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European Biodiversity Partnership

**Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on
“Restoration of ecosystem functioning, integrity and connectivity
(BiodivConnect)”**

2025-2026 joint Call

Funding Organisations rules

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to the 2025-2026 [Biodiversa+ Call “BiodivConnect”](#).

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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. 9 th , 2025	n/a
V1	Sept. 11 th , 2025	• Bulgaria – BNSF: confirmation of their participation and addition of their funding organisation rules • Brazil – CONFAP: confirmation of their participation and addition of their funding organisation rules. Note that the table listing the details concerning the participating FAPs is still pending and will be added soon. • Germany – DFG & BLFTR/PtJ: update of the rules to specify that in this call, institutes of Forschungszentrum Jülich are not eligible to this call to avoid Col with PtJ as Biodiversa+ partners and therefore cannot apply for funding.

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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)	n.a.
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	450,000.00 €

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. For scientists funded by the FWF, the funding is limited to “project-specific costs, i.e. personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution’s infrastructure, according to the general FWF Funding Guidelines published at Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at) The FWF does not finance infrastructure or basic equipment at research institutions. Overheads may not be requested. Subcontracts must be well justified, i.e. must represent the only or the most economical way to have the work

	performed, please contact the FWF directly for clarification of individual cases
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Researchers are eligible to apply if their publication record over the last five years has been internationally visible and if their current career stage is commensurate with the career progression expected in their field. Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	International – Multilateral Initiatives — FWF And Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at)
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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 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/ This is required already at the pre-registration stage via the programme category “PIK – International Projects preproposal” deadline 10. November 2025, 14:00 CET (local time) For the full proposal stage applicants must choose the programme category “KIN– International Projects” (Deadline 15. April 2026, 14:00 CET (local time)). Both steps are mandatory. All proposals must be submitted using the elane online portal. Project funding is administered through the research institution (PROFI); for this reason, the submission must be approved in the application portal both by the applicant and by the respective research institution before the deadline.
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	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) For information on submitting an application from abroad see the FWF Website at Applying from Abroad — FWF
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	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: Quality assurance: Most relevant in assessing the applicant’s publication record are those publications that have undergone 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.
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Belgium – Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS



CONTACT

Country / Region	Belgium
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mr. Joël GROENEVELD, Head of International Affairs, +32 2 504 9270, joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be 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 III-B, Article 18, 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. • Please note that personnel costs (III-B, Article 18) 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	F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the “Fédération

	Wallonie-Bruxelles”. The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S.-FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/en/financements/credits-et-projets/projets-internationaux-pint#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	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+ BiodivConnect 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?	It is not an obligation, but highly recommended
Other important information	

Belgium – FWO

CONTACT

Country / Region	Belgium/Flanders
Funding Organisation Full name (Acronym)	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Toon Monbaliu (General) 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 amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	Not applicable.
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	Maximum 250.000 EUR per project/consortium (overhead included).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All environments/realms are eligible, if the type of research fits the chosen FWO funding channel.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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). The eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant and respective chosen funding channels regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website: - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO) Or by contacting one of the ‘Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)’ mentioned above. Deviations from the national framework are specified in this national annex.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	○ The FWO foresees a budget of 750.000 EUR, which allows for the funding of at least three projects. ○ 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: ➤ <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.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	!! IMPORTANT !! ○ Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal.

	➤ 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 <u>single online form</u> 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. <u>Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.</u> ○ Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘regular/national’ project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call.
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	○ 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. ○ 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').
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Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Scientific reporting according to the Biodiversa+ call requirements. Financial reporting according to the FWO fundamental research project (FO) or SBO project regulations.
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 – CONFAP

CONTACT

Country / Region	Brazil
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	CONFAP
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Anna Amaral Phone Number not available internacional.confap@gmail.com

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	€ 901,286.00 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)	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	Detailed for each participating State Funding Agency - FAP in item below: “Additional Info”, indicating within the maximum budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Restricted for institutions located in the Brazilian states of the below described FAPs (partners from institutions located in other states can only apply as self-funded partner)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	Specific rules may be published by each participating FAP and can be checked on their websites. Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	CONFAP call website: https://confap.org.br/pt/editais/101/chamada-biodiversa-biodivconnect-2025-2026 Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules: 1. Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br 2. FACEPE: http://www.facepe.br
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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	Verify if the respective FAP requires the submission on its own platform. Verify specific FAP's requirements.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Verify orientations of respective 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?	Not applicable, depends on the consortium's other partners requirements.
Other important information	Brazilian applicants may be supported by the following State Funding Agencies - FAPs, supporting the present call. Applicants based in the States participating to the call should firstly consult their respective FAPs.

	Details on the Brazilian State Funding Agencies supporting the call, including amount of total funding, maximum number of projects (when defined), and contacts in the respective FAPs are available in the table below. *Other FAPs may still confirm their support
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Details on the Brazilian FAPs supporting the Call:

This table is pending and will be uploaded in the coming days

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 <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	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
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	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 <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	Maximum funding (requested budget) per project (Czech part): 170 000 EUR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)* *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	• 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 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. TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise: • against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid • meeting the definition of an “undertaking in difficulty”

	• which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2021, 2022, 2023 in the respective register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík" • which has not disclose its ownership structure in the so-called "Evidence skutečných majitelů" • which will not enter a state of conflict of interests by submitting the pre-proposal Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech candidate in the project is determined based on the type of entity and type of research according to the Regulation (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 80 % of eligible costs. Type of supported research: Applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). For definitions of applied research see the Framework and the Regulation. Czech applicants must comply with the "SIGMA - DC4 (Mezinárodní spolupráce)" programme rules. Relevance to the programme objectives (see Guide for Czech 30 Applicants on TA CR website) is examined as a part of the eligibility check.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• personnel costs (including scholarships) • subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period) • other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expenses, travel costs, consumables) • indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate. Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the General Terms & Conditions.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	For Czech Applicants to be eligible, results of the project must be applicable in the environment of the Czech Republic (Applicability of foreseen project outputs and their employment in the conditions of the Czech Republic will be assessed during the national eligibility check). Eligible projects for TA CR:

	• the project meets the definition of applied research • the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable. (The project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.) • the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA • the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal • the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://tacr.gov.cz/soutez/partnerstvi-pro-biodiverzitu/call-2025-3/ https://tacr.gov.cz/en/biodiversity-partnership/
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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 Czech applicants are requested to submit: • A Sworn statement of the applicant • Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file (submitted by the main Czech applicant only)* • 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) 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 ID: afth9xp). See the details in the “Guide for Czech applicants” on TA CR website.
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	*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.
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 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?	No* *This is subject to change based on the results of step 1.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	<u>Supported results:</u> Projects that achieve at least one of the following types of results can be supported in this Call. The type of the result has to be clearly described in the project proposal: ● P - patent ● G - technically realised results - prototype, functional sample ● Z - pilot plant, proven technology ● R - software ● F - results with legal protection - utility model, industrial design ● 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* 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 <u>Intellectual Property Rights</u>

	The applicants are required to enter into a contract with their foreign partners (sign the so-called Consortium Agreement) which will 33 define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project. <u>Publicity obligations</u> While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR. <u>Project start</u> Please note that following national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project). Czech candidates are obliged to sign an agreement with their foreign partners (i.e. Consortium Agreement), which will define the modalities of cooperation on the project and the distribution of intellectual property rights.
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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

CONTACT

Country / Region	Denmark
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Aila Lonka +45 6190 5036 aila.lonka@innofond.dk Mathias Holm Tveen +45 6190 5073 mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk General mailbox: Internationale@innofond.dk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	2 000 000.00 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50 000 € per partner minimum
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	The maximum funding amount per Danish partner in international projects is 300,000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is 500,000 €.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All Danish organisations directly involved in the project activities are eligible to apply for support from Innovation Fund Denmark. The maximum funding rate for project expenses varies between 35-90% depending on organisation type, please see tables 1-4 in the Guidelines for International Collaborations .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All direct project costs are eligible. For materials/equipment depreciation costs apply. Overheads can only be included for certain participants, please consult tables 1-4 of the guidelines. When applicable, overheads are calculated on all direct costs, excluding subcontracting.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No

Additional specific eligibility rules	Foreign subcontracting requires written approval from IFD.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Guidelines: https://innovationsfonden.dk/sites/default/files/2025-02/01.03.2025%20Guidelines%20International%20Collaborations.pdf IFD's website, FAQ: https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/p/international-collaborations#accordion7920
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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	After the central application deadline IFD will, via our national e-grant platform, invite the Danish applicants to upload mandatory documentation to e-grant. Applicants are not required to submit documentation to IFD beforehand. The invitation is sent approximately 2-4 weeks after the application deadline. Please contact IFD, if you do not receive this invitation. Non-public organisations will be requested to upload a "No undertaking in difficulty declaration" and a 'Financial and legal declaration". In addition, SME's will be required to upload an "SME declaration". If requesting de minimis funding, then a "de minimis aid compliance form" is required. All templates are available at IFD's website.
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	

Estonia – ETAG, MoC, REM

CONTACT

Country / Region	Estonia
Funding Organisation (Acronym)	Estonian Research Council (ETAG), Ministry of Climate (MoC), Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture (REM)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Margit Suuroja +372 731 7360 Margit.Suuroja@etag.ee Raili Allmäe +372 626 2949 Raili.Allmae@kliimaministeerium.ee Maarja Malm +372 625 6250 Maarja.Malm@agri.ee

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	550 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	- max. 150 000 EUR per project if the coordinating partner is not Estonian - max. 300 000 EUR per project in case of Estonian coordination.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. After the preproposal deadline and upon the notice from the Funding Organisations, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisations in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.

	The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The Principal Investigator: 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application at the latest; 3. must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report.
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	If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Direct costs 1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs. Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills,

	copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Research Council. If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed. The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out. 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. By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Full National Eligibility Criteria: https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_aprill-2025.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
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Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Financial reports are required as well yearly and end-term scientific reports.
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 per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50,000
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	100,000

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	

France – ANR

CONTACT

Country / Region	France
Funding Organisation (Acronym)	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) https://anr.fr/
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Céline BILLIERE and Clara Superbie, <i>Scientific project officers</i> biodiversa.cs@agencerecherche.fr

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)	Minimum 15 000 € per ANR's beneficiary
Minimum and/or maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	- Up to 280 000 € per project - Up to 300 000€ per project in case the coordinator is a French partner requesting funding to ANR These thresholds are independent of the number of ANR's beneficiaries. Overheads should be included in the requested budget. Please consult the "Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d'attribution des aides à coûts réels de l'ANR" about the applicable overheads rate (https://anr.fr/fr/rf/)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (No restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a Beneficiary institution	To be eligible for ANR funds, the consortium must include at least one French public research organisation (i.e., EPA, EPSCP, EPST or EPIC). 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. As a preliminary check, private entities can simulate their financial health using the following Excel form: Simulation-financement-ANR-EED-2021.xls Please consult the documents called « Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR à l'appel à projets BiodivConnect » (downloadable from the ANR's call webpage) and "Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d'attribution des aides à coûts réels de l'ANR" (https://anr.fr/fr/rf/) for all details regarding the national eligibility rules and participation modalities. Nota Bene: • EPA, EPSCP and EPST are always funded at 100% of marginal cost;

	• EPICs are funded at: ○ 100% of marginal costs when categorised as “research and knowledge dissemination organizations” (rkdo) ○ 50% of full cost when categorised as rkdo but the consortium includes a commercial company
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please refer to the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR” (https://anr.fr/fr/rf/)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Please read the “Règlement financier relatif aux modalités d’attribution des aides à coûts réels de l’ANR” (https://anr.fr/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 BiodivConnect ”, (downloadable from the ANR’s call webpage)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	ANR’s webpage of the call: https://anr.fr/fr/detail/call/biodivconnect-restauration-de-la-fonctionnalite-de-lintegrite-et-de-la-connectivite-des-ecosyste/ ANR’s financial regulation: (https://anr.fr/fr/rf/)
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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 à coûts réels de l’ANR” (https://anr.fr/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?	The consortium agreement might 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, as well as partners from Ukrainian territories that are not under the control of the Ukrainian government. 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. In keeping with the national PPST policy (Protection of the scientific and technologic potential of France) applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defence officer, where available) on their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD may cause ANR to reject the proposal. 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 BiodivConnect", (downloadable from the ANR's call webpage) and the document called "REGLEMENT FINANCIER relatif aux modalités d'attribution des aides de l'ANR" which can be downloaded here: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
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Germany – DFG & BMFTR/PtJ



CONTACT

Country / Region	Germany	
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) https://www.dfg.de/	Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR) www.BMFTR.de Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH – Projektträger Jülich (PtJ) https://www.ptj.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 Stephanie Saal +49 228 885-2918 stephanie.saal@dfg.de	Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH, Projektträger Jülich (PtJ) Saskia Wohlgemuth +49 30 20199-3312 Stefanie Pietsch +49 30 20199-3152 ptj-biodiversa@fz-juelich.de

Who is addressed by this information?

This document contains details of specific requirements for applicants submitting a proposal for *DFG* or *BMFTR / PtJ* 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 BMFTR / PtJ) 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 funding proposals submitted to a German research funding organisation and eligible for DFG or BMFTR / PtJ 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 be submitted to the DFG via the [DFG elan portal](#) by 19 April 2026 at the latest. **Only in those (rare) cases where applicants have been informed** after the eligibility check of step 1 that they should not submit via elan - usually because they are not eligible to submit proposals to the DFG - they have to submit their full proposal to BMFTR / PtJ via [easy Online](#) in the funding portal of the

German Federal Government (only upon request by PtJ, after selection of proposals for funding).

- Funding decision:

In case of a funding recommendation by Biodiversa+ and eligibility for funding by the DFG and the BMFTR, the two funding organisations will jointly decide which organisation will fund a project. For some applicants it may therefore be necessary to submit their full proposal via the DFG's elan portal and subsequently via easy Online.

Technical advice

- Submission via the EPSS portal of Biodiversa+: pre-proposals and full proposals

The cost calculation for pre-proposals and full proposals must be carried out in the EPSS applications in accordance with the BMFTR funding guidelines.

Please specify in the application form in EPSS under "Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget" the staff you wish to apply for, e.g. 1 PhD, 36 months, 65%; student and research assistants: €5,000.

- Submission via the DFG's electronic proposal processing system (elan): only full proposals

Please note that prior to submission of the full proposal to the DFG, applicants must be registered in the elan system. Registration in elan is required no later than three weeks prior to 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 "BiodivConnect 2025/2026"

More detailed information on how to submit a proposal under the BiodivConnect call is available on [DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+](#). Since there are certain peculiarities to be considered when submitting a proposal under the BiodivConnect call, please ensure to check this information before starting the proposal submission even if you are familiar with the elan system.

Calculation of costs in EPSS and elan

Personnel costs (Post doc, PhD etc.): Please note that the calculation of personnel costs differs between the DFG (see DFG [form 60.12 "DFG Personnel Rates"](#)) and [BMFTR funding guidelines, as both are based on different average rates. In elan, the same personnel categories with duration and percentage must be selected as those requested in the EPSS, e.g. in both portals one PhD position \(= Doctoral Researcher or Comparable\) for 36 months and 65%.](#)

Miscellaneous staff, direct project costs, instrumentation: These costs must be applied for in identical amounts in EPSS and elan. The names of these costs in EPSS differ in some cases from those in elan. Subcontracting costs (EPSS) should be applied for in elan under other costs. For all other costs, it is sufficient to select a suitable category in elan at your best discretion; it should therefore not be necessary to contact the DFG Head Office for clarification.

[In consequence, the total amounts \(excluding overheads\) in EPSS and elan differ if personnel have been requested. In some cases, this will result in elan in a total amount exceeding €210,000 \(excluding overheads\). This is permitted, provided that the funds from EPSS have been correctly](#)

[transferred to elan.](#)

- Submission via easy Online in the funding portal of the German Federal Government for BMFTR / PtJ

Please select as follows:

- “New form” (*Neues Formular*)
- Under the relevant funding ministry “BMFTR”, select “Fördermaßnahme” and “BiodivConnect” 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>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

	DFG	BMFTR/PtJ
Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	€1,500,000	€ 2,000,000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	De minimis limit of € 350 per applicant	€ 50,000 per partner
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Regulations for consortia with one German partner:	
	Maximum amount: €210,000 per project, excl. overheads or other flat rates in EPSS, calculated in accordance with BMFTR funding guidelines.	
	The maximum amount refers to the sum of all costs applied for by all researchers and partners seeking German funding for a project, excl. overhead costs.	
	Maximum budget including overheads:	
	No maximum amount of funding incl. overheads (= Programmpauschale) has to be considered, as overheads will be calculated automatically in case of funding in accordance with DFG rates applicable at the time of the grant.	The maximum amount of funding incl. overheads or other flat rates (total funding amount) for research institutions who apply for a grant on a cost basis should not exceed € 250,000 per project. Please consider that no cost overrun will be allowed.
	Regulations for consortia with several German partners:	

	The number of partners from Germany in a consortium is not limited; the budget may be divided among them as desired, however, the total amount may not exceed the maximum. Please note that consortia recommended for funding with partners from companies, SMEs, municipalities, authorities, civil society organisations will typically be funded by the BMFTR and not by the DFG. Consortia will be informed if submission of their full proposal via elan is therefore not required.	Up to two German partners in a consortium are eligible. The prerequisite for two German partners in a consortium is that at least one partner can be classified as a stakeholder or end-user (e. g. companies, SMEs, municipalities, authorities, civil society organisations, etc.). If there is no German stakeholder or end-user in the consortium, only one German partner per consortium can participate - either as a coordinator or partner. The distribution of funds between the partners is left up to them but has to consider the minimum amount of funding per awarded partner. In the case of two partners per project please also consider the maximum amount of funding. No cost overrun will be allowed. The maximum amount of funding incl. overheads or other flat rates (total funding amount) for partners, which can be classified as a stakeholder or end-user (e. g. companies, SMEs, municipalities, authorities, civil society organisations, etc.) is limited to € 150,000.
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GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	DFG	BMFTR/PtJ
Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Please note that Institutes of Forschungszentrum Jülich are not eligible to this call to avoid any Col with PtJ as a Biodiversa+ partner and therefore cannot apply for funding.	
	Qualified researchers (as a rule, those holding a doctorate) working in any	Applications may be submitted by German institutions of higher education and non-

	discipline at a German research institution are eligible for funding. In the case of researchers who are employed at one of the institutes or member organisations of the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer, 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 organisations located in Germany, please note that the duty to cooperate does not apply to this call. (<i>“Es gilt keine Kooperationspflicht.”</i>) 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. Important: 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). Furthermore, a collaboration agreement must be concluded between the scientific and the commercial	university research institutions as well as by commercial companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SME), which are headquartered and exploit their results primarily in Germany. Also local authorities, non-profit organizations or associations are eligible for funding. Individual persons are not eligible for funding.
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	partners. The “Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (2022/C 414/01)” must be taken into account. We recommend using the DFG model agreement (cf. DFG form 41.026). As an alternative, the DESCA Model-Consortium Agreement can be used; however, it should be noted that with regard to the granting of rights of use to the work results achieved by the respective funding recipient in the funded project – at least in the case of the granting of rights of use to commercial partners for the purpose of exploiting their own work results from the project - so-called fair and reasonable conditions are to be agreed upon, namely by agreeing on the so-called financial terms variant (see section 9.4.1 Option 1 of the DESCA model contract in conjunction with Annex 5 of the Annotated Grant Agreement (Specific Rules on IPR)). In principle, the market value of the work results achieved by the funding recipient should be taken as a basis.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Subcontracting is possible according to the general rules for research grants (for details see DFG form 52.01).	Eligible costs can be applied for personnel cost, travel cost, sub-contracting, equipment, consumables, overheads (not

		included: building investments). Please consider the BMFTR guidelines when calculating personnel costs. Grants will be awarded in accordance with BMFTR funding regulations, sections 23 and 44 of the "Bundeshaushaltsordnung" (BHO), associated administrative regulations as well as the BMFTR "Guidelines for Grant Applications on an Expenditure Basis (AZA)" and/or "Guidelines for Grant Applications on a Cost Basis (AZK)". All forms and guidelines are available on the federal funding portal ("Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes"). 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). Please note that applicants from non-university institutions determine their own respective project allowances (i.e. "Gemeinkosten", "Infrastrukturpauschale" etc.). These may differ significantly from the rates for overheads ("Projektpauschale") for universities. Please include these project allowances and overheads respectively within the requested funding sum, but take into account that the maximum funding amount per project is not exceeded.
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		Universities may use the AZAP form and apply for 20 % of direct costs as project allowance / overheads within the easy Online form. Subcontracting: To EU countries: Possible. To non-EU countries: 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 BMFTR does not fund subcontracted teams from industrial countries or emerging economies such as China, Brazil, etc.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes	Please check the respective form within the federal funding portal for more details.
Additional specific eligibility rules	Applicants have to commit especially to Annex 5 of the Horizon Europe Annotated Grant Agreement: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf	Up to two German partners in a consortium are eligible (conditions see above). 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.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	DFG - Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft - BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+	BMFTR – Biodiversa+

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

	DFG	BMFTR/PtJ
Submission of the pre-proposal and full proposal, and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level	Please select both German funding organisations in Biodiversa+’s EPSS, regardless of which one might fund your project. The cost calculation for pre-proposals and full proposals must be carried out in the EPSS applications in accordance with the BMFTR funding guidelines. Pre-proposals: Submit pre-proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat only. No documents or information are required for the pre-proposal stage at national level. However, specification of staff in the EPSS under „Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget” is required, e.g. 1 PhD 36 months, 65%; student and research assistants: € 5,000. Full proposals: Full proposals must be submitted to the DFG via the DFG’s elan portal. Only in (rare) cases where applicants have been informed that they should not submit via elan - usually because they are not eligible to apply to the DFG - they have to submit their full proposal to BMFTR / PtJ via easy Online in the funding portal of the German Federal Government (only upon request by PtJ, after selection of proposals for funding). The deadline for submission to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat must be strictly observed. The mandatory deadline for submission to the DFG is 19 April 2026. For more information, see DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+ (“Elan Instructions and FAQs for German Applicants” is available for the full proposal stage). The mandatory deadline for submission to BMFTR/PtJ will be communicated in due time after the funding decision.	
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Financial reports: It is mandatory to submit a final financial report by the deadline as well as interim 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 grants. Scientific reports: Scientific reports have to be submitted to	National rules apply for the provision of financial and scientific reports. Further information and templates are available on the federal funding portal.

	Biodiversa+ only. This will fulfil all scientific reporting obligations to the DFG.	
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	It is generally possible to replace a German partner who is no longer available, provided the new partner is eligible for funding; please inform DFG and PtJ as soon as possible. An extension of the consortium by a German partner has to be approved by the DFG and the PtJ and can be rejected if the German funders are among the oversubscribed institutions after step 1.	
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	The DFG expects a consortium agreement to be concluded between all consortium members at the start of the project (e.g. DESCAs Model Consortium Agreement).	BMFTR/PtJ expects a consortium agreement to be concluded between all consortium members at the start of the project. The information about the agreement (not the agreement itself) has to be submitted four months after project start at the latest. An email containing this information is sufficient (no specific form necessary).
Other important information	Privacy Policy: Please note the DFG's Privacy Policy for research funding, which can be viewed and downloaded at https://www.dfg.de/en/service/privacy-policy If necessary, please forward this information to those persons whose data the DFG will process due to their involvement in your project.	Statement on Data Protection: This statement on data protection provides you with detailed 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.

Greece – GSRI (pending)

Hungary – NKFIH

CONTACT

Country / Region	Hungary
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal (NKFIH)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Tamás Kállay +36 70 504 8631 tamas.kallay@nkfih.gov.hu

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	EUR 250.000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	EUR 125.000 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Institution of higher education, Other budgetary research institution, Other budgetary institution (outside education or research), Enterprise-based research organisation, Enterprise (non-research type), Non-profit research organisation, Other non-profit organisation (outside research), HUN-REN Hungarian Research Network
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible cost types include: personnel, travelling, consumables, equipment, subcontracting costs, overheads. Maximum eligible personnel costs: - for research and development staff: 1,650,000 HUF/person/month - for technical support staff: 770,000 HUF/person/month In the case of activities supporting a research and development project (Project coordination activities; Publication costs, APC fee; Industrial property rights activities; Market access activities; General costs; Exhibition/conference fees), a maximum of 20% of the total eligible costs, (excluding subcontracting), can be claimed per consortium member. In the case of travel-related costs, a maximum of 5% of the total eligible costs can be claimed per consortium member.

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	<u>Yes/No</u>
Additional specific eligibility rules	-

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	Applicants are requested to submit national level proposals following the selection of an international full proposal at the selection meeting.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	The applicant is responsible for submitting the project's professional and financial report in a timely manner and in accordance with the requirements; the conditions, method and deadline are determined by the grant document/grant contract and its annexes.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	<u>Yes/No</u>
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	<u>Yes/No</u>
Other important information	-

Iceland – Rannis (pending)

IRELAND – EPA

CONTACT

Country / Region	Ireland
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Caroline Wynne (research@epa.ie)

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	560,000.00 EUR <i>(up to a total of 700,000 EUR available for Irish partners when EC Top-up included)</i> <i>This includes a contribution of up to €300,000 from the National Parks and Wildlife Services.</i>
Maximum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	• €350,000 if the Irish participant is coordinating a consortium submitting a proposal • €200,000 if the Irish participant is a partner in a consortium submitting a proposal • Limit of 1 Irish participating organisation <u>requesting budget</u> from the EPA per consortium submitting a proposal

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	1. Terrestrial 2. Inland water (river, lake, groundwater and transitional waterbodies) 3. Coastal (as per EU Water Framework Directive Article 2(7))
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	For the purpose of this call, eligible institutions must be located in the Republic of Ireland. For more details on eligibility to apply for EPA funding and corresponding funding rates, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	For more details including eligible costs and funding rates, please refer to the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	NA

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.epa.ie/publications/research/current-call-documents/epa-research-programme-2021-2030-guidelines-and-terms--conditions.php
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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	There is no requirement for Irish applicants to send the EPA any paperwork related to their submission in advance of the call deadline. Applicants are advised to carefully read the National Regulations and to review the Biodiversa+ call document, particularly with regard to requirements relating to changes to the budget or consortium after submission.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Should the proposal be successful and the project awarded, the Irish participant requesting budget from the EPA will have to comply with EPA's interim and final reporting requirements and funding rules, as defined in the EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes. Applicants should contact the EPA before making any such changes to ensure all EPA eligibility requirements are satisfied. Please note that it is the applicant's responsibility to ensure any other requirements set out in the call documentation are met.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	All queries regarding this call should be directed to the EPA. No queries relating to the scope of the proposal will be answered. Should the proposal be successful and the project awarded, the Irish participant requesting budget from the EPA will be required to create an application and upload relevant information to the EPA's Online Grants Management System. This will include a review of the budget requested from the EPA for compliance with our funding rules, as defined in the

	<u>EPA Research Programme 2021-2030 Guidelines and Terms & Conditions.</u>
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Israel – MoEP

CONTACT

Country / Region	ISRAEL
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP)
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)	120,000€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	No minimum amount
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	120,000€

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/bio-div-connect
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, unless exempted according to Israeli law
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/bio-div-connect
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.gov.il/he/pages/bio-div-connect
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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 to the Ministry according to the guidelines published in the Ministry's designated Call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/bio-div-connect
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/bio-div-connect
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No, unless MoEP will be one of the undersubscribed funding organizations. In that case the Ministry will publish an additional national call and partners will need to submit documents to the Ministry according to the dedicated call for proposals: https://www.gov.il/he/pages/widening-option 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 / Autonomous Province of Bolzano – 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 Laura.Cherchi@provincia.bz.it Or Secretariat (+39) 0471 413726 ricerca@provincia.bz.it

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	350.000,00
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (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://innovation-forschung.provinz.bz.it/de/beihilfen-ausschreibungen and https://innovazione-ricerca.provincia.bz.it/it/agevolazioni-bandi
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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	1st step: South Tyrolian partners have to provide an additional budget divided into the Joint Project’s 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. 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 office within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals. 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.
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	In case of purchase of equipment with a net unit value over 5.000,00 euros, at least a quotation must be submitted as well. Changes of the budget incurred between the pre-proposal and the final proposal must be approved by the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen before the submission on the portal EPSS.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	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. 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
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes 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 • a provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese – Zeit-und Kostenplan”) • at least a quotation, in case of purchase of equipment with a net unit value over 5.000,00 euros (VAT excluded) per item. I
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 to the project coordinator.

	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 Changes of the budget incurred between the pre-proposal and the final proposal must be approved by the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen before the submission on the portal EPSS. Please, note: due to administrative constraints, projects can’t start before January 1st, 2027 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.
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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 EUR)	600 000
Minimum amount of funding <u>per awarded partner or project</u> (in EUR)	n/a
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	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: - 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 Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. 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. A maximum of two participants from Latvia can take part in the project. Project subcontracting costs should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Latvia. costs. 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).
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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).

Lithuania – LMT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Lithuania
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)
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
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	150 000 partner 200 000 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/euopos-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)	Mrs Natalia Bolocan (373) 22 29 28 26 natalia.bolocan@ancd.gov.md Ms Iana Tihon (373) 22 27 27 91 iana.tihon@ancd.gov.md

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

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

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	Terrestrial, Marine, Coastal, Freshwater
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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. 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. Project proposals where certain activities have already received or are in the process of receiving funding from other sources will not be eligible.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Applicants can apply for the following types of costs under their project proposals: - Personnel Costs: This includes the remuneration of research team members, which must comply with public sector salary regulations and legislative frameworks. Salaries for administrative, financial, and technical staff – up to 5%. - 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. 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. Non-eligible Costs: - Costs related to the maintenance and development of public research infrastructure used in the project. 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.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	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. Each project should involve experienced scientists, doctoral students, or master's students relevant to the research topic. A person cannot serve as a project leader for

	more than one proposal within the same competition to avoid conflicts of interest and ensure fair leadership distribution. 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. 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. 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. 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.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.ancd.gov.md/ro
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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 Early November, 2025, and Full proposal by Early April, 2026
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?	No
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 +31 (0) 703494071 biodiversa@nwo.nl

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	3,000,000 For this call, the budget for the Kingdom of the Netherlands is brought together by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN).
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Min. 50,000 / project
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	Max. 325,000 / project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	An application for funding from NWO may consider the following roles: - National main applicant (mandatory): the applicant who leads the application to NWO and is the foreseen national project leader, in case a project is granted. - National co-applicant (optional): national applicants in addition to the national main applicant with an active role and responsibility in realising the project and requesting funding from NWO. National main applicants Researchers may submit an application as a national main applicant 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 research organisations: - universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS) as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education

	and Scientific Research Act and universities listed in the Policy Rules for Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; - university medical centres by which is meant academic hospitals as referred to in Article 1.13 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act; - institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; - TO2 institutions; - Netherlands Cancer Institute; - the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; - Naturalis Biodiversity Center; - Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); - Princess Máxima Center. *Professors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a main national applicant 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) 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. Such a statement should be submitted in the full proposal stage.
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	The main national applicant employed by a university of applied sciences or TO2 institute whose employment ends before the intended completion date of the project for which the grant is being applied for must also attach such a statement. Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested. National co-applicants Researchers interested to apply as a national co-applicant, i.e. together with a national main applicant, may submit as a national co-applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of to the research organisations listed under ‘National main applicants’ or at other research organisations as referred to in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that meet the following cumulative conditions: - be established in the Netherlands; - be a foundation, association or legal entity governed by public law (“publiekrechtelijke rechtspersoon”); - have as its primary goal the independent conduct of its own fundamental research or industrial research or with widely disseminating the results of those activities through teaching, publications or knowledge transfer; - be able to state that the organisation keeps separate accounts with regard to economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results. Please note: Prior to the submission of an application, NWO assesses on the basis of the above-mentioned conditions whether an organisation complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024
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	and may therefore participate as a national co-applicant. NWO performs this assessment to preclude the granting of prohibited state aid. The organisation of the prospective national co-applicant must provide the following documents no less than 10 working days prior to the submission deadline for pre-proposals (meaning no later than 24 October 2025, 12:00:00 CET) by email to biodiversa@nwo.nl: - a recent extract from the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce; - the deed of incorporation or current articles of association; - the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an audit statement¹; - the completed form 'Declaration research organisation', available on the funding page of this Call for proposals on the NWO website. Other relevant documentation may be added. NWO may request additional information if the above documents are not sufficiently conclusive to determine whether the organisation may act as a national co-applicant. If the organisation of the prospective national co-applicant does not submit the necessary documents for this assessment in time, NWO cannot accept the organisation as a national co-applicant. If the addition of new co-applicants to the consortium is allowed in the full proposal and these new co-applicants are not affiliated to a research organisation listed above, these conditions will also be checked for this organisation/these organisations. The documents listed above as a requirement in the pre-proposal stage must then be submitted by email no less than 10 working days before the submission deadline for full proposals (meaning no later than 4 April 2026, 12:00:00 CEST).
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¹ Organisations that are not legally obliged to have their annual accounts audited do not need to provide such an auditor's statement. They must however be able to demonstrate that this legal requirement is not applicable to the organisation concerned.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	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. The available budget modules are listed below: Personnel - Personnel at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 salary costs can be claimed for the following positions: ○ Postdoc: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates, a benchfee is available; ○ Research leave: max. 5% of the grant amount, according to UNL or NFU rates. - Personnel of universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and other research organisations using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 'average total salary cost per salary scale', column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT'; - Students: according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates, may be added to material costs Material: for project-specific material costs, up to 25% of the grant amount. Subsequently, up to 50% of the material budget can be used for work by third parties; Knowledge utilisation²: for activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research following the Impact Plan approach, mandatory 5-20% of the grant amount; Project management: up to 5% of the grant amount. Please note the following:
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² All activities applied for under this budget module must fit within the definition of "Knowledge Transfer Activities" used by the European Commission in the Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (OJEU 2022, C 414).

	- PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. - NWO funds project-related costs. Therefore overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding. - The budget items “fellowships”, “overheads”, “equipment” and “subcontracting costs” in the Biodiversa+ format are not eligible for NWO funding. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and eligible costs can be found on the funding page on the NWO website. It is <u>recommended</u> to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items. For full proposals, it is <u>mandatory</u> to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO at the time of the transnational deadline. Please submit it to biodiversa@nwo.nl. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions via the aforementioned email address.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for scientific and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed. A researcher may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals, either as main applicant or co-applicant within an application for NWO funding. Researchers employed at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 may not apply for a scientific or post-doc position for themselves.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Full details for project funding in this call and relevant forms are available on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/biodiversa For full details of the general NWO funding process: https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/funding+process+explained
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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 required to submit a <u>mandatory</u> NWO budget form by the deadline for full proposals. The completed budget form can be submitted to NWO via biodiversa@nwo.nl .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO. Granted consortia will be informed in due time.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	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.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes, funded researchers must submit a consortium agreement to NWO. Consortia to be funded will be informed by NWO.
Other important information	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 by Biodiversa+. The NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid. Once proposals are selected for funding, the consortia will be notified by the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO.

	As stipulated in the NWO Grant Rules, Article 3.2, paragraph 2, the project cannot start until the conditions set out in the grant award decision regarding the start of the project are met. Please note, these conditions will include a signed Consortium agreement by all partners in the transnational project. 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: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection. NWO will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The UNL/NFU/HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose.
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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)	2,200,000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	N/A
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	Maximum funding from RCN is 275.000 € 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/en/)
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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.
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	The participation including the budget must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions .

	for Research projects or for R&D Projects. The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals – November 2025. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency (europa.eu) 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. 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 services on a given market. The state aid rules allow the Research Council to provide funding to partners that are registered in the Norwegian Register of Business Enterprises and have economic activity in Norway. How much can be awarded depends on the size of the enterprise and the type of research that is carried out. The following applies to this call:
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	• Small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs according to the EU definition) that are considered enterprises within the meaning of state aid law can receive support of up to 50 per cent of their costs in the project. The support may be used to cover costs authorised by Article 25 of the GBER. Please note that under this call, funding is only awarded that corresponds to the level of support for industrial research (IF), even if the company(s) are involved in basic research in the project. • Large companies are encouraged to participate as partners, but must cover all their costs in the project. • Public organisations can apply for up to 100 per cent support. If a public sector organisation is to be regarded as an undertaking for the purposes of state aid, the conditions set out in the call for proposals for support for SMEs and large enterprises apply. 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.
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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 <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	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: • 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; • 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 – FCT (pending)

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)	Adrian Asanica, Expert UEFISCDI Tel: +40744.45.00.11 E-mail: adrian.asanica@uefiscdi.ro Luciana Bratu, Head of International Relations and Implementation Projects, UEFISCDI Tel: +40 21 307 19 87 Email: luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro Andreea Popa, Expert UEFISCDI Tel: +40 21 307 19 91 Email: andreea.popa@uefiscdi.ro

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)	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250,000€ if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project; The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200,000€ if Romania is partner in the transnational project.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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 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	The following categories of expenses are eligible: A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force); B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar); C. Equipment (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget; D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget); E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members); 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. 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.
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 – CVTI SR (SCSTI)

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovakia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR) / <i>Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCSTI)</i>
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Magdaléna Švorcová +421 917 733 493 magdalena.svorcova@cvtisr.sk Erika Jankajová +421 904 859 228 erika.jankajova@cvtisr.sk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1 200 000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	100 000 €
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 400 000 €. The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two Slovak partners, is 800 000 €. CVTI SR anticipates funding of ca. 3-5 projects, given the maximum commitment of 1 200 000 €

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation. - Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector) - Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes) - Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions)

	- Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities - Non-governmental non-profit organizations - Cluster organizations
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project; - Costs of instruments and equipment - Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project; General eligibility rule: All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with: - Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation - The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia; - Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, if it cannot be deducted. Inclusion of VAT in the budget depends on the VAT status of the applicant. If the organisation (e.g., university, association, etc.) is not able to recover VAT, then VAT

	should be included in the budget. If VAT is deductible, it should be excluded from the project budget figures.
Additional specific eligibility rules	The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments in Slovakia. All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with CVTI SR by the end of 2029.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.cvtisr.sk All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals.
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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	Submission of pre-proposal: Submit pre-proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat only. Submission of full proposal: After having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both Biodiversa+ and CVTI SR, including the specific requirements of Programme Slovakia and other applicable national rules.
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	All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals.

	As previously mentioned, after having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform. The final formal funding decision is made by CVTI SR and only after the project was recommended for funding by the Partnership. All funded Slovak entities must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027. <u>Relevant national documents:</u> Programme Slovakia, Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia. Useful links: Programme Slovakia SK RIS3 2021+ Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027
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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 zuzana.panisova@urad.sav.sk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	360 000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	120 000 €

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All SAS research institutes
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	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	The PI should be affiliated with more than 50% FTE at the respective research institute

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Pravidla-pre-schvalovanie-vyskumnych-projektov-MVTS-financovanych-zo-zdrojov-SAV_11-Nov-2021-1.pdf https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udelovanie-grantov-SAV-na-medzinarodne-vyskumne-projekty-platne-na-vyzvy-zverejnene-od-1.12.2023.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	Financial and scientific yearly reports are requested during the project implementation
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	

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	“Research organisations”, as defined in the ZZrID, are eligible for co-funding. All participating organisations must be registered in the register of research organisations of the Public Agency for Scientific Research and Innovation of the Republic of Slovenia (Slovenian Current Research Information System, hereinafter: the SICRIS). The eligibility of the research leader and other members of the research team: The project activities of each Slovenian partner must be supervised by a research leader who fulfils the conditions for a project leader as defined in paragraph one of Article 63 of the ZzrID. Regarding the definition of internationally comparable research outputs, the criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for the management of a research project or programme of 22 May 2024 are available at ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Kriteriji za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja izkazovanja mednarodno primerljivih raziskovalnih rezultatov in obdobje zajema mednarodno primerljivih raziskovalnih dosežkov za vodje raziskovalnega projekta ali programa. All participating researchers must be registered in the SICRIS and have available research hours.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The total funding requested per project for all Slovenian partners within a consortium may not exceed EUR 300,000.00 for the entire duration of the project. 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 <i>Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence</i> (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) (available at: Partnerstva Navodila za prijavitelje in upravicence Verzija 1-0.pdf) In the event of the application of the Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers, costs will be planned in accordance with the provisions of this Annex. Public expenditure eligibility period: from the financial year 2027, until the end of the financial year 2030. Project expenditure eligibility period: From the start date of the transnational project, as specified in the National Documentation for the duration of the project, with the prescribed additional 30-day deadline for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The project expenditure eligibility period starts after the entry into force of the consortium agreement between the selected consortium partners from the date on which the national co-funding contract enters into force. The co-funding contract enters into force on the date of the fulfilment of the suspensive condition, i.e. on the date of the conclusion/signing of the consortium agreement. The consortium agreement shall be deemed to be signed when the last signatory party signs it. If the consortium agreement is not signed at the latest within one year from the date of the start of the project (as specified in the national documentation), the contract between the parties shall not enter into force and therefore no rights and obligations shall arise between them. In this case, the contracting party cannot demand performance from the counterparty as agreed in the above-mentioned contract. As from the date of the entry into force of the contract, the eligible person shall be entitled to the payment of eligible costs and expenses incurred by it as a result of the implementation of the project from the date of the start of the project.
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	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 organisations whose funded activity is commercial in accordance with the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation, the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27.6.2014) and the national scheme for State aid for research and development (the Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation 2022-2030, as amended, published at: Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf), the maximum co-funding for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research rates shall be as follows: - Large enterprises 65 %, - Medium enterprises 75 % - Small Enterprises 80 % - Universities and research organisations 100 %
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Eligible type of research and TRL: basic/applied – for Slovenian partner TRL range: 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section). Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30-day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MVZI and the selected Slovenian partner. Period of eligibility of public expenditures: As of budgetary year 2025 until the end of the budgetary year 2029.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	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:
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	Najava petega javnega razpisa sofinanciranega evropskega partnerstva za biodiverzitetu GOV.SI
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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	Applicants must submit the transnational application in accordance with the instructions and deadlines set out in the joint transnational call for tender. The submission of an application at the national level is not foreseen. All information necessary to establish the eligibility for the co-funding of Slovenian applicants must be evident from the duly submitted transnational project application. The national contracting procedure will start once the projects are proposed for co-funding at the level of the transnational call for tenders. The national documentation submitted, including evidence of the start date of the transnational project, will be a prerequisite for the signature of the contract at the national level (a draft contract is annexed to the <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/). Legal basis: - State Administration Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 113/05 – official consolidated version, 89/07 – Constitutional Court Decision, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10 – ZUP-G, 8/12 – ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 and 18/23; hereinafter: ZDU-1); - Public Finance Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 11/11 – official consolidated text, 14/13 – corr., 101/13, 55/15 – ZFisP, 96/15 – ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – Constitutional Court Decision, 18/23 – ZDU-10 and 76/23, hereinafter: ZJF);

- Scientific Research and Innovation Activity Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 186/21 and 40/23, hereinafter: ZZrID);
- Rules on co-funding scientific research activities (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 69/23);
- Rules determining special projects of national importance and the regulatory framework for the determination of salaries for researchers (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 126/23);
- Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2025 and 2026 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos [104/24](#));
- Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2025 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos [123/23](#) and Nos [104/24](#)), Budget of the Republic of Slovenia for 2026 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos [104/24](#));
- Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 69/11 – official consolidated text, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb and 16/23-ZZPri);
- Personal Data Protection Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 163/22; hereinafter: ZVOP-2);
- Trade Secrets Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 22/19, hereinafter: ZPosS);
- Public Procurement Act (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – Constitutional Court Decision, 100/22 – ZNUZSZS, 28/23 and 88/23 – ZOPNN-F, hereinafter: ZJN-3);
- Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 49/22);
- Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], Nos 35/22, 144/22 and 79/23);
- The criteria for determining the achievement of internationally comparable research results and the period covering internationally comparable research achievements for research project or programme leaders, effective from 22 May 2024 (available at <https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj24.asp>);
- Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (2014/C 198/01);
- Programme of collaborative research and development and other projects subject to State aid from the Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation 2022-2030, available at: [Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf](#));
- Decree on the implementation of scientific research work in accordance with the principles of open science (Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia [Uradni list RS], No 59/23);
- Open Science Action Plan for the implementation of Action 6.2: Open science to improve the quality, efficiency and responsiveness of research in the framework of the Resolution on the Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2030 of 31 May 2023, No 63100-1/2023/5 (available at: https://www.arrs.si/sl/dostop/inc/24/Akcijski_nacrt_odprta%20znanost.pdf)

Further guidance:

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

All Slovenian applicants should refer to the information published on the call for tenders at the following website:

<https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/>

	For more detailed explanations, please refer 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/).
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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)	Patricia Vera Bravo Esther Chacón era-medioambiente@aei.gob.es Raquel Sancho Rovira Carmen Gutiérrez Javier Remiro biodiversa@fundacion-biodiversidad.es All enquiries should be addressed to both Funding organisations	

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€
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)		
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	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. DIRECT COSTS: • 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 •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.

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	The eligible entities for the FB funding are: Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological

	centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI 2025-1 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. Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example mixed centres). Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified. Although private enterprises are not funded by 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	centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain). 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). Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified. Although private enterprises are not funded by 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.
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	sector. The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD. PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2025-1 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 Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes. 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): • 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.	The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD. PIs must be eligible according to PCI -2025-1 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 Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2024-2027, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes. 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): • 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.
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	• 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, 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 proposals The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls. 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.	• 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, 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 proposals. The FB will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls. 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.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, 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.	• Only personnel costs for exclusive dedication to the project are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs • Direct costs such as current costs, 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 subcontracting costs). • 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. • Note that subcontracting costs can be up to 25% of the total amount granted.	• Overheads (25% of direct costs, including the subcontracting costs). • 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. • Note that subcontracting costs can be up to 25% of the total amount granted.
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-2025-1 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	• Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: YES IMPORTANT and NEW! Submission of proposals at the AEI: Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of	• Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: YES IMPORTANT and NEW! Submission of proposals at the AEI: Within one week after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI must include a copy of

completed at the national/regional Level	the international joint pre-proposal, and the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>” (see Word document on the AEI website). link to the AEI application system to upload these documents: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ • Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO 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. Instrument for funding the Spanish groups: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)”.The requirements of PCI-2025-1 will apply. Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2025-1 and especially the PCI Requirements document. 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.	the international joint pre-proposal, and the “<u>Declaración responsable del investigador principal</u>” (see Word document on the AEI website). link to the AEI application system to upload these documents: https://aplicaciones.ciencia.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/ • Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO 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. Instrument for funding the Spanish groups: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)”.The requirements of PCI-2025-1 will apply. Applicants are strongly advised encouraged to carefully read the call text of the PCI 2025-1 and especially the PCI Requirements document. 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.
Submission of financial and scientific	YES	YES

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?	NO. This possibility may only be considered by the AEI/FB in the exceptional event of low participation from Spanish partners in Step 1. Spanish applicants are invited to contact AEI and FB contact points for further information.	NO. This possibility may only be considered by the AEI/FB in the exceptional event of low participation from Spanish partners in Step 1. Spanish applicants are invited to contact AEI and FB contact points for further information.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	NO	NO
Other important information	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call".	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Fundación Biodiversidad: "With the support of the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge". IMPORTANT: By default, the official start date of all the projects funded by FB will be 1st April 2027. 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).
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Sweden – Formas, SEPA, SNSA

CONTACT

Country / Region	Sweden
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning (FORMAS) & Swedish EPA (SEPA) & Swedish National Space Agency (SNSA)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	FORMAS: Katarina Buhr; katarina.buhr@formas.se SEPA: Hannah Östergård; Hannah.Ostergard.Roswall@Naturvardsverket.se SNSA: Ernesto Gutiérrez; ernesto.gutierrez@snsa.se

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	Maximum 5.0 million Euros
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Not applicable
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	Maximum funding is 260 000 € (3 MSEK) per proposal, or a maximum of 340 000 € (4 MSEK) 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 standard 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 . NOTE specific eligibility rules below.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Grants for research projects can cover salaries, equipment, travel, and indirect costs, see: https://formas.se/en/start-page/apply-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	Project duration is 3 years. All Swedish partners within a consortium must apply under one single proposal to Formas, to be done at Step 2 as described below. In this call three Swedish funding organisations are cooperating. Funding from FORMAS and SEPA is pooled into one funding envelope, while funding from SNSA is earmarked for projects that include relevant aspects of use/analysis of Earth observation data (both in pre- and full proposals). Therefore please ensure to indicate clearly if this aspect is covered by your project. For a proposal to be eligible, all partners must have completed any previous reporting and other requirements towards all three Swedish funding organisations.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://formas.se/en/start-page/apply-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	Pre- and full proposals must be submitted to Biodiversa+. Swedish applicants who are part of a consortium invited to submit a full proposal in Step 2 will be contacted by Formas for further information on the administrative process, and how to register their project in the electronic application system Prisma.
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	Not applicable

Switzerland – SNSF (pending)

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] [+886-2-2737-7557] [cmtom@nstc.gov.tw]

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	810,000.00 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project</u> (in EUR)	90,000.00 EUR per year

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All research institutes, universities, hospitals, public organisations in Taiwan endorsed by the NSTC as eligible institutions
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	

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?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	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.
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	Yes

and step 2 at your national / regional level?	
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	



Tunisia – MHESR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Tunisia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<u>Mrs. Hayet Souai</u> Hayet.Souai@mes.rnu.tn souaihayet@gmail.com +216 51 101 549 / +216 71 835 351 <u>Mrs. Saida Rafrafi</u> saida.rafrafi@mesrs.tn coopint2@gmail.com +216 93 658 976

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	500 000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50 000 €
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	100 000 €

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more MHESR research structures. This call is open to Tunisian public research laboratories in: - institutions of higher education and scientific research - research centers The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be a: - Professor - Associate Professor

	The Tunisian PI must be affiliated with a public research laboratory that is part of the partner institution involved in the project.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	- Travel and daily allowances, - Small equipment, logistics and consumables related to the project implementation - costs for publication and dissemination of project results; - costs for organizing meetings, seminars or conferences related to the project; - fees for participation in scientific forums and conferences related to the project; - Contract provide services (non-permanent staff) - Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents), - Expenses for carrying out analyses and processing samples
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	• Proposals involving a socio-economic partner are encouraged ; • 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.

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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	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	

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