible to combine a temporary PI position with an existing part-time position. A Temporary Position for Principal Investigator can only be requested and approved as a full-time position. However, you may apply for PI funding during your current employment. If your Biodiversa+ proposal is approved, prior to taking up the PI position in your Biodiversa+ project you must terminate your previous employment. This is because you are required to devote your full working time to the project (see FAQs DFG, German Research Foundation – FAQ: Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators). Please bear in mind that Biodiversa+ projects have to start between 1 December 2025 and 30 April 2026.</p>	<p>Please note that applicants may combine an existing permanent or part-time position with an additional part-time position for Biodiversa+ projects, which is funded by BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT.</p>
	<p>Subcontracting is possible.</p>	
	<p>Subcontracting: Possible according to the general rules for research grants (for details see DFG form 52.01)</p>	<p>Subcontracting: <u>To EU countries</u>: Possible. <u>To non-EU countries</u>: Possible. Teams from third countries or international organisations may be funded for minor tasks within projects if they are subcontracted by a German applicant. Cooperation with developing countries is acceptable. The BMBF does not fund subcontracted teams from industrial countries or emerging economies such as China, Brazil, etc. <u>Subcontracting special tasks</u> (i.e. IT services, etc.): Possible. Please contact the FCP at VDI/VDE-IT for advice.</p>

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Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes	Yes - please check the respective form within the federal funding portal (" <i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i> ") for more details.
Additional specific eligibility rules	If one of your consortium partners is a commercial enterprise , please inform Gaby Rerig by email (gaby.rerig@dfg.de)..	Research institutions that receive joint basic funding from the Federal and State Governments can only be funded in addition to the joint basic funding under certain conditions . In particular, these base-funded non-university research institutions are expected to link the content of the project funding topics to the institutionally funded research activities and dovetail the two. Institutions such as Think Tanks are explicitly invited to apply for funding. If the respective conditions are met, funding rates up to a maximum of 90 % are possible.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Funding Organisation	DFG	BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT
Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<p>Please select both German funding organisations in Biodiversa+’s EPSS, regardless of who might fund your project.</p> <p>Pre-proposals: Submit pre-proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat only. No documents or information are required for the pre-proposal stage at the national level.</p> <p>Full proposals: Submit the full proposal to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat via EPSS and submit the same proposal documents to the DFG via the DFG elan portal or – if DFG eligibility does not apply – to BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT via easy Online in the funding portal of the German Federal Government. The deadline for submission to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat must be strictly observed. The mandatory deadline for submission to the DFG is April 30, 2025. The mandatory deadline for submission to BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT is September 30, 2025.</p>	
	<p>For more information, see DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+ ("DFG’s elan system: help with the online form" is available for the full proposal stage). Please ensure you read carefully through the above sections</p>	<p>Applicants should read and follow the instructions described in the "<i>Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgabenbasis</i>" (AZA or AZAP) or "<i>Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis</i>" (AZK), depending on the legal status of the applicant’s institution. Universities may apply for</p>

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	<p>PROCEDURE and TECHNICAL ADVICE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registration in elan • submission of the full proposal in elan <p>After submitting the proposal in elan, you will automatically receive a compliance form by e-mail. This form must be returned to the DFG with the signatures of all German applicants as soon as possible.</p>	<p>AZAP including the corresponding overhead rate. All forms to be completed are available on the federal funding portal ("<i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i>"). Forms should be sent both on paper and electronically, but only on request by VDI/VDE-IT to: VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH, Bereich ADM - Projektträger Lebenswissenschaften, Steinplatz 1, 10623 Berlin</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national / regional level</p>	<p>Financial reports: It is mandatory to submit a final financial report by the deadline, and also intermediate financial reports as applicable. You will be informed in writing of the deadlines: these will usually be tighter than the ones normally set for Individual Research Grants.</p> <p>Scientific reports: Scientific reports have to be submitted to Biodiversa+ only. This will fulfil all scientific reporting obligations to the DFG.</p>	<p>Evidence of the use of the grant ("<i>Verwendungsnachweis</i>") must be provided to the granting authority within six months of fulfilment of the purpose of the grant, but no later than the end of the sixth month following the grant period. If the purpose of the grant has not been fulfilled by the end of the financial year, interim proof of use of the amounts received in that year must be submitted within four months of the end of the financial year ("<i>Zwischenbericht</i>"). Example: if a project starts at 01.04.2026, the interim report has to be handed in until 30.04.2027 for the time period 01.04.2026 to 31.12.2026. Further information and templates are available on the federal funding portal ("<i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i>").</p>
<p>Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?</p>	<p>Yes – please inform DFG and VDI/VDE-IT as soon as possible.</p>	
<p>Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?</p>	<p>DFG expects a consortium agreement to be concluded between all consortium members at the start of the project. The DFG Model Cooperation Agreement (DFG form 41.026) should ideally be used for this purpose.</p>	<p>Yes - between the German research partners in a consortium. The information about the agreement (not the agreement itself) has to be submitted five months after project start at the latest. An email containing this information is sufficient (no specific form necessary).</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Privacy Policy: Please note the DFG's Privacy Policy for research funding, which</p>	<p>Statement on Data Protection: This statement on data protection provides you with detailed</p>

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	<p>can be viewed and downloaded at www.dfg.de/privacy_policy. If necessary, please forward this information to those persons whose data the DFG will process due to their involvement in your project.</p>	<p>information on which data is collected, for what purpose and on which basis, how you can contact the 'data controller' (the responsible entity) and the Data Protection Officer, and which kind of rights you have concerning the processing of personal data.</p>

Hungary – NKFIH

CONTACT

Country / Region	Hungary
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal (NKFIH)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dorottya Szemere +36(1)-795-4702 dorottya.szemere@nkfi.gov.hu

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	250,000.00 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	n.a.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	125,000.00 EUR per projects

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)			
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Universities, research institutions, enterprise-based research organisations, enterprises (non-research type), non-profit research organisations, urban/local authorities, municipal companies (as partners of research-oriented applicant). Funding rates:			
	Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial/Applied research	Experimental development/innovation
	Large enterprises	100%	65%	40%
	Medium enterprises	100%	75%	50%
	Small enterprises	100%	80%	60%
	Universities, research organisations	100%	100%	100%
	Public authorities	-	65%	40%
	Associations without economic activities, NGOs	100%	100%	100%

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel (temporary, permanent), subcontracting and services, including travel, consumables, equipment, coordination, travel, communication and dissemination, overhead (20%), overhead for travel related activities (5%)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	<u>Yes</u>
Additional specific eligibility rules	The overhead rate for each (Hungarian) consortium member is 20% of the total eligible costs, excluding the costs of services. The travel costs are calculated at 5% of the total eligible costs per (Hungarian) consortium member.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	The Hungarian partners of winning proposals should submit a separate proposal for funding to NKFIH after having been informed of the international funding decision.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	<u>Yes</u>
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	<u>Yes</u>
Other important information	Information for Partners: All Hungarian entities are eligible to participate and receive funding in the Call. The top-up funding for universities affected by Council Implementing Decision 2022/2506 will be covered by the Hungarian Government's Guarantee Fund.

Iceland – Rannis

The participation has been confirmed but the national rules remain pending.

ISRAEL –MoEP

CONTACT

Country / Region	ISRAEL
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP), Israel
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr Orna Matzner +972506233140 research@sviva.gov.il

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	100,000€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	No minimum amount
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	100,000€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible to submit proposals are research institutions recognized by the Israel Science Foundation (ISF) and appearing on the list of institutions recognized by the ISF (https://www.isf.org.il/#/research-institutions). Independent researchers, local authorities, non-governmental organizations, and the like can collaborate with the above mentioned research institutions and receive funding for their part in the research project. Within the framework of this call, research proposals that include employees of the Ministry of Environmental Protection cannot be submitted.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Costs, types and their caps must be in line with the guidelines indicated in the Ministry's designated call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform .
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, unless exempted according to the guidelines indicated in the Ministry's designated Call published in:

	https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform .
Additional specific eligibility rules	Part of the research/project must be carried out in Israel. Additional eligibility rules appear in the Ministry's designated call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform .

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Israeli partners must submit all the required documents according to the guidelines published in the Ministry's designated Call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	As mentioned in the Ministry's designated Call. Link: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/biodiv-transform .
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes, subject to submission of documents to MoEP. For questions, please contact research@sviva.gov.il .
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	For any questions, please contact research@sviva.gov.il

ITALY –BOZEN

CONTACT

Country / Region	ITALY / Autonomous Province of Bolzano / Bozen
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	BOZEN
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Office of Scientific Research Laura Cherchi (+39) 0471 413724, (+39) or 0471 413726 Laura.Cherchi@provincia.bz.it

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	250.000,00
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	300.000,00

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Partners must be Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol, as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the “Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)”, as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019. The funding rate is 100%. Companies may participate, but cannot be funded, unless their primary activity is research or knowledge dissemination and they are based in South Tyrol.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The eligible costs are: -personnel costs -travel costs -costs for equipment -consumables -costs for external services (max 30% of the overall admitted budget per partner) -management or indirect costs (max 10% of the overall admitted budget per partner).

	The Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects apply (see Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7599/2024).
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, if it cannot be deducted
Additional specific eligibility rules	The projects submitted within this call will be treated by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen as “Joint Projects –International cooperation projects”, as defined in the Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 19779 / 2021 and will be managed along the “Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects” as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7599 / 2024.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.provinz.bz.it/innovation-forschung/innovation-forschung-universitaet/default.asp and https://www.provincia.bz.it/innovazione-ricerca/innovazione-ricerca-universita/default.asp
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<p>1st step: South Tyrolian partners have to provide an additional budget divided into the Joint Project´ costs categories: the document must be sent per certified email (Pec) to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the pre-proposals. Shouldn´t be possible in this phase to provide details, a more detailed budget should be sent at step 2.</p> <p>2nd step: A provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan”) must be submitted to the same</p>
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	<p>office within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals.</p> <p>An additional detailed budget divided into the Joint Project´ costs categories must also be submitted, in case this was not already provided in step 1 or upon request.</p> <p>In case of purchase of equipment with a value over 1.500,00 euros, at least a quotation must be submitted as well.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>In addition to the mid-term and final report, a financial and an activity report must be sent to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen by July 31st, of each year following the year in which the activities have been carried out (e.g. activities carried out in 2025 must be reported by July 31st, 2026) The financial report lists the detailed expenses. The activity report briefly describes the project development and in particular the activities of the South Tyrolian partner that generated those expenses. Please, note: the activity report is neither the mid-term report nor the final report of the call.</p> <p>Concerning the financial and the activity reports, the “Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects” as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7599/ 2024 apply</p>
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	<p>Yes*</p> <p>* In case further partners from South Tyrol are involved between step 1 and step 2, they should send to the Office of scientific research an additional detailed budget divided into the Joint Project´ costs categories and a provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan”) within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals. In case of purchase of equipment with a value over 1.500,00 euros, at least a quotation must be submitted as well.</p>
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	no
Other important information	In case of a positive funding decision, the South Tyrolian beneficiaries must send a formal “Request for funding” to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of

Bolzano/Bozen **within 15 days after the notification from Biodiversa+ partnership.**

An updated division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan”) must be submitted as well, if significant changes have occurred since the previous submission.

The forms/ templates to be used are the ones for the “Joint Projects”-Action:

https://www.provincia.bz.it/it/servizi-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884

https://www.provinz.bz.it/de/dienstleistungen-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884

Please, note: Due to administrative constraints, projects **can't start before January 1st, 2026**

Please, note: If a beneficiary applies for national funding, he/she cannot request funding to the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano under this same call.

Italy – MUR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Italy
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	MUR
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mrs Yasmine Iollo yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it Mr Aldo Covello aldo.covello@mur.gov.it

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	€ 1.500.000,00
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Max € 150.000,00 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Type/nature of participants The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: <ul style="list-style-type: none">– 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)– local and regional administrations and their investee/in-house companies, Legal/administrative/financial conditions Applicants shall: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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"

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) <p>Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.</p> <p>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:</p> <p>a) $CN > (CP - I)/2$ Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 <p>b) $OF/F < 8\%$ Where:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari) <p>F = turnover (Fatturato)</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>All R&D activities considered as: Basic research, Industrial/Applied research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.</p> <p>However, Basic Research and Industrial/Applied research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share).</p> <p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A) Personnel, • B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting) • C) Travel and subsistence • D) Equipment • E) Other goods and services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> F) Indirect Costs/Overheads ("Spese generali") calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services $F) = 25\% \text{ of } (A) + (C) + (D) + (E)$. <p>Funding rates Maximum funding percentages:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Basic research</th> <th>Industrial/Applied Research</th> <th>Experimental development / innovation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>70 %</td> <td>70 %</td> <td>25 %</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation	70 %	70 %	25 %
Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation					
70 %	70 %	25 %					
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable						
Additional specific eligibility rules	-						

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it.</p> <p>These national additional documents 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 documents by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>website: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/biodiversaplus.aspx</p> <p>Applicable laws and rules (http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <p>Information available at http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/biodiversaplus.aspx</p>
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	-

LATVIA – LZP

CONTACT

Country / Region	Latvia
Funding Organisation	Latvijas Zinātnes padome, LZP (Latvian Council of Science)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Maija Bundule Ph.+371 26514481 maija.bundule@lzp.gov.lv

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	600 000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum of 100 000 EUR per project year may be requested by each project participant.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/ realm(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible partners are R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.). Enterprises may participate as partners as well, provided they can prove their financial stability.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible project costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- personnel costs,- travels costs,- equipment (only as depreciation costs),- consumables, materials, and other costs directly related to the project implementation,- subcontracts (up to 25% of total direct costs),- overheads can amount to 25% of the project direct costs, excluding subcontracting costs.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, VAT is applicable to project costs unless it is recoverable.
Additional specific eligibility rules	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

	<p>Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.</p> <p>Enterprise must be registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia, provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia for at least two years and has no dept.</p> <p>A maximum of two participants from Latvia can take part in the project.</p> <p>Project subcontracting costs should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Latvia. costs.</p> <p>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).</p>
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.lzp.gov.lv
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	At application stage, there is no requirement for Latvian applicants to submit to LZP the pre- or full proposal or complete any paperwork related to their submissions.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Latvian participants of the supported projects must submit to LZP the periodic financial and scientific reports once a year.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national/regional level?	A decision to support such addition is made prior to each call. It depends on various circumstances and the general conditions of the specific call.
Does your organization request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 with amendments) and Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia

	No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015).
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Lithuania – LMT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Lithuania
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Research Council of Lithuania
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Viktoras Mongirdas +370 676 19613 viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	300 000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	no minimum amount
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	150 000 for partner 200 000 for coordinator

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/biodiversa/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	

Moldova –ANCD

CONTACT

Country / Region	Moldova, Republic of
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Agencia Națională pentru Cercetare și Dezvoltare (ANCD)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Natalia Bolocan 022 29 28 26 natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md Vladislav Branitchi vladislav.branitchi@ancd.gov.md

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	200.000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50.000 EUR
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	100.000 EUR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	Terrestrial, Marine, Coastal, Freshwater
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Beneficiary institutions eligible for funding must be public organizations that operate within the fields of research and innovation. This eligibility is in line with Articles 95 and 96 of the Science and Innovation Code of the Republic of Moldova No. 259/2004 and with points 3, 6, and 19 of Government Decision No. 382/2019, which outlines the Methodology for financing projects in these domains.</p> <p>To qualify, an organization must not be declared insolvent or have its bank accounts blocked by an irrevocable court decision. Additionally, the organization must have the legal right to carry out research and innovation activities as stipulated in its incorporation documents or statutes. Furthermore, the organization must not have violated any terms of previously signed contracts for research and innovation funding.</p> <p>Project proposals where certain activities have already received or are in the process of receiving funding from other sources will not be eligible.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>Applicants can apply for the following types of costs under their project proposals:</p> <p>Personnel Costs: This includes the remuneration of research team members, which must comply with public sector</p>

	<p>salary regulations and legislative frameworks.</p> <p>Service Costs: This includes the acquisition of services necessary for the research project. Services must be contracted with legal entities, specifying details such as quantity, unit price, and total.</p> <p>Other Costs: This includes various additional expenses, with relevant economic codes being, like e.g. participation fees for events, intangible assets, including patent acquisition expenses, procurement of raw materials, consumables (including reagents), animals, and laboratory inventory necessary for project experiments.</p> <p>Non-eligible Costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs related to the maintenance and development of public research infrastructure used in the project. • Salaries for administrative, financial, and technical staff. <p>Expenses are incurred only after the contract has been signed and registered by the Contracting Authority. The budget must detail the allocation of state funds and co-financing, with calculations supported by estimates. Proposals that do not meet these criteria or that include costs for activities already funded or in the process of being funded from other sources will be declared ineligible. Additionally, no modifications or improvements to proposals will be accepted after submission.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>The project leader must hold a doctoral or habilitated doctoral degree in science and be employed at a research institution within the Republic of Moldova.</p> <p>Each project should involve experienced scientists, doctoral students, or master's students relevant to the research topic.</p> <p>A person cannot serve as a project leader for more than one proposal within the same</p>

	<p>competition to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure fair leadership distribution.</p> <p>Applicants must present the technical and material base of the laboratory or research center where the research will be conducted, meeting the necessary qualifications for scientific staff.</p> <p>Proposals involving activities already funded or in the process of being funded by other national or international sources are ineligible, ensuring resources are not duplicated.</p> <p>Project proposals must clearly present the expected results and describe the potential for national and international collaboration, including participation in European research and innovation programs.</p> <p>No modifications or improvements to the proposal will be accepted after final submission, and proposals not meeting the competition criteria will be declared ineligible and removed from the competition.</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Proposals are submitted in two stages: pre-proposal by November 10, 2024, and full proposal by April 9, 2025.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	All financial and scientific reports must comply with national legislation (e.g., Government Decision 382/2019 and GD 267/2021). Project leaders are required to submit both financial and scientific reports at specified intervals to ensure proper monitoring and evaluation of the project’s progress and financial management. Financial reports must detail the use of allocated funds, including a breakdown of expenditures in accordance with the approved budget and financial guidelines. Scientific reports should provide a comprehensive overview of the research activities, outcomes, and any significant findings achieved during the reporting period. These reports must adhere to the format and submission deadlines established by the funding authority and are crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability, and the effective use of resources. Regular updates are essential for maintaining compliance with funding

	requirements and facilitating the assessment of project impact and progress.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	Projects must be transnational, interdisciplinary, and aligned with the defined research themes. Maximum funding for a project is 100,000 EUR, and salary expenses must not exceed 70% of the allocated budget.

The Netherlands – NWO

CONTACT

Country / Region	The Netherlands
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Dutch Research Council (NWO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Floor Hugenholtz Policy Officer Dutch Research Council (NWO) +31 (0) 703494071 biodiversa@nwo.nl

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	€ 2.000.000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Min. € 50.000 / project
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Max. € 325.000 / project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>For scientists based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply.</p> <p>Full, associate and assistant professors, lecturers and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request NWO funding) if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period**) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;• university medical centers;• Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;• Universities of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW);• TO2 institutes

- the Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
- Princess Máxima Center.

*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor.

** Lectors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time.

Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment and the exception stated above for lectors and researchers employed at a TO2 institute) may not submit a proposal.

It could be the case that the applicant's tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant's tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Applicants employed by a university of applied sciences or a TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which

	<p>funding is applied must also include such a statement.</p> <p>Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project.</p> <p>Available budget modules</p> <p><i>Postdoc</i> – at least 6 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates</p> <p><i>Research leave</i> – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates</p> <p><i>Personnel universities of applied sciences</i> - rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees).</p> <p><i>Material costs</i> – max. 15 000 € per year per full-time scientific position (postdoc) or 0.2 FTE scientific employee applied for at a university of applied sciences or TO2 organisation</p> <p><i>Knowledge utilisation</i> - max. € 25.000</p> <p><i>Internationalisation</i> - max. € 25.000</p> <p>For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.</p> <p>Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.</p> <p>The budget items “fellowships”, “overheads”, “equipment” and “subcontracting costs” in the Biodiversa+ format are not eligible for NWO funding.</p>

	<p>Please refer to the detailed explanation of NWO budget modules to see which costs are eligible for NWO funding.</p> <p>The mandatory costs for “joint activities” for consortium coordinators are eligible for funding in the NWO budget module “internationalisation”.</p> <p>It is recommended to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items.</p> <p>Submission of a completed budget form to NWO is obligatory at full proposal phase See ,Other Important Information’ below for the budget template and more details.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management.</p> <p>An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the European Biodiversity Partnership.</p> <p>Applicants may not apply for a post-doc position for themselves.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>Full details for project funding in this call and relevant forms are available on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/biodiversa</p> <p>For full details of the general NWO funding process: https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/funding+process+explained</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level</p>	<p>Applicants are required to submit a <u>mandatory NWO budget form by the deadline for full proposals</u>. The completed budget form can be submitted to NWO via biodiversa@nwo.nl.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.</p>
<p>Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?</p>	<p>Yes, however the Dutch main applicant should remain the same. In case of changes between step 1 and 2 applicants must contact the national contact point at NWO before submitting the full proposal.</p>
<p>Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?</p>	<p>Yes, funded researchers must submit a consortium agreement to NWO. Consortia to be funded will be informed by NWO.</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Impact of the research is at the heart of this call. Please refer to the detailed description of requirements and evaluation criteria, including impact, in the full call announcement of the Biodiversity Partnership.</p> <p>Stakeholder engagement is essential to maximize the chances of reaching impact and NWO considers engagement of stakeholders an important asset, starting with the design of your project, as well as the definition of active roles for each of them during the course of the project. Valorisation of stakeholder engagement in the project (as self-financed industrial and/or societal partner) in the form of in kind or in cash contributions from stakeholders is therefore strongly recommended by NWO.</p> <p>The NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research 2008 are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website.</p>

	<p>For this call, the budget for the Kingdom of the Netherlands is brought together by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV).</p>
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Norway – RCN

CONTACT

Country / Region	Norway
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Special Adviser Jonas Enge jen@rcn.no + 47 402 03 416

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1,700,000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	N/A
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum funding from RCN is 280.000 € per proposal.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Universities, research institutes, SME's and large companies, public authorities, NGOs.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Apply for funding (forskingsradet.no)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	The Research Council of Norway (forskingsradet.no)
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Norwegian applicants shall not submit any proposal at the national level before a funding decision is made and their project is funded. After the funding decision, and in case your project is funded, RCN's National Contact Person will e-mail the applicants the information they need to submit their formal application to RCN.
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Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis .
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	<p>The participation including the budget must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for Research projects or for R&D Projects.</p> <p>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 – 8 November 2024. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency (europa.eu)</p> <p>Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. Norwegian partners that are coordinators of the projects will be asked to also coordinate the Norwegian partners of the projects.</p> <p>Applicants that are private companies, that is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules: state aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects. To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid. Support from the Research Council 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</p>

services on a given market.

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Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list.

POLAND – NCN

CONTACT

Country / Region	Poland
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	National Science Centre (NCN)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Anna Kotarba tel. +48 695 211 482 anna.kotarba@ncn.gov.pl Mateusz Sobczyk tel. +48 532 085 234 mateusz.sobczyk@ncn.gov.pl

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1 000 000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	not applicable
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	no cap on funding of individual project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	To check the list of eligible institutions please visit NCN's website .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel – including post-doc positions and scholarships/salaries for under- and post-graduate students);• Equipment - applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to 500,000 PLN;• Other costs - materials, devices and software, outsourcing and subcontracting, travel and subsistence costs, visits and consultations, costs of publications (including Open access publications), collective investigators;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overheads - overheads may not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible costs and may not be increased during the course of a research project. Additionally, overheads of up to 2% of eligible costs may be spent on open access to publications and/or research data.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	not applicable

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	NCN's website
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	At the full proposal stage an NCN proposal covering the Polish part of the project must be prepared by the Polish research team and submitted to the NCN electronically via the OSF submission system .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	NCN requires submitting annual and final reports. Each report consists of scientific and financial parts.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	Detailed information on submitting proposals, project contracts, reporting and settlement of financed projects are available in the call announcement on the NCN's website .

Portugal-Azores – FRCT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Portugal - Azores
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	FRCT – Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Carolina Parelho Project Manager Email: carolina.pf.parelho@azores.gov.pt Phone: +351 296 241 877

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	100 000€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	n/a
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum funding: 100 000€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The beneficiaries should be entities from the Scientific and Technological System of the Azores (SCTA) registered in the Azores. For more information, please access SCTA regulation (DLR n.º 10/2012/A, 26 March 2012).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT: https://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level</p>	<p>Before initiating a funding request, FRCT strongly recommends that applicants contact the FRCT's contact point. Additionally, applicants should refer to the "Guide for the Participation of Regional Research Teams in ERA-NETs Financed by the FRCT" available at http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/</p> <p>FRCT requires the submission of the following documents:</p> <p>a) Principal Investigator's Declaration: duly signed by the PI, following the provided template. The signed declaration should be scanned and emailed to FRCT's contact point by the end of the application deadline. The original document mailed to the FRCT's postal address, within a maximum of 10 business days after the application deadline.</p> <p>b) Institution Management Declaration: signed by the beneficiary legal representative. The signed declaration should be scanned and emailed to the FRCT by the end of the application period. The original document must be mailed to the FRCT's postal address within a maximum of 10 business days after the application.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>According to the contract between FRCT and the beneficiary entity, each Principal Investigator (PI) must submit at least two financial and progress reports: one mid-term report and one final report. In special cases, additional reports and evidence may be requested.</p>
<p>Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator's Declaration and the Institution Management Declaration must be signed by the Principal Investigator and the legal representative of the beneficiary institution, respectively. The digital versions of these documents must be emailed to the FRCT's contact point by the</p>

same deadline as the pre-proposal submission.

The original signed documents must be mailed within 10 working days after the pre-proposal submission deadline to the following address:

- Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia (FRCT)
Largo da Matriz 45-52
9500-094 Ponta Delgada
Portugal – Açores

Romania – The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

CONTACT

Country / Region	Romania
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	UEFISCDI (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Adrian Asanica, Expert UEFISCDI Tel: +40744.45.00.11 E-mail: adrian.asanica@uefiscdi.ro</p> <p>Luciana Bratu, Head of International Relations and Implementation Projects, UEFISCDI Tel: +40 21 307 19 87 Email: luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro</p> <p>Andreea Popa, Expert UEFISCDI Tel: +40 21 307 19 91 Email: andreea.popa@uefiscdi.ro</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	500.000 euros
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250,000€ if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project;</p> <p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200,000€ if Romania is partner in the transnational project.</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is</p>

	100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit OMCID no. 21.324/02.11.2023 approving the scheme of State aid for Program 5.8: European and international cooperation.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>The following categories of expenses are eligible:</p> <p>A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);</p> <p>B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);</p> <p>C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;</p> <p>D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);</p> <p>E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members);</p> <p>F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed max. 25% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.</p> <p>To EU countries: no To Non-EU countries: no Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	National rules available here .
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	No official paperwork and/or supporting information are requested by UEFISCDI before the submission deadline.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	

Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	

Slovakia – SAS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovakia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Zuzana Panisová +421 2 5751 0245, panisova@up.upsav.sk Silvia Kecerová +421 2 5751 0118, kecerova@up.upsav.sk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	240 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	120 000 per project per 36 months

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	SAS institutes
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent salaries fixed rate 45k Eur (36 months)• Direct costs – i.e. other personnel costs (max. 15% if project partner or max. 30% of direct costs if project coordination), consumables, material, travel costs, services, publication costs• Indirect costs – overheads (max. 20% of direct costs)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	See this link for detailed rules and procedures.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	See this link for detailed financial rules.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to	Document “Declaration to participate in Biodiversa+ Call” is requested from
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be completed at the national/regional Level	applicants. Template is available upon request. The document should be submitted to SAS contact point by the pre-proposals deadline.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes, yearly financial and scientific reports are requested, if project is funded.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes* *The eligibility of new research Partners must be confirmed at least one week before the full proposal submission deadline. Changes must be asked to the FCP, with the Call Secretariat in copy, who needs to check the eligibility of the new Partner and agree with the change, before being implemented into the EPSS.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	Applicants are strongly recommended to contact FO contact point before proposal submission. Researchers that are partners in a project recommended for funding will be requested to submit application form to the SAS (MVTs form). The SAS Presidium makes the final funding decision of selected projects.

Slovenia – MVZI

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovenia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Katja Žagar +386 1 478 46 06 katja.zagar02@gov.si

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	900 k €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	No minimum budget is requested.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum requested budget per partner and for all Slovenian partners within one consortium: 300 k€; maximum requested budget per year: 100 k€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Research organizations as defined in ZZrID. All participating institutions must be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji , v nadaljnjem besedilu: SICRIS).</p> <p>The project activities of every Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the primary investigator/primary researcher who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in the first paragraph of Art. 63 of the ZZrID. All participating researchers have to be registered in SICRIS and must have available research hours</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>"Research organisations", as defined in the ZZrID, are eligible for co-funding. All participating organisations must be registered in the register of research organisations of the Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenian Current Research Information System, hereinafter: the SICRIS).</p> <p>The eligibility of the research leader and other members of the research team: The project activities of each Slovenian partner must be supervised by a research leader who fulfils the conditions for a project leader as defined in</p>

paragraph one of Article 63 of the ZzrID. Regarding the definition of internationally comparable research outputs, the criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for the management of a research project or programme of 22 May 2024 are available at <https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp>

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

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

Eligible costs

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation will finance all eligible costs of Slovenian applicants in selected transnational projects, in accordance with the Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Eligible costs must be directly related to the research carried out and must include all of the following categories of direct costs:

- personnel (including social, health, pension and other contributions in accordance with national legislation);
- materials (travel and meeting expenses, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs and other costs);
- depreciation costs.

Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.

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

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

Public expenditure eligibility period: from the financial year.2024, until the end of the financial year 2027.

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

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

100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.

For research organizations whose financed activity is economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014) and the national scheme for state aid in Research and Development (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za izobraževanje, znanost in sport 2022-2030, s spremembami, objavljenega na spletni strani:

	<p>https://www.gov.si/podrocja/izobrazevanje-znanost-in-sport/znanost/), applies.</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities and research organisations 100 % - Large enterprises 65 %, - Medium enterprises 75 % - Small Enterprises 80 %
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Eligible type of research and TRL: basic/applied – for Slovenian partner TRL range: 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section).</p> <p>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 MIZS and the selected Slovenian partner.</p> <p>Period of eligibility of public expenditures: As of budgetary year 2024 until the end of the budgetary year 2027.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person. All Slovenian applicants must refer to published Call information on the following webpage: https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes. Three times, each year after the end of the annual project implementation.

Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes.
Other important information	<p>Applicants must submit the transnational application in accordance with the instructions and deadlines set out in the joint transnational call for tender.</p> <p>The submission of an application at the national level is not foreseen.</p> <p>All information necessary to establish the eligibility for the co-funding of Slovenian applicants must be evident from the duly submitted transnational project application.</p> <p>The national contracting procedure will start once the projects are proposed for co-funding at the level of the transnational call for tenders. The national documentation submitted, including evidence of the start date of the transnational project, will be a prerequisite for the signature of the contract at the national level (a draft contract is annexed to the <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: https://www.gov.si/teme/javno-javna-partnerstva-na-podrocju-raziskav-in-inovacij/).</p>

South Africa – DSI

CONTACT

Country / Region	South Africa
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Department of Science and Innovation
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Tugela Matubatuba-Dlamini Tugela.Matubatuba@dst.gov.za Anita Mnisi Anita.Mnisi@dst.gov.za Karabo Mphogo Karabo.Mphogo@dst.gov.za

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	€400 000,00																
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	<p>Minimum €80 000,00 per project.</p> <p>South African applicants are strongly encouraged to reach out to the DSI's contact point for further information on the budget per project.</p> <p>Besides, the following funding rate will apply:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Type of Research</th> <th>Medium & Large Enterprises</th> <th>Small Enterprises</th> <th>Universities & Research Institutions</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Fundamental/Basic Research</td> <td>80%</td> <td>80%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Industrial/Applied Research</td> <td>80%</td> <td>80%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Experimental development</td> <td>80%</td> <td>80%</td> <td>90%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Type of Research	Medium & Large Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities & Research Institutions	Fundamental/Basic Research	80%	80%	90%	Industrial/Applied Research	80%	80%	90%	Experimental development	80%	80%	90%
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Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	€100 000,00 per project.																

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	This call is open to working researchers residing in South Africa and affiliated with a recognised higher education or research institution such as a university, university of technology or science council, small, medium (SMEs) and large enterprises in the private sector and national system of innovation (NSI) organisations involved in R&D.

	<p>It is “obligatory” for South African lead researcher/principal investigator (PI)s based at historically advantaged institutions, SMEs and large companies to include, as part of the research team, a research partner from any of the historically disadvantaged institutions. Proposals submitted by an applicant based at a historically advantaged institution without a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution will be ineligible. The research partner from the historically disadvantaged institution in this case can serve as a co-applicant in the proposal.</p> <p>Applicants based at historically disadvantaged institutions can act as PIs and submit proposals without the involvement of and or partnering with researchers based at historically advantaged institutions if they prefer.</p> <p>Please note that only the following eight universities will be recognized as historically disadvantaged in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training November 2015 Ministerial Statement on university funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Limpopo (UL) • University of Fort Hare (UFH) • University of Venda (Univen) • Walter Sisulu University (WSU) • University of the Western Cape (UWC) • University of Zululand (UniZulu) • Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) • Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU). <p>Historically Disadvantaged Institutions and Individuals also refers to: SMEs owned by Black and Female Individuals.</p> <p>The inclusion of emerging researchers and youth innovators is strongly encouraged.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Direct costs: Consumables and supplies</p>

	<p>Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.</p> <p>Costs of personnel</p> <p>DSI will cover personnel cost to be incurred during project implementation. DSI will cover personnel costs including MSc and PhD bursaries to be incurred during project implementation.</p> <p>Subcontracting</p> <p>DSI will not prevent SA applicants from subcontract activities within the project, but encourages SA researchers to commit to activities that they are mostly able to implement. And will not support subcontracting of parties outside South Africa. The co-investment contract will be between DST and the main SA applicant and not the subcontractor. Therefore DSI will not be involved in any agreements/arrangements regarding activities to be implemented and how the reimbursed will be done between main SA applicant and the subcontracted party.</p> <p>Eligible costs</p> <p>Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the DSI to finalise the exact percentage funding and to ascertain what the funding will cover. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance with the project duration. The following costs will be covered;</p> <p>Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation</p> <p>The DSI will cover travel costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations. Consumables and supplies Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>Cut-off dates will be the same as the ones defined for the call; however, researchers are advised to present their proposal outline</p>

	to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Upon email request to the National Contact Points or information can be accessed on the following link: https://www.esastap.org.za/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Applicants are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Submission of reports will be outlined on agreements with successful applicants
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	South African applicants may access the National co-investment funding application through email. These forms are only to be completed by successful applicants. DSI will enter into agreements with the applicant's institution for all funding instruments established to support South Africa's participation in the Co-funded project.

Spain – AEI & FB

CONTACT

Country / Region	Spain	
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Patricia Vera Bravo Esther Chacón era-medioambiente@aei.gob.es</p> <p>Raquel Sancho Rovira Carmen Gutiérrez Javier Remiro biodiversa@fundacion-biodiversidad.es</p> <p>All enquiries should be addressed to both Funding organisations</p>	

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1,500,000€	600,000€
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>The following funding limits for direct costs and for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Indirect costs (overheads) must be added to direct costs: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs). Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <p>DIRECT COSTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant: max. € 140.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant: max. € 220.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI/FB-applicant and there is another AEI/FB-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000 <p>• Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI/FB applicants.</p>	

IMPORTANT:

- only ONE applicant asking funding for AEI/FB is allowed per proposal,
- only two AEI/FB-applicants are allowed in the same proposal if one of them is acting as coordinator
- the **direct costs** in the application **must be rounded to the thousands**. 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 and the financial resources available.

Maximum funding per project	CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI/FB applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI/FB applicant - coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI/FB applicants- one 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. Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI/FB applicants.
- It will be considered “**Substantial experimental tasks**” those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables.
- Those tasks in which existing data are used or re-analyzed exclusively will be considered desk and **not** experimental research

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)	Marine/coastal environments
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The eligible entities for the AEI funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private	The eligible entities for the FB funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private

	<p>non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI 2024-1 call. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during all the implementation of the project.</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritise the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2024-1 call and the PCI Requirements document and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan</p>	<p>non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain).</p> <p>They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Director of the project (Principal Investigator or PI) during all the implementation of the project. 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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI/FB-recipients, AEI/FB will prioritise the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2024-1 call and the PCI Requirements document and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, Plan Estatal de Investigación</p>
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	<p>Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities: these must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Water4All, PRIMA and SBEP) or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call(ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the corresponding national PCI call. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed. <p>The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant</p>	<p>Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities (these must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Water4All, PRIMA and SBEP), or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call (ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. • PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call. • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed. <p>The FB will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects</p>
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	<p>projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.</p> <p>Important: The applicants should include the PI's full name and the full name of their institution in the original language in the application form.</p>	<p>already funded through other national or EU calls.</p> <p>Important: The applicants should include the PI's full name and the full name of their institution in the original language in the application form.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts are eligible. 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. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds. • Overheads (25% of direct costs, including the <u>subcontracting costs</u>). • Minimum changes of the budget might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts are eligible. 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. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds. • Overheads (25% of direct costs, including the <u>subcontracting costs</u>). • Minimum changes of the budget might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI/FB at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.

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Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	N/A	N/A

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	The requirements of PCI-2024-1 will apply. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.	The information will be available in the site: https://fundacion-biodiversidad.es/buscador-de-convocatorias/?post_types=convocatorias_biodiv Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: NO Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: NO Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Blue Sustainable Economy Area of the Biodiversity Foundation.</p> <p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call</p>

	<p>The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)".The requirements of PCI-2024-1 will apply.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2024-1 and especially the PCI Requirements document.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)".The requirements of PCI-2024-1 will apply.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2024-1 and especially the PCI Requirements document.</p> <p>Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the FB, 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.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	YES	YES
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Spanish applicants are invited to contact AEI and FB contact points regarding this	Spanish applicants are invited to contact AEI and FB contact points regarding this
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	NO	NO
Other important information	<p>Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de</p>	<p>Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the Fundación Biodiversidad: "With the</p>

	<p>Investigación through the PCI (year) call”.</p>	<p>support of the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge”.</p> <p>IMPORTANT:</p> <p>By default, the official start date of all the projects funded by FB will be 1st April 2025.</p> <p>Payment will be made upon completion of the project. However, it will be possible to request during the first 18 months of implementation, an advance payment of 40 % of the amount granted (it could be necessary to provide a guarantee).</p>
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Sweden – Formas

CONTACT

Country / Region	Sweden
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (Formas)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Anna Kaijser +46 73 325 40 60 anna.kaijser@formas.se

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	Maximum 3.5 million Euros
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum funding from Formas is 300 000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 500 000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute or government agency with a research assignment that meets the FORMAS requirements for administrating organisations, see: http://www.formas.se/en/start-page/applying-for-funding/how-it-works/who-can-apply-for-funding.html .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Grants for research projects can cover salaries, equipment, travel, and indirect costs, see: https://www.formas.se/en/start-page/applying-for-funding/how-it-works/project-costs-that-qualify-for-funding.html
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	All Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to Formas under one single project application. Project duration is 3 years.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.formas.se/en/start-page/applying-for-funding.html>

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	For Swedish applications to Formas, the pre- and full proposal for research projects must first be submitted to Biodiversa+. Swedish applicants who are eligible to submit a full proposal in Step 2 will be contacted by Formas for further information on the administrative process at a later stage and will be requested to submit their applications in Formas' application system before Formas makes their formal funding decision.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both Biodiversa+ and of Formas.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	

Switzerland – SNSF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Switzerland
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Swiss National Science Foundation (SNSF)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Claudia Ellenrieder +41 31 308 22 73 biodiversa@snf.ch

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	2'600'000 CHF + 1'114'285 CHF (if Switzerland stays non-associated to Horizon Europe); the exact amount in EUR will depend of the exchange rate at date of the final selection of the projects
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	The SNSF provides a minimum grant of 100'000 Swiss francs per project.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	The SNSF provides a maximum of 250,000 Swiss francs annually per applicant of a project and a maximum of 1 million Swiss francs annually for the project as a whole. Applicants should have in mind that the SNSFs anticipates funding ca. 7-8 projects under this call.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Applicants must comply with the SNSF Funding Regulations .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are outlined in the SNSF Funding Regulations (Art. 28) and the SNSF General Implementation Regulations (Section 2). Project overhead costs cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Overhead contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate to the institutions of the SNSF awardees.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes

<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>Participation of Swiss-based partners requesting financial support from the SNSF is restricted to one project (Art.7.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding). They may, however, participate in other consortia projects as self-financed partners.</p> <p>The maximum number of grants in the project funding scheme for the same funding period from the SNSF is limited to three grants, provided at least one grant is for an EU consortium project or has been granted on the basis of a lead agency, Weave or International Co-investigator scheme evaluation. Swiss-based investigators who already hold three SNSF grants in project funding cannot request financial support from the SNSF to participate in this call (Article 13 of the Amended Project Funding Regulations). The list of projects counting toward the maximal number of projects allowed can be found here.</p> <p>Proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF projects are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals (Article 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations).</p> <p>The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial. Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.</p>
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<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>Information available at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SNSF Funding regulations • General Implementation Regulations • SNSF Regulations on Project Funding
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level</p>	<p>Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via <i>mySNF</i> Swiss-based full consortium partners who apply for SNSF funding to participate in this Call must submit pre-proposals and full proposals via <i>mySNF</i> at the same submission deadline of the consortium application. These submissions are mandatory and do not replace the submission of the consortium application to the Call Secretariat.</p> <p>Pre-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: Biodiversa+: Pre-proposal".</p> <p>Full-proposal forms are created by selecting "Projects: Partnership: Biodiversa+: Full proposal" and are to be linked to the pre-proposal by selecting its number in the data container "Relation to pre-proposal".</p> <p>In case of multiple, Swiss-based partners participating in the same consortium, only one application is to be submitted on <i>mySNF</i>, whereby one Swiss-based partner must act as "corresponding applicant" and the other Swiss-based partners are to be listed as "other applicants".</p> <p>International partners of the consortium applying for funding at different funding agencies from the SNSF and self-funded partners cannot be declared as "project partners" in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. For the submission via <i>mySNF</i>, they are to be declared as "consortium partners" instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>Yearly, financial reports must be submitted to the SNSF via <i>mySNF</i>.</p> <p>As final scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the final scientific report submitted to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat. No other scientific reports are requested.</p>

<p>Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?</p>	<p>No (only as a replacement of an existing applicant if duly justified).</p>
<p>Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?</p>	<p>No (but mandatory submission of the signed consortium agreement if one is signed for the project on the request of another funder)</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Data management plan Applicants will have to complete the DMP on <i>mySNF</i> once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP has to cover the research data, which are collected, observed, generated or reused in the Swiss part of the project and has to comply with the SNSF Open Research Data Policy.</p> <p>Grant management Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules described in SNSF Funding Regulations. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds must be submitted via <i>mySNF</i>. As a final scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the final scientific report submitted to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat. No other scientific report is requested.</p>

Taiwan – NSTC

CONTACT

Country / Region	Taiwan
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Ching-Mei Tang (Program Director) Tel: +886-2-2737-7557 Email: cmtom@nstc.gov.tw

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	810,000.00 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	NA
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum funding per project is 90 000 EUR/year (about 3 000 000 NTD). • The decision regarding the exact amount of the grant is dependent on the result of NSTC's internal review of the eligibility and the reasonableness checks of the requested funds. • The number of grants of each PI must comply with NSTC's regulation of the maximum number of two international cooperation projects granted by NSTC for the same duration.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>In compliance with the NSTC's regulation 'Operation Guidelines for NSTC Research Grants':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant institutions (i.e., research conducting institutions) shall be approved by NSTC to be eligible recipients of subsidisation in accordance with the 'Operation Guidelines for Institutions Applying for NSTC Grants'. The eligible institutions are classified into three categories as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Taiwanese public/private colleges and universities; 2. Taiwanese public/private research institutions; 3. Taiwanese medical institutions. <p>In principle, NSTC does not directly subsidise industry.</p>

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Including personnel, consumables, hosting expenses for foreign researchers, and travel expenses for international destinations-joint research & overseas studies, for more information please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	In principle, the NSTC (Taiwan) does not directly subsidise the industry, but the subsidised projects coordinated by research consortium can cooperate with the industry.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.nstc.gov.tw/ https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No official national application is needed in the pre-proposal or full proposal phase. But must notify the national contact person in the National Science and Technology Council of your submission to the Biodiversa+ joint transnational call via email, together with your application as an attachment. • Taiwanese project partners shall submit a proposal to the NSTC for national financing after the project has been selected and approved for funding through the Biodiversa+ evaluation and selection process. • The proposals are required to be submitted to NSTC for funding as soon as possible as the internal process of the NSTC generally takes 6 months.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes, as long as the new partner is eligible for NSTC funding. The new partner must also inform the NSTC prior to submission.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	Please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch

Tunisia – MHESR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Tunisia
Funding Organisation (Acronym)	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mrs. Hayet Souai souaihayet@gmail.com +216 51 101 549 / +216 71 835 351 Mrs. Saida Rafrafi coopint2@gmail.com +216 93 658 976

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	400.000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50.000 € (36 months) per project
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	100 000 € (36 months) per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This call is open to Tunisian public research institutions. - The coordinator/ Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférences) and must belong to a public research laboratory.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget</p> <p>For 2024 calls for proposals, the following expenses would be eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel and daily allowances, - Small equipment, logistics, and consumables, - service Contracts and research contracts

	<p>(only for non-permanent staff),</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organization and participation in scientific events and meetings. - Publication and filing fees (required for scientific publications and patent filing), - Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MHESR funding such as technical centers, • SMEs, NGO, These organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR) - Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees will not be accommodated under this program. - The acquisition of computer and office equipment is an ineligible expense

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.mes.tn
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The coordinator or the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research. - The release of the second year and the third year of the project budgets will be made after the evaluation of the annual report of the project. A final evaluation will be achieved at the end of the project. - The annual reports as well as the mid-term and the final report have to be sent automatically to the MHESR without prior notification from the MHESR
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes

Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	NA



TÜRKİYE –TÜBİTAK

CONTACT

Country / Region	TÜRKİYE
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of TÜRKİYE (TÜBİTAK)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Dr. Yeliz TÜMBİLEN ÖZER (Main Contact) +90 312 2981202 / yeliz.ozer@tubitak.gov.tr</p> <p>Dr. Ceren UZUN (1071-Person in charge) +90 312 2981789 / ceren.uzun@tubitak.gov.tr</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	350,000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	<p>Except project incentive bonus + overhead</p> <p>100.000 € (per project from Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations)</p> <p>160.000 € (per private entities)</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher education institutions, • Training and research hospitals, • Public institutions and organisations, • SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye <p>Project applications from TÜBİTAK institutes will not be funded by TÜBİTAK.</p>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	TÜBİTAK “1071 Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D

	Cooperation” will be implemented. Please follow the rules that will be specified in the national call announcement.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	TÜBİTAK “1071 Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” will be implemented. Please follow the rules that will be specified in the national call announcement.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	In the scope of ARDEB_1071 Support Programme applicants should follow the announcements regarding the call under the official website of TUBITAK (https://tubitak.gov.tr/). Project coordinator, researchers and advisors must be registered to “Researcher Information System (ARBİS)” and their info must be updated. (https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr)
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	In the scope of ARDEB_1071 Support Programme applicants should follow the announcements regarding the call under the official website of TUBITAK (https://tubitak.gov.tr/).
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Not mandatory
Other important information	<p>Maximum funding percentages:</p> <p>Funding Rates Large Enterprises 60% Small and Medium Enterprises 75% Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) 100%</p> <p>Associations without economic activities and NGOs - Not Funded</p>

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