Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on

“Novel ecosystems: biodiversity, socio-ecological consequences and future trajectories (BiodivFuture)”

2026-2027 joint Call

Funding Organisations rules

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to the 2026-2027 Biodiversa+ Call “BiodivFuture”.

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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. 9th, 2026	n/a
V1	Sept. 10th, 2026	**Poland – NCN:** clarification of the national contact points **Slovakia – CVTI-SR:** clarification under the sections "eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution" and "eligibility of costs, types and their caps **Slovenia – MIZM:** participation confirmed
V3	Sept. 11th, 2026	**Hungary – NKFIH:** addition of the national funding organisation rules **Spain – AEI:** addition of the national funding organisation rules
V4	Sept. 15th, 2026	**Belgium – Belspo:** addition of the regional funding organisation rules **Belgium – FNRS:** addition of the national funding organisation rules **Belgium – FWO:** addition of the regional funding organisation rules
V5	Oct. 6th, 2026	**Türkiye – TÜBITAK:** participation and budget confirmed

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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)	2.000.000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	n.a.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	450.000 € Projects that exceed the maximum limit will not be eligible. This limit includes 5% general project costs (calculated automatically in the cost breakdown in elane).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Austrian research institutions must be registered in the FWF's Research Institution Portal before the submission of the pre-proposal. The proposed research must be carried out in Austria under the auspices of the Austrian lead research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project will be carried out. Please refer to section 1.3.1-1.3.2 of the FWF Application Guidelines for more details.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The budget specified in the national submission must correspond to this consortium partner's budget submitted to the EP and be calculated on the basis of the applicable FWF personnel cost rates at the time of submission in both the pre-proposal and full proposal stages. Minor deviations resulting from updated FWF personnel cost rates between stages are permissible. To ensure consistency,

	project costs should be calculated at elane (FWF) prior to inclusion in the consortium proposal. The FWF does not fund institutional or indirect overhead costs. The "General Project Costs" automatically calculated in the elane cost breakdown on the basis of the requested FWF cost categories are an FWF-specific flat rate and may be reported under the "Overheads" heading in the EP budget forms for technical reasons, even though they do not constitute overheads in the FWF sense.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	The principal investigator must be employed at the Austrian research institution applying for funding with an employment of at least 5 hours/week at the time the project is scheduled to begin and throughout the entire duration of the project (subject to an employment contract/Dienstvertrag). The principal investigator must have appropriate scientific qualifications and eligibility as described in section 1.3 and 1.4 of the FWF Application Guidelines and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. Applicants must comply with the project number limit.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf

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 Call Secretariat, administrative data must be submitted online to the FWF at elane (user manual) - for both the pre-proposal and the full proposal stage. FWF submissions of the pre- and the full proposal before each specific deadline are both mandatory. For the FWF submission of pre-proposals applicants must choose the program category "PIK – International Projects preproposal" deadline 11. November 2026, 14:00 CET (local time) and upload the following documents as individual annexes: • CV of the FWF principal investigator(according to the FWF

	Application guidelines section 2.2.3 – Annex 3). • Proof of publication output of the FWF principal investigator (according to FWF Application Guidelines section 2.2.4). IMPORTANT: Please note that applications are only valid once they have been approved for submission by the research institution (PROFI) in the submission portal in due time before the specified deadline. For the full proposal stage applicants must choose the program category "KIN–International Projects" (Deadline 19. April 2027, 14:00 CET, local time). Further information will be communicated by the FWF to the applicants invited for full proposal submissions.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	For funded projects this information is communicated within the grant agreement.
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	The provisions set out in this national annex are binding for all FWF applicants and apply in addition to the requirements of the respective European Partnership. FWF applications must meet all eligibility criteria at both the pre-proposal and full proposal stages Principal Investigators are requested to contact the relevant FWF contact person(s) well in time before the submission deadline if they have questions regarding the national project or its submission.

Belgium – BELGIAN SCIENCE POLICY OFFICE – BELSPO

CONTACT

Country/Region	Belgium
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Belgian Science Policy Office – (BELSPO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Aline van der Werf Aline.vanderwerf@belspo.be +32 (0)2 23 83 671 Marleen Bosschaerts maria-helena.bosschaerts@belspo.be +32 (0)2 23 83 607

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	460,000 euro
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Not applicable
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	200,000.00 euro

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All environments / realms are eligible.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	BELSPO's funding is complementary to that of the FWO and FNRS which are primarily addressing fundamental research at the universities. While not excluding Universities, the eligible partners for BELSPO are first and foremost the Belgian research centre and the Federal Scientific Institutions in particular. The private sector is not eligible. /!\ important note: the combination of Regional / Communities (FWO, FRS-FNRS) and federal funding (BELSPO) in a single proposal is not allowed .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	1. Staff Staff devoted to the implementation of the project; this is, recruited personnel and/or (non-)statutory personnel made (partially)

	available to the project and to be implemented on the project budget. Funded Partners must claim full staff costs, including end-of-year bonus, holiday pay and any other interventions of the employer regarding the salary costs, as well as any other compensation or allowance due by law and secondary to the salary itself. This also applies to tax-free scholarships that can be accepted under specific conditions: (i) The total number of P-M for tax-free scholarships per project is limited to max. 50% of the P-M staff financed with a labour contract within said project. (II) There shall not be more than 2 tax-free scholarships/project. 2. Specific Operation Costs Specific operating costs are costs of goods and services directly resulting from the implementation of the project, linked to the execution of project tasks. These costs exclude any element that can be included under overheads (= indirect costs), or ineligible costs. 3. Equipment Purchase and installation of scientific and technical apparatus and instruments, including specific hardware (excluding standard personal computers). A maximum limit of 30.000€ (including taxes) and 25.000€ (excluding taxes) is set for each item listed under equipment. 4. Subcontracting Expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution’s normal area of activity. Subcontracting may only concern a limited part of the project and must take place in direct relation to the project's tasks. The amount may not exceed 25% of

	the total budget allocated to the partner concerned. 5. Overheads Overheads cover the general operating costs and are a lump sum. The total amount of this item is set at 15% (fixed amount) of the staff and specific operating costs.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	**/**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Budgetary rules are similar to those applicable to federal research programmes S4Policy_Call2026_Buget-Rules.pdf

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Even if not required, the contact points would be happy to receive the summary of the pre-proposal by e-mail.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Scientific reporting according to the Biodiversa+ call requirements. Financial annual reporting according to the BELSPO contracts rules.
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	It is advised to approach the BELSPO contact points mentioned above for any clarification.

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 (in EUR)</u>	**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 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. /!\ Important note: the combination of regional / communities (FWO, FRS-FNRS) and federal funding (BELSPO) in a single proposal is not allowed.
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 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?	No
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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/financements

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+ BiodivFuture** 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?	Yes/No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	It is not an obligation, but highly recommended
Other important information	NA

Belgium – FWO

CONTACT

Country/Region	Belgium/Flanders
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Toon Monbaliu (FO + 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 euro
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Not applicable
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	250,000 euro

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	FWO participation and funding in this call are open to both the Fundamental Research ('FO') and Strategic Basic Research ('SBO') funding channels, which means that projects may be funded under either FWO channel. It should be strongly emphasised that the choice of funding channel depends on the type of research project to be carried out, i.e. whether it is more fundamental/exploratory in nature or has strong economic/societal valorisation potential. Failure to comply with the specific requirements of the relevant funding channel may result in ineligibility.

	The scope and eligibility of institutions and their researchers can be verified in the regulations of the relevant funding channel, which can be consulted on the FWO website: - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO) or by contacting the FWO contact points mentioned above. /!\ Important note: the combination of regional / communities (FWO, FRS-FNRS) and federal funding (BELSPO) in a single proposal is not allowed.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The FWO foresees a total budget of 750,000 euro, 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 250,000 euro 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: ➢ FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200,000 euro, then the overhead will amount to 12,000 euro (6% of 200,000 euro) and the total requested cost is 212,000 euro. This **total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 250,000 euro.** ➢ SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200,000 euro, then

	the overhead will amount to 34,000 euro (17% of 200,000 euro) and the total requested cost is 234,000 euro. **This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 250,000 euro.**
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	**!! IMPORTANT !!** i) Applicants for FWO funding must submit a **mandatory administrative application via the personal FWO E-loket** of the main PI from Flanders. ➢ For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme fundamental research'. ➢ For strategic basic research projects (SBO), select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme strategic basic research'. If the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted by the main PI (promoter-spokesperson), containing all relevant information for the different Flemish partners. **The deadline to submit this administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call** (pre-proposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in ineligibility.

	ii) Participation in this call does not interfere with the regular/national project submission framework and is therefore not taken into account when calculating the maximum permitted number of new applications and ongoing projects combined. **However, researchers can only participate in two different international consortia in this call.** iii) Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are **not eligible** in this context. A potential 'spin-off route' should therefore not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form. iv) The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies that the funding must be budgeted and spent accordingly. Automatic extension and the use of positive financial balances after the end date are 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. **v) The PI of each participating institution applying for FWO funds must hold an <u>eligible appointment</u> that fully covers the duration of the research project.** In connection with the above, Article 10, §7 of the FWO Research Projects regulations (FO) does not apply to this call. This means that supervisors/spokespersons or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year in which the project application is submitted, or during the project execution period, are **<u>not eligible.</u>**

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european-framework-programme/horizon-europe-cofund-partnerships/

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 national/regional level, via the FWO e-loket (also see 'Additional specific eligibility rules').
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)	**Brazilian National Council for State Funding Agencies - CONFAP**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Flavia Cerqueira internacional.confap@gmail.com

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	EUR 1.735.050,00 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 per awarded project (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 Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules: 1. Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br 2. FACEPE: https://www.facepe.br/ 3. FAPEAL: https://www.fapeal.br/ 4. FAPEAM: http://www.fapeam.am.gov.br 5. FAPEMA: https://www.fapema.br/ 6. FAPERGS: https://fapergs.rs.gov.br 7. FAPERJ: https://www.faperj.br/ 8. FAPES: https://fapes.es.gov.br/ 9. FAPESB: https://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br/ 10. FAPESC: https://fapesc.sc.gov.br/ 11. FAPESP: https://fapesp.br/ 12. FAPESPA: https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br 13. FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br

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:

Nº	FAPs	State	Budget (EUR)	Max.number of projects within the max. Allocated budget	Contacts
1	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	150.000,00	3	internacional.confap@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
2	FACEPE	Pernambuco	25.000,00	1	international@facepe.br
3	FAPEAL	Alagoas	30.000,00	1	pesquisafapeal@gmail.com
4	FAPEAM	Amazonas	60.000,00	2	mailto:internacionalizacao@fapeam.am.gov.br
5	FAPEMA	Maranhão	TBC	TBC	cie@fapema.br
6	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	50.000,00	Not Defined	dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
7	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	250.050,00	3	central.atendimento@faperj.br
8	FAPES	Espiríto Santo	75.000,00	1	global4@fapes.es.gov.br
9	FAPESB	Bahia	100.000,00	2	coopinter@fapesb.ba.gov.br
10	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	150.000,00	3	internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
11	FAPESP	São Paulo	800.000,00	Not Defined	TBC
12	FAPEPA	Pará	50.000,00	1	assessoriainternacional@fapespa.pa.gov.br
13	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000,00	1	programas-projetos@fapesq.rpp.br

**Other FAPs may still confirm their support*

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)	900 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	60 000 EUR
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Up to 300 000 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)

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 porposals. The formulier should be filled and elecronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://eumis2020.government.bg/
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Each PI is obliged to send an annual report for the BNSF-funded project. BNSF provides templates and guidelines
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	No

Czech Republic – TA CR

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	1 000 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	**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 - Legal and natural persons carrying out economic activity, regardless of their legal form, in accordance with Annex 1 of the Regulation ● Organisational units of the state Aforementioned actors are eligible, both as main Czech applicants and additional Czech members of the project-consortium. 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" 22 • which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 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 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

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://tacr.gov.cz/soutez/partnerstvi-pro-biodiverzitu/call-2026-3/ https://tacr.gov.cz/en/biodiversitypartnership/

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 “O – patent application” 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 preproposals. 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. *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: ● 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 ● Vsouhrn - research report ● Jimp, JSC, Jost – reviewed research paper ● B – scientific book ● C – chapter in a research book ● M – holding a conference ● O – patent application ● O – Hkonc result candidate ● O – Hneleg result candidate ● Hpub – output focused on the critical analysis and evaluation of public policy or a social and political issue ● Topen – digital data collection that is freely available and accessible at no cost - at least for research purposes - under an assigned binding license (e.g., a Creative Commons International 4.0 license, with or without any specific conditions); ● Tost – other digital data collections; ● W – organization of a workshop ● O - Miscellaneous* **For "O - Miscellaneous" type of outputs:** If "O - Miscellaneous" 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 socalled Consortium Agreement) which will define the conditions of cooperation on the project where, among other things, they specify the method of allocating rights to the research results, as well as adjustment and management of the rights imported or created during the project's implementation, which are necessary to address the project.

	Publicity obligations While promoting the project and its results Czech beneficiaries must follow the publicity rules of TA CR. **Project start** 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.

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 – Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)

CONTACT

Country / Region	**Denmark**
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mathias Holm Tveen +45 6190 5073 mathias.holm.tveen@innofond.dk

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)	50.000 per partner
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	300.000 per partner & 500.000 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All Danish organizations directly involved in the project activities are eligible as applicants to Innovation Fund Denmark.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are limited to: Salaries, travel, subcontracting, materials, communication, dissemination, and knowledge sharing. Overheads can only be included for certain participants. Please see tables 1-4 in the Guidelines for International Collaborations.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	The funding rate varies between 25-90% depending on organization type. Please see tables 1-4 in the Guidelines for International Collaborations. Legal entities established in Greenland may be eligible for funding by IFD, provided that at least one other Danish partner in the project receives funding from IFD. Eligibility is contingent on prior written approval from IFD. Greenlandic applicants must

	obtain such approval before submitting an application.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Innovation Fund Denmark's website: https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/p/international-collaborations Guidelines for International Collaborations

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	After the international application has been submitted to the international call secretariat, IFD will via e-grant invite each Danish partner's contact person(s) to upload the full international application form including annexes and mandatory declarations (depending on organization type). This will usually happen within one month after the submission. Applicants do not need to submit anything to IFD by the initial call deadline. Submission to IFD only takes place after receiving an invitation to the e-grant platform.
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?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	N/A

Estonia – ETAG, MoC_EE

CONTACT

Country / Region	Estonia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Estonian Research Council (ETAG), Ministry of Climate (MoC_EE)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Margit Suuroja +372 731 7360 Margit.Suuroja@etag.ee Teele Jairus-Pähno +372 605 1703 teele.jairus-pahno@kliimaministeerium.ee

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	450 000 EUR
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	- 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)/realm(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. 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 (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance; - 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 directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project. 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) are 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/2026/04/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_-EN_marts2026-2.pdf

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 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	N-A

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 per awarded project (in EUR)	100,000

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	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

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	NA

Finland – RCF / AKA

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	850000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	0
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	250000

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes. Institutions: University, University hospital, Research institute, Industry (including SMEs). Academy funding cannot be used for economic activity, which is defined as all activity where goods or services are offered on an open market regardless of whether profits are pursued or generated. **When an organisation is also engaged in economic activities, separate accounts must be kept of the funding and costs of and the revenue generated by such activities.**
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding is provided under the full cost model, covering up to 70% of total project costs. It applies equally to both direct (e.g. salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. premises). The funding supports various research team activities, including salaries, research expenses, travel, collaboration and mobility (national and international), work and training abroad, international project preparation, and publishing. **The funded projects need to abide to / commit to the terms of funding as described for Academy projects in the Research Council of Finland's Standard Terms for Funding**.

	Value added tax is also paid out of Academy research grants, provided that the VAT remains to be paid by the funding recipient and the recipient is not entitled to deduct VAT costs in its accounting. If the VAT does not remain as a final cost for the organisation, it cannot be included in the costs of an Academy-funded project. The funding recipient must not be overcompensated by the payment of costs that will not remain as its final costs. **Subcontracting rules:** To EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested. To Non-EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested. Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): No.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Persons: The applicant must be a researcher at the professor or docent level or with a doctoral degree. If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. **Applicants must describe this at the application stage.** The applications must include a research security risk assessment and risk management plan: https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/research-security/ **Only one application per researcher will be considered (incl. a consortium subproject) in this call.** Please check AKA's Regulation at https://www.aka.fi/globalassets/10rahoitus/2025-liitteet/talvihaku-2026/rcf-standard-terms-for-funding-22-sep-2025.pdf

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

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

France – ANR

CONTACT

Country / Region	France
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) https://anr.fr/
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Amélie KURODA and Katy PAUL, *Scientific project officers* 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
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 requested funding to ANR** 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)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**To be eligible, the consortium must include at least one french institution participating in the public research service.** Undertakings that have their real head office in an EU member state and 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 BiodivFuture » (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 refer to 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 BiodivFuture",** (downloadable from the ANR's call webpage)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	

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, whether legal entities or natural persons, who are subject to sanction(s) imposed by the institutions of the European Union are excluded from this call. The ANR will declare ineligible any Partners requesting funding from the Agency who are, within the submitted project, associated with Partners subject to a sanction measure. As of the publication date, these exclusions concern in particular Partners from the following countries: Russia and Belarus; as well as Partners located in Ukrainian territories not under the control of the Ukrainian government. This list is not exhaustive and may evolve should new sanctions be adopted 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 BiodivFuture",** (downloadable from the ANR's call webpage) and the document called "**REGLEMENT FINANCIER**

	relatif aux modalités d'attribution des aides à coûts réels de l'ANR" which can be downloaded here: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/

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 **Projektträger Jülich (PtJ)** https://www.ptj.de
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Common Rules for all German Applicants

This document provides details of specific requirements for applicants submitting a proposal for *DFG* or *BMFTR / PtJ* funding. Please note that it is mandatory to fulfil the requirements set out below.

Proposal Submission

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

Under "Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget" in the EPSS application form, please specify the requested personnel, for example: 1 PhD, 36 months, 65%; student and research assistants: €5,000.

- **Pre-proposal stage:**

Pre-proposals submitted by applicants requesting funding from a German research funding organisation (DFG or BMFTR / PtJ) are assessed for eligibility. Therefore, please select both German funding organisations in Biodiversa+'s EPSS. If the pre-proposal is eligible for funding by either organisation, general eligibility is established.

- **Full Proposal stage:**

All full proposals eligible for funding by DFG or BMFTR / PtJ 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 on April 25, 2027 at the latest. For more information, see DFG – BiodivERsA/Biodiversa+ (**"Elan Instructions and FAQs for German Applicants"** is available for the full proposal stage).

Please note that applicants who do not yet have an elan account must register at least three weeks before the full proposal submission deadline.

- **Exception: Submission via easy Online**

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. The mandatory deadline for submission and link will be communicated in due time after the funding decision by PtJ.

- **Funding decision:**

In case of a funding recommendation by Biodiversa+ and eligibility for funding by the DFG and the BMFTR, the two German 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.

Budget Preparation

- **Personnel costs (Post doc, PhD etc.)**

Please note that the calculation of personnel costs differs between the DFG's (see DFG form 60.12 "DFG Personnel Rates") and BMFTR's 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%.

Consequently, the total requested amounts (excluding overheads) may differ between EPSS and elan whenever personnel costs are included. In some cases, this will result in elan in a total amount exceeding €210,000 (excluding overheads). This is acceptable provided that the funds from EPSS have been correctly transferred to elan.

- **Other Costs:**

Costs for miscellaneous staff, direct project costs and instrumentation must be entered in identical amounts in both EPSS and elan. The names of these costs in EPSS differ in some cases from those in elan. Subcontracting costs entered in EPSS should be entered in elan under "other costs". For all remaining costs, applicants may select the most appropriate cost category in elan. It should therefore not be necessary to contact the DFG Head Office for clarification.

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 partner**	**€ 50,000 per partner**
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	**Maximum budget excluding overheads:**	
	Maximum amount: €210,000 per project, excl. overheads or other flat rates in EPSS, calculated in accordance with BMFTR funding guidelines. **If costs exceed the budget in the pre-proposal, the applicant is ineligible to submit a full application; it is not possible to reduce the costs retroactively.** The maximum amount refers to the **sum of all costs/expenditures applied for by all researchers and partners seeking German funding** for a project, **excl. overheads**.	
	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	**The maximum amount of funding incl. overheads or other flat rates (total funding amount) for research institutions who apply for a <u>grant on a cost basis</u> should**

	accordance with DFG rates applicable at the time of the grant.	**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 of €210,000 excl. overheads. 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.**

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	DFG	BMFTR/PtJ

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<tr><td>Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)</td><td colspan="2">All (no restrictions)</td></tr>
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<tr><td>Qualified researchers (as a rule, those holding a doctorate) working in any discipline at a German research institution are eligible for funding.

Please note that the limited budget does not allow applications for a temporary position for principal investigators ("Eigene Stelle"). Furthermore, it is not possible to apply for an "Eigene Stelle" on a part-time basis or for a reduced funding period.

The duty to cooperate does not apply to this call. (“Es gilt keine Kooperationspflicht.”) See DFG form 55.01

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</td><td>Applications may be submitted by German institutions of higher education and non-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.</td></tr>
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	h2020-wp1415-annex-g-trl_en.pdf). Furthermore, a **collaboration agreement** must be concluded between the scientific and the commercial partners (see important information in section "collaboration agreement").	
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/expenditures can be applied for personnel, travel, sub-contracting, equipment, consumables, overheads (not included: building investments). Please consider the BMFTR guidelines when calculating personnel costs/expenditures. 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)" (Vordr.-Nr. 0047a, 0048a, 0027a). 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/expenditures 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**. 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, etc.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes	Please check the respective form within the federal funding portal (Vordr.-Nr. 0047a, 0027a) for more details.
Additional specific eligibility rules	Applicants have to commit especially to Annex 5 of the Horizon	Up to two German partners in a consortium are eligible (conditions see above).

	Europe Annotated Grant Agreement: https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/aga_en.pdf	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	In addition to submitting the pre- and full proposal via EPSS, a national application is mandatory at the full proposal stage (**see the important introduction to the funding organisation rules for Germany above**). The mandatory deadline for submission of full proposals is one week after the EPSS deadline at the latest.	
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 Biodiversa+ only. This	National rules (NABF, NKBF 2017, ANBest-GK, BNBest-BMBF 98) apply for the provision of financial and scientific reports. Further information and templates are available on the federal funding portal.

	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?	<u>All consortia:</u> The DFG **expects** a consortium agreement to be concluded between all consortium members at the start of the project (e.g. DESCA Model Consortium Agreement). <u>Consortia with commercial partners:</u> In consortia with commercial partners, a collaboration agreement **must be concluded** between the scientific and the commercial 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	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).

	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.	
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.

Hungary – NKFIH

CONTACT

Country / Region	**Hungary**
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal (NKFIH)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	József Soma Kádár ncp@nkfih.gov.hu

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	250 000
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	A maximum amount equivalent to EUR 125 000 per grant application

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. Please consult the national call for participation eligibility.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel (temporary, permanent), subcontracting, services, travel, consumables, equipment, coordination, communication and dissemination, overhead (20%), overhead for travel related activities (5%). Please consult the national call for cost eligibility.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	-

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	All applicants should consult the national call requirements before submitting proposal to JTC 2026:

	https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas Only selected applicants after the full proposal evaluation results are required to submit application to the national call.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Only selected applicants after the full proposal evaluation results are required to submit application to the national call.
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. Please consult the national call for rules on reporting.
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 applicants should consult the national call requirements before submitting proposal to JTC 2026: https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas

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 per awarded project (in EUR)	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-new-ecosystems
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-new-ecosystems

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.gov.il/he/pages/bio-div-new-ecosystems

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-new-ecosystems
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-new-ecosystems
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 organisations. 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/bio-div-expanding For questions, please contact research@sviva.gov.il
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No
Other important information	For any questions, please contact research@sviva.gov.il

ITALY –BOZEN

CONTACT

Country / Region	**ITALY / Autonomous Province of Bolzano / Bozen**
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**BOZEN**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	**Office of Scientific Research** Elisa Sixt (+39) 0471 413715 Elisa.Sixt@provincia.bz.it

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	450.000,00
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	450.000,00

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 e), 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 and consumables - subcontracting (max 30% of the overall admitted budget per partner) - general costs (max 10% of the overall admitted budget per partner).
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, it cannot be deducted

Additional specific eligibility rules	The complete regulation is currently under approval and will be published on the web page below.

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

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 Tyrolean partners must submit an additional financial plan by certified email (PEC) to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 5 days of the call deadline for pre-proposal submission. 2nd step: South Tyrolean partners must submit an updated additional financial plan by certified email (PEC) to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 5 days of the call deadline for full proposal submission. This financial plan must also include a quotation for each item of equipment or external assignment costing more than EUR 5,000, excluding VAT.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	For the purpose of reporting the annual activities carried out, each beneficiary must submit a periodic report and a list of expenses to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen by 30 September each year and, in the case of final reporting, also a final report.
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 of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen an additional financial plan within 5 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full

	proposals. In case of purchase of equipment with a value over 5.000,00 euros, at least a quotation must be submitted as well.
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 10 days after the notification from Biodiversa+ partnership. A timetable of activities and related costs must be attached to the application. The application and the timetable must be drawn up using the templates provided by the competent provincial office, which can be downloaded from the following website: **Agevolazioni e bandi**

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 per awarded partner or project (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), - other costs (catering, communication, publishing etc.) - 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, must provide most of its R&D&I activities and implement the project in the Republic of Latvia and must have a Latvian bank account. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date. Private entity must not be a company in difficulty. The company's financial statements for the last two closed financial years are available, 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).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.lzp.gov.lv

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)	**Research Council of Lithuania**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Viktoras Mongirdas +370 676 19613 viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

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

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Funding is provided according to GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.

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

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	

Republic of Moldova - ANCD

CONTACT

Country / Region	Republic of Moldova
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Agenția 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)	-
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	50.000 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	All applications must comply with national legislation, applicants are asked to read carefully the Government Decision 382/2019. 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 – up to 70%. Salaries for administrative, financial, and technical staff – up to 5% of the amount allocated to Personnel Costs. - **Travel Costs:** This includes domestic travel within the Republic of Moldova and international travel expenses for project team members – up to 10%. - **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 by a research institution in the Republic of Moldova, or have an institutional guarantee of employment at the respective institution upon award of the project. Each project should involve at least one experienced researcher, one early-career researcher, one doctoral student, or one master's student 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 centre 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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://ancd.gov.md/ro

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, 2026, and Full proposal by Early April, 2027
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	All financial and scientific reports must comply with national legislation (e.g., Government Decision 382/2019 and GD 267/2021). Project leaders are required to submit both financial and scientific reports at specified intervals to ensure proper monitoring and evaluation of the project's progress and financial management. Financial reports must detail the use of allocated funds, including a breakdown of expenditures in accordance with the approved budget and financial guidelines. Scientific reports should provide a comprehensive overview of the research activities, outcomes, and any significant findings achieved during the reporting period. These reports must adhere to the format and submission deadlines established by the funding authority and are crucial for ensuring transparency, accountability, and the effective use of resources. Regular updates are essential for maintaining compliance with funding requirements and facilitating the assessment of project impact and progress.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	Projects must be transnational, interdisciplinary, and aligned with the defined research themes.

Norway – RCN

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	2.270.000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	N/A
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	Maximum funding from RCN is 283.750 € 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 (forskningsradet.no)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	The Norwegian Lead PI or PI must hold a doctoral degree or possess equivalent qualifications.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	The Research Council of Norway (forskningsradet.no/en/)

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: • 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.

POLAND - NCN

CONTACT

Country / Region	Poland
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	National Science Centre (NCN)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	**Anna Kotarba** anna.kotarba@ncn.gov.pl **Barbara Kosmowska** barbara.kosmowska@ncn.gov.pl **Mateusz Sobczyk** mateusz.sobczyk@ncn.gov.pl

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

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

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	To check the list of eligible institutions please visit NCN's website.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project, including: • **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, 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

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.

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

Country / Region	Romania
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**UEFISCDI (Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding)**
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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)	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.
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	

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. Equipments (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.

	For SMEs and Large companies OMCID no. 21.324/02.11.2023 approving the scheme of State aid for Program 5.8: European and international cooperation available here. **Applicants from Romania are required to contact the National Contact Points during the proposal submission process to complete the mandatory declarations in accordance with the national eligibility rules.**

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	**National submission not required.**
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

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovakia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Centrum vedecko-technických informácií Slovenskej republiky (CVTI SR)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Magdaléna Švorcová +421 917 733 493 Magdalena.Svorcova@cvtisr.sk Libuša Ďaďová 421 915 808 814 Libusa.Dadova@cvtisr.sk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	800 000 €
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 300 000 €. This maximum amount can go up to 350 000 € if the Slovak partner acts as the project coordinator. If a single project involves two Slovak partners, their combined maximum funding is 450 000 € in total. These amounts can be further increased by up to 15 000 € if a partner submits a patent, trademark, or design application, and/or publishes project results in an internationally indexed (peer-reviewed) scientific journal (e.g., WoS/Scopus).

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 organisations actively

	involved in research, development, and innovation. • Research institutions (e.g. the institutes of the Slovak academy of sciences) • Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions) • Non-governmental non-profit organisations • Cluster organisations • Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector) Public administration bodies, including local and regional government authorities, are eligible to participate; however, they are not eligible to receive funding and therefore cannot have a budget allocated to them.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs that are essential to the project implementation and are directly related to its activities and timeline are eligible. Overheads are not eligible. All costs must be fully utilised and accounted for by the end of 2029. Eligible costs: • Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are involved in 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. Slovak applicants are advised to thoroughly familiarise themselves with the Guide to Eligibility of Expenses under the Programme Slovakia, as the planned co-financing will be provided through this programme. It is further recommended that at least 30% of the Slovak applicant's total budget be dedicated to the actual performance of research activities.
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.) cannot 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 research activities must be carried out in Slovakia, and their results must be applicable and utilised within the Slovak Republic's environment. 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.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	Submission of the pre-proposal and full proposal via the JTC 2025-2026 BiodivFuture EPSS platform only. Following the receipt of the formal international funding recommendation, applicants will be required to submit a separate application for national funding via the national submission platform. This serves as the final formal step, with the official funding decision issued by CVTI SR once the project has been successfully recommended by the Partnership.
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?	Yes
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 recommendation, 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. No change of the applicant institution is allowed between the stages. The information given in the pre-proposal is binding and no major changes regarding the proposal's content or objectives are allowed between the pre-proposals and full proposals (if invited to stage 2) including the proposed budget. However, a limited number of minor administrative changes including small budget reshuffles may be allowed. Any modification must be communicated with CVTI SR and ensure that the total funding requested in the full proposal does not exceed the amount declared in the pre-proposal stage. Useful links: • Programme Slovakia • SK RIS3 2021+ • Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027 • State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia

Slovakia – SAS

CONTACT

Country / Region	**Slovakia**
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Eva Krištofová +421 2 5751 0220 eva.kristofova@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)	n/a
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (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), no capital expenditures are allowed
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	The main applicant (PI) must have, at the time of submission, a contract(s) with one or several of the SAS institutes/centres equivalent to more than 50% of the full-time employment valid for the whole duration of the project. Each member of the applicant's team must also have an employment contract or a fellowship with the same or another SAS institute/center.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://oms.sav.sk/dokumenty/dokumenty-referatu-medzinarodnych-projektov/

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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	n/a

Slovenia – MVZI (MIZM from 4. 6. 2026)

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovenia
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**Ministry of higher education, scienece and innovation (MVZI); Ministry of Education, Science and Youth (MIZM from 4.6.2026)**
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)	900 000.00 EUR With the possibility of additional EC funding depending on the EC contribution (in the form of top-up funding).
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	No minimum budget is requested.
Maximum amount of funding <u>per awarded project (in EUR)</u>	Maximum requested budget per partner and for all Slovenian partners within one consortium: 300 000 EUR; maximum requested budget per year: 100 000 EUR

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 - KRITERIJE ZA UGOTAVLJANJE IZPOLNJEVANJA IZKAZOVANJA MEDNARODNO PRIMERLJIVIH RAZISKOVALNIH REZULTATOV IN OBDOBJE ZAJEMA MEDNARODNO PRIMERLJIVIH RAZISKOVALNIH DOSEŽKOV ZA VODJE RAZISKOVALNEGA PROJEKTA ALI PROGRAMA | ARIS 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 will finance all eligible costs of Slovenian applicants in selected transnational projects, in accordance with the Decree on scientific research public funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia. Eligible costs must be directly related to the research carried out and must include all of the following categories of direct costs: • personnel (including social, health, pension and other contributions in accordance with national legislation); • materials (travel and meeting expenses, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs and other costs); • depreciation costs. Indirect costs are eligible for up to 25% of direct costs.

	For more detailed explanations, please refer to the *Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence* (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons) available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI 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. 100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is noneconomic 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 nonexclusive 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-raziskovalnorazvojnih-projektov-in-drugih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnihpomoci-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 2026 until the end of the budgetary year 2030.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	**All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person: Biodiversa+ | GOV.SI** All Slovenian applicants must refer to published Call information on the following webpage: Biodiversa+ napoveduje nov mednarodni razpis BiodivFuture | GOV.SI

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at	NO

the national/regional Level	
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 Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons), available at: Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence | GOV.SI **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-1O 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/kriterijivodja-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-raziskovalnorazvojnih-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: Biodiversa+ napoveduje nov mednarodni razpis BiodivFuture | GOV.SI For more detailed explanations, please refer to the Navodila za prijavitelje in upravičence (Instructions for Applicants and Eligible Persons).

Spain – AEI and 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 of direct costs for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.	

Maximum funding per project	Maximum DC (€)	IC (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
One AEI coordinator and one other AEI applicant	260.000	65.000	325.000
Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500

IMPORTANT:

- Only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI/FB is allowed per proposal,
- Two AEI/FB-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator
- Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks which must be clearly justified in the budget.
- Substantial experimental tasks are 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. Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analyzed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.
- The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands.
- Indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	• **Eligible environment(s)/realm(s):** All (no environment restrictions) • **Eligible Themes:** The topics of the proposal in which the Spanish entities requesting funding from the AEI participate must correspond to **Theme A and/or B.** The Spanish entities requesting funding from the AEI **cannot participate** in proposals addressing **Theme C**, even if Themes A or B are also addressed. Compliance with the topic eligibility requirements must be reflected when declaring the proposal's topic in the EPSS submission platform, as well as in the "***Declaración responsable del investigador principal***" included in the national application (see section "Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level" below).	• **Eligible environment(s)/realm(s):** **Marine/coastal environments** • **Eligible Themes:** **All Themes (A, B and C)**
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain) which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call, the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "***Proyectos***	

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	de Colaboración Internacional" (see last call text **PCI2026_1**) and the "***PCI requirements***" document (**link**) The entities must have been previous beneficiaries under any of the **AEI** competitive calls at least once since 2015. Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to **AEI/FB** must comply with the eligibility rules set out in the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document **and** the "***PCI requirements***" document (**link** to both documents) The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please refer to the last call text "*Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional*" published: **PCI2026_1**, article 8) and the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document for the eligible costs (**link**)	
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	**NO**	
Additional specific eligibility rules	N/A	

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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	**Reference documents:** • The last PCI call text published (**PCI2026_1**) • The "***PCI requirements***" document **and** the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document (**link** to both documents)	**Reference documents:** • The last PCI call text published (**PCI2026_1**) • The "***PCI requirements***" document **and** the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document (**link** to both documents) Call's information will be available in the site: https://fundacion-biodiversidad.es/buscador-de-convocatorias/?post_types=convocatorias_biodiv

		Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	**Within one week after the pre-proposal submission,** the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a national application to the **AEI** through the following link https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales A national application is not required at the full proposal stage (only projects selected for funding will be asked to complete the national application). Failure to comply with the submission through the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed not submitted. The application should include (i) a copy of the international application (the administrative part including the consortium composition and budget), (ii) the international joint proposal (*memoria técnico-científica)*, (iii) the CV of the Spanish PI and (iv) the "***Declaración responsable del investigador principal***" document duly signed by the Spanish PI (please refer to the Word document on the page for this initiative on the AEI website: **Biodiversa+ | Agencia Estatal de Investigación** **Funding Programme:** The framework for this funding action is the *Plan Estatal de*	**Within one week after the pre-proposal submission,** the Spanish Principal Investigator (PI) must submit a national application to the **AEI** through the following link https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales A national application is not required at the full proposal stage (only projects selected for funding will be asked to complete the national application). Failure to comply with the submission through the AEI platform will be considered a breach of the eligibility conditions, and the proposal shall be deemed not submitted. The application should include (i) a copy of the international application (the administrative part including the consortium composition and budget), (ii) the international joint proposal (*memoria técnico-científica)*, (iii) the CV of the Spanish PI and (iv) the "***Declaración responsable del investigador principal***" duly signed by the Spanish PI (please refer to the Word document on the page for this initiative on the AEI website: **Biodiversa+ | Agencia Estatal de Investigación** **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

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	Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the *Subdirección de Programas Horizontales e Internacionalización* (STRAN) of the AEI. **Funding instrument:** The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI). **Reference documents for national eligibility:** • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026_1) • The "***PCI requirements***" document **and** the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document (**link** to both documents) In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the National Contact Points prior to submission.	Economy Area of the Biodiversity Foundation. **Funding instrument** The instrument for funding the Spanish groups are national funds. **Reference documents for national eligibility:** • The last PCI call text published (PCI2026_1) • The "***PCI requirements***" document **and** the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document (**link** to both documents) In addition, applicants are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the National Contact Points prior to submission. **Data Protection:** By submitting a grant application to the FB, 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 reports at the national/regional level	**YES**	
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step	**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 national contact points for further information.	

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1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?		
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	**NO**	
Other important information	**INCOMPATIBILITIES - Important for Principal Investigators (PIs).** Incompatibilities must be taken into account when participating in different partnerships or other international initiatives funded through the following AEI calls: PCI, INT (bilateral call) or PID modality I. Please read carefully the "***General Conditions for Transnational Calls***" document (**link**) Useful links: • Biodiversa+ | Agencia Estatal de Investigación • https://aplicaciones.aei.gob.es/proyectostransnacionales/	**Acknowledgement:** Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects **must** 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 2028.** Payment will be made upon completion of the project. However, it will be possible to request before the mid-term report to FB, an advance payment of 40 % of the amount granted (it could be necessary to provide a guarantee)

Switzerland – SNSF

CONTACT

Country / Region	**Switzerland**
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**SNSF**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Clémence Le Cornec +41 31 308 22 60 biodiversa@snf.ch

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	CHF 2'600'000; the exact amount in EUR will depend on the exchange rate at date of the final selection of the projects
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	CHF 100'000 / project
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	CHF 400'000 / partner Applicants should have in mind that the SNSFs anticipates funding ca. 7-8 projects under this call.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	is restricted to one project (Art.6.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding). They may, however, participate in other consortia projects as self-financed partners. **Proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF projects** are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals (Article 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations). **The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial.** Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Information available at: • SNSF Funding regulations • General Implementation Regulations • SNSF Regulations on Project Funding Please contact the SNSF administrative offices should anything be unclear.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	**Mandatory, parallel submission of pre- and full-proposal via SNSF Portal** Swiss-based full consortium partners who apply for SNSF funding to participate in this Call must submit pre-proposals and full proposals **via the SNSF Portal** at the same submission deadline of the consortium application. These submissions are mandatory and do not replace the submission of the consortium application to the Call Secretariat.

	Pre-proposal forms are created by selecting "European Partnership: Biodiversa+:". In case the pre-proposal is invited to a full proposal, a notification will be received by email. The original pre-proposal application will be accessible again for adjustments. Once all the necessary updates are made, the **Full-proposal** can be submitted. **In case of multiple, Swiss-based partners participating in the same consortium**, only one application is to be submitted on the SNSF Portal, whereby one Swiss-based partner must act as "contact person". All Swiss-based partners are to be listed as "applicants". **Self-funded partners and international partners of the consortium** applying for funding at different funding agencies from the SNSF and cannot be declared as "project partners" in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. For the submission via the SNSF Portal, they are to be declared as "consortium members" under the tab research plan instead and must apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yearly, **financial reports** must be submitted to the SNSF. As **scientific reports**, the SNSF requests the submission of the scientific reports submitted to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat. No other scientific reports are requested.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	No, Swiss-based investigators are not permitted to join research consortia as full partners at the stage of full-proposal submission. However, replacement of an existing Swiss-based, full partner may be permitted if duly justified. Swiss-based investigators joining as self-funded partner at full-proposal submission stage is permitted.

Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	No (but mandatory submission of the signed consortium agreement if one is signed for the project on the request of another funder)
Other important information	**Data management plan** Applicants will have to complete the DMP once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP has to cover the research data, which are collected, observed, generated or reused in the Swiss part of the project and has to comply with the SNSF Open Research Data Policy. **Grant management** Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules described in SNSF Funding Regulations. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds must be submitted. In terms of scientific report, the SNSF requests the submission of the scientific reports submitted to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat. No other scientific report is requested.

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] [+886-2-2737-7695] [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 per awarded project (in EUR)	90,000.00 EUR per year *(i.e. 270,000.00 EUR per awarded project)*

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/f6d5c23cb3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	NA

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

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 preproposal 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/f6d5c23cb3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Yes
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	NA

The Netherlands – NWO

CONTACT

Country / Region	Kingdom of 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 per awarded project (in EUR)	Max. 400,000 / 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 national 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. Please note: national co-applicants are 'Team members' of the national main applicant in the Biodiversa+ application form. A researcher may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals, either as national main applicant or national co-applicant within an application for NWO funding.

	National main applicant To be eligible to submit a proposal, researchers must be employed for an indefinite period (with the associated employment contract) or have a tenure track agreement at any of the following research organisations: • universities and universities of applied sciences, as described in Section 1.8, subsection 1 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act, or universities referred to in the Policy Rules for Universities in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; • university medical centres, as described in Article 1.13, paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act; • KNAW institutes and NWO institutes; • TO2 institutions1; • Netherlands Cancer Institute; • Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center. Researchers employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a national main applicant if they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time. Individuals with a zero-hour or fixed-term employment contract (other than a tenure track appointment) cannot submit a proposal. Applicants with a part-time appointment must ensure adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.

1 The TO2 Institutions are Deltares, NLR, TNO, WUR and MARIN

	It may be that the national applicant's tenure track employment contract ends before the intended completion date of the project for which grant funding is being requested, or that the national applicant's tenure agreement ends before this date due to their reaching retirement age. In such cases, the proposal must include a statement from the employer. In this statement, the research organisation in question guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding is being requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. **National co-applicant** All requirements regarding the employment contract described under ´National main applicant', also apply to national co-applicants. National co-applicants must be affiliated with a research organisation either 1) eligible as a national main applicant (see above), or 2) with other research organisations as described in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that comply with the following cumulative conditions. The organisation must: • be established in the Netherlands; • be a foundation, organisation or legal entity established and governed by public law (in Dutch: publiekrechtelijke rechtspersoon) (all other legal forms, including private and public limited companies, are excluded); • have as its primary goal the independent conduct of its own fundamental research, industrial research or experimental development 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 regarding economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results. **Note:** Prior to submission of a pre-proposal, NWO will assess whether an organisation

	complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and is thus eligible to participate as national co-applicant based on the above conditions. This assessment also helps to ensure NWO's compliance with regulations prohibiting state aid. To enable the assessment to be carried out, the intended national co-applicant's organisation must submit the following documents by email to biodiversa@nwo.nl no later than 20 working days before the submission deadline (i.e. by 13 October 2026, 12:00:00 CEST): • a recent extract from the Chamber of Commerce; • a deed of establishment and/or current articles of association; • the most recently available annual accounts, including an audit report2; • a completed Research Organisation Statement, which is available on the funding page of this Call for proposals. Other relevant documents may also be included. NWO may also request additional information if the above documents do not allow for adequate determination of the organisation's eligibility to act as national co-applicant. If in a full proposal national co-applicants are added to the consortium who are not affiliated with any of the research organisations listed above, these new national co-applicants must be assessed based on the same conditions. Again, the intended national co-applicant's organisation must submit at least the above-mentioned documents by email no later than 20 working days before the submission deadline (i.e. by 19 March 2027, 12:00:00 CET).

2 No audit report is necessary for organisations not legally required to have their annual accounts audited. However, such organisations must be able to provide proof of exemption from this legal requirement.

	If the intended national co-applicant's organisation has already been assessed and found to comply with these conditions as part of a different NWO programme, please contact NWO at the above email address well before the applicable deadline to determine whether further assessment is necessary. If the intended national co-applicant's organisation fails to submit the documents required for assessment on time, NWO will not accept the organisation as national co-applicant. If a research organisation was already assessed and approved as a national co-applicant before submitting the pre-proposal, there is no need to have it assessed again for the submission of the full proposal.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The available budget modules are: **1. Personnel**: 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 UMCNL rates, a benchfee is available; • Non-scientific personnel (NWP): according to UNL or UMCNL rates; • Research leave: max. 10% of the grant amount, according to UNL or UMCNL rates. • Personnel at universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and other 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' **2. Materials**: 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. Engagement of students may be included here according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates. **3. Knowledge utilisation**: For activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research, mandatory and at most 20% of the grant amount.

	4. Project management: Up to 5% of the grant amount. It is recommended to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items and correct use of tariffs. For full proposals, it is mandatory to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO at the time of the transnational deadline to biodiversa@nwo.nl . Please note the following: - An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for research and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed. - 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. - PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. - 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 detailed "Explanation of budget modules and indexing" can be found on the NWO funding page of this Call for proposals. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact point in case of questions.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	No

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

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 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 will be informed by NWO.
Other important information	The NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the Approval of Funding for Scientific Research are applicable to all applications for NWO funding. Any arrangements made regarding the grant from NWO must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid. 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. Once proposals are recommended for funding on a transnational level, the consortia will be notified by the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO. 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 objection's 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 a grant. The current UNL/UMCNL/HOT rate on the national decision date applies. Please refer to the "Explanation of budget modules and

	indexing” on the NWO funding page, for more information on indexing.

Tunisia – MHESR

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	500.000 €
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	50.000 € (36 months)
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	100 000 € (36 months)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	- This call is open to Tunisian public higher education and scientific research institutions, research centers and research institutions. - The coordinator/ Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférences) and must belong to a public research laboratory.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget. The following expenses would be eligible: - Travel and daily allowances,

	- Small equipment, logistics, and consumables, - service Contracts and research contracts (only for non-permanent staff), - Organization and participation in scientific events and meetings. - Publication and filing fees (required for scientific publications and patent filing), - Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving: - at least one socio-economic partner, - SMEs, NGO, …. These organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR) - Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees will not be accommodated under this program. - The acquisition of computer and office equipment is an ineligible expense

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.mes.tn

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	

TÜRKİYE – TÜBİTAK

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	**350,000 €**
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	_
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	**Except project incentive bonus + overhead** **100.000 €** (per project from Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations) **175.000 €** (per private entities)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	• Higher education institutions, • Training and research hospitals, • Public institutions and organisations, • SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye **Project applications from TÜBİTAK institutes and TAGEM will not be funded by TÜBİTAK.**
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	TÜBİTAK "1071 Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation" will be implemented. Please follow the rules that will be specified in the national call announcement.

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

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

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

UK – United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

CONTACT

Country / Region	UK
Funding Organisation Full Name (Acronym)	**United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)**
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Weihao Zhong, Lucy Hopewell, Claire Simmons Biodiversa@nerc.ukri.org

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in EUR)	£3,750,000 at 100% full economic cost (FEC). UKRI will fund 80% of the FEC to £3,000,000. The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to British Pound Sterling should be based on the official exchange rate per application opening date for preproposals – 9 September 2026. The official exchange rate can be found here: Exchange rate (InforEuro) European Commission (europa.eu)
Minimum amount of funding per awarded partner or project (in EUR)	Not applicable
Maximum amount of funding per awarded project (in EUR)	£375,000 at 100% FEC. UKRI will fund 80% of the FEC to £300,000. This is the total requested budget from all UK partners on a project. UKRI anticipate supporting a minimum of 13 projects involving UK research partners across a range of UK budget sizes. UK budget requests exceeding £312,500 at 100%FEC (£250,000 at 80%FEC) should provide additional justification (see eligibility of costs). The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to British Pound Sterling should be based on the official exchange rate per application opening date for preproposals – 9 September 2026. The official exchange rate can be found here: Exchange rate (InforEuro) European Commission (europa.eu). You must include the total UK budget in British Pound Sterling and the exchange rate used within your justification of resources narrative, which should be included in the application form under the section on Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)/realm(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Only Research Organisations eligible for UKRI funding can apply. For more information go to: Eligibility as an organisation – UKRI
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	UKRI uses the Full Economic Cost (FEC) model of funding and typically fund 80% of the total cost of research projects. This means that for the majority of eligible costs, UKRI will provide 80% of the total cost of the research that will be funded through this call. For eligible costs please see: - Costs eligible for UKRI funding - NERC Research Grants Handbook All figures in the application call template should be provided at 100% of the Full Economic Cost for the UK budget. We cannot fund: • PhD studentship costs • Requests for equipment of £25,000 and over. You should request smaller items of equipment (under £25,000 individually) under 'Consumables (other directly incurred costs)' in your application • NERC Ship-time costs • Project Co-leads (International) Services and facilities You can apply to use a UKRI facility or resource in your funding application. Costs for NERC non-ship marine facilities and equipment are allowed. All NERC services and facilities costs should be included in the application and will count towards the funding limit. You should discuss your application with the facility or service as soon as possible before the funding opportunity's closing date, to • ensure the details of the proposed work are feasible • receive confirmation that they can provide the services required within the timeframe of the funding You should provide at least an estimate of facilities cost in your pre-proposal. If you are invited to submit a full proposal, you must ensure you have prior agreement from the facility before submitting the full proposal and include the full calculated cost of the service in

	your application. The facility will provide a technical assessment that includes the calculated cost of providing the service. You should not submit the technical assessment with the application, but you must confirm you have received it. Read the full list of NERC facilities that require a technical assessment. For more information, see the NERC research grants and fellowships handbook. All UKRI resources requested must be justified in the application form under the section on Explanation and/or remarks concerning the proposed budget. For requests exceeding £250,000 (up to £300,000 limit) at 80%FEC, UK applicants must clearly explain why additional resources above £250,000 are needed and the expected added value to the UK. For example, this could be to support UK leadership in the transnational project where the UK Partner is the Project Partner Coordinator.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	All included costs should be at current prices, inclusive of VAT and other taxes where applicable (e.g. on goods and services). Do not include inflation, this is applied with an automatic indexation calculation.
Additional specific eligibility rules	For UK applicants, the standard UKRI eligibility criteria apply. More information can be found here: Eligibility as an individual – UKRI UK applicants may participate in no more than two applications to this call, and only in one as the Project Partner Coordinator. As the Natural Environment Research Council (NERC), part of UKRI, is supporting this call. The research of the UK component must be within NERC remit and the research challenges being addressed must be to enhance environmental understanding. The participation of other disciplines represented by AHRC and ESRC are encouraged to support addressing these complex challenges. More information can be found here: • NERC remit • AHRC remit • ESRC remit Applicants are encouraged to contact NERC to discuss remit before submitting the proposal.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	- NERC Research Grants Handbook

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level	The application process will be handled by the Biodiversa+ secretariat; applications will not be handled by UKRI. Following the funding decision, UK project leads of successful bids must submit their proposal through the UKRI The Funding Service (TFS). Submissions must be made within a limited time of the funding decision. Details will be provided to successful Project leads after the funding decision is announced. The latest grant start date for UKRI awards of Biodiversa+ projects is 14 February 2028.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	In addition to reports required by the Biodiversa+ secretariat, UK grant holders must submit reports annually to UKRI. Further details will be provided at the time of the award. UKRI funded projects from this call will form part of a larger NERC-Defra programme called *Resilient Economy and Security through Ecosystems Transitions (RESET)*. UK Project teams will be required to provide regular reports to the wider RESET programme's hub team and to participate in programme activities and events. Further details will be provided following the announcement of the awards. UKRI projects must submit a final expenditure report within 3 months of the end of the grant.
Do you allow the addition of a new research partner between step 1 and step 2 at your national / regional level?	Partners, co-leads and researchers can be added between the two stages of the application process.
Does your organisation request funded researchers to sign a consortium agreement?	Yes
Other important information	UKRI funded projects from this call will form part of a larger NERC-Defra programme called *Resilient Economy and Security through Ecosystems Transitions (RESET)*. UK Project

	teams will be required to participate in this wider programme's events and must include costs in their application to this call for 1-2 team members to attend up to 3 UK events.