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## FWF Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

## Funding Program: Principal Investigator Projects

(PIP (PROFI mode) (fwf.ac.at))

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## National/regional regulation

Indicative bud	get		1.000.000 € (2-3 projects)				
Maximum fund	ding per project		450.000 €				
Project duration	on		Optional: Mi	nno limi	taion	Max. 36 mon	ths
Project types t	o be funded:		Exploratory	Research		Accelerating	Innovation
			Yes			No	
Topics to be fu	ınded:						
Topic 1			Topic 2 Topic 3				
Yes			Yes		Ye	s	
Y	funding of the r n your national/		There are no exceptions according to the topics. However funding may be only requested for project type "Explor Research", as the FWF only funds basic research (see <u>FApplication Guidelines</u> section 1.2).				loratory
Link to funding relevant inforr	g programme an nation	Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelin Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (P mode) (fwf.ac.at)  Application guidelines Principal Investigator Project (P mode) (fwf.ac.at)					ject (PROFI
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding:	l				
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprise	Public s bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	No	No

### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

All Austrian research institutions are eligible to apply. Research institutions must be <u>registered</u> in the FWF's research institution portal. 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 is to be carried out. Please refer to section 1.3 of the <a href="FWF Application Guidelines">FWF Application Guidelines</a> for more details. The principal investigator must be employed at the Austrian research institution applying for funding at the time the project is scheduled to begin. The principal investigator must have appropriate scientific qualifications as described in section 1.4 of the <a href="FWF Application Guidelines">FWF Application Guidelines</a> and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. Please also consider the <a href="project number limit">project number limit</a>.

No more than two for funding eligible partners from Austria participating in the call will be accepted within one consortium! Please note that Austrian participants cannot participate in a consortium under the widening option at the full proposal stage.

Project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution (see section 2.3 of the <a href="FWF Application guidelines">FWF Application guidelines</a>). The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions.

In addition, funding may be requested for project-specific work at the associated research institution(s) where associated research partner(s) work. Associated research partners are researchers working on a project-specific basis at other Austrian research institutions (associated research institutions) and who are making a significant scientific/scholarly contribution to the project. Please refer to section 1.5 of the <a href="FWF">FWF</a> Application guidelines for more details.

Costs may not be changed from pre- to full proposal, therefore drafting of the cost justification is already advised at the pre-proposal stage. For further information see the <u>FWF Application guidelines</u> - section 6.1 Appendix A.

**FWF Submission:** In addition to the application to the call secretariat, **pre-proposals** must be submitted online to the FWF at <a href="https://elane.fwf.ac.at">https://elane.fwf.ac.at</a> via the programme category "PIK – International Projects preproposal". The deadline for submission is 12 February 2026, 2 pm CET (local time in Vienna) and upload the following documents as individual annexes:

- CV of the applicant at FWF (according to the <u>FWF Application Guidelines</u> section 2.2.3 Annex 3).
- Proof of publication output of the FWF principal investigator (according to <u>FWF Application Guidelines</u> section 2.2.4).

For the **full-proposal stage**, applicants must choose the programme category "KIN – International – Multilateral Initiatives" The deadline for full-proposal submission is 28 July 2026, 2 pm CEST (local time in Vienna)

#### Both steps are mandatory.

Please note that applications are only valid once they have been approved for submission by the research institution on the submission portal in due time before the specified deadline.

(Please note that it is not necessary to upload the proposal itself as this document is provided to the FWF by the Joint Call Secretariat.)



# Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (F.R.S.-FNRS) Funding Program: PINT-MULTI (<u>PINT-MULTI regulations</u>)

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Indicative	budget	3	300.000€							
	funding per proje	ct 3	300.000 €							
Project du	<u> </u>	N s t	Max. 36 months. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.SFNRS 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 PINT-MULTI regulations.							
Project ty	pes to be funded:	E	xploratory Resea	arch	Accelerating	Innovation				
		Y	es		No					
Topics to I	be funded:									
Topic 1		Т	Topic 2 Topic 3							
Yes		Y	Yes Yes							
research t national p		ur o	Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80.000 € for this call.  For "overhead" costs:  Operating expenses: up to 1% within the budget granted. 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.SFNRS.  Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.							
	nding programme a vant information	and <u>F</u>	PINT-MULTI							
Following	partners are eligib	le for fun	ding:							
Universi ties	Universities of applied sciences	Researc institute	legal	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other			
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No			

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



## National/regional contact point

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National/regional regulation						
Indicative budget		700.000€				
Maximum funding per project		350.000 € (overhead included)				
Project duration		Max. 36 months				
Project types to be funded:						
	Exploratory	Research	Accelerating Innovation			
	Yes		No			
Topics to be funded:						
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3			
Yes	Yes		Yes			
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution		channels within this m FWO funding channel researchers from Flan fundamental in nature  The scope and the researchers can be ver channel regulations, w website:  - FWO Researchers - Strategic Basin	wo of its national/regional funding ultilateral framework. The choice of depends on the type of project the iders wish to undertake (i.e. more vs. strong valorization potential).  eligibility of institutions and its ified in the relevant chosen funding which can be consulted on the FWO  h Projects (FO) c Research (SBO)			

#### **Eligible Costs**

- The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 €, which guarantees at least two projects.
- o The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above). Both are capped at max. 350.000 € per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel see explanation below).
- o For the **overhead calculation**, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) use 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 €, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 € (6% of 200.000 €) and the total requested cost is 212.000 €. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 €.
  - <u>SBO</u>: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000
     €, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 € (17% of 200.000 €) and the total requested cost is 234.000 €. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 €.

Overhead should be mentioned in the FutureFoods budget table, but it should <u>not</u> be inserted in the national/regional FWO pre-registration form on the <u>FWO E-loket</u> (see below under 'Other Funding Criteria').

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non- profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes (restrictions might apply)	Yes (restrictions might apply)	Yes (restrictions might apply)	No	No	No	No	/

### Other Funding Criteria

## !! IMPORTANT !!

- Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the <u>FWO E-loket</u>.
  - For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: 'Research projects European programme fundamental research'.
  - For strategic basis research projects (SBO) select the application type: 'Research projects European programme strategic basic research'.

In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a <u>single online</u> form should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) itself, through its personal 'e-loket', 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. <u>Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.</u>

- o Participation in this call does not interfere with the 'regular/national' project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call as partner.
- o Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. This potential 'route' should not be mentioned in the FWO pre-registration form.
- o The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the <a href="FWO Research Projects">FWO Research Projects</a> and article 14 of the <a href="Strategic Basic Research (SBO)">Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</a> regulations do not apply here.
- The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project.
  - Linked to the above, when it comes to the <u>FWO research project regulations (FO)</u>: article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this context, who are granted **emeritus status** during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project execution, are **not eligible**.
- Research teams applying for funding from the FWO may involve 'stakeholders' (e.g. city/municipal authorities, interest groups, public and/or private organisations focused on 'food systems' in a broad sense, serviceprovides) as subcontractors in a research project, including for non-routine tasks. Contact the FWO for further information.

Additional info	It is <b>strongly advised</b> to approach the FWO contact points ('NCPs') mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.
Useful Links	https://www.fwo.be/en/support-programmes/european- framework-programme/



# Public service of Wallonia (SPW) Service Public de Wallonie

## Funding Program: FutureFoods partnership

## National/regional contact point

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National/ regional regulation										
Indicative bud	get				1.000.000 €					
Maximum funding per project			1.000.000 €							
Project duration	on				Min.	24 months				Max. 36 months
Project types t	o be funded:									
			Expl	oratory I	Resear	ch		Accele	erating Innovati	ion
			Yes					Yes		
Topics to be funded:										
Topic 1			Topic 2			Topic 3				
Yes			Yes				No			
Exceptions for based on your	_		ch top	oics	Participants must present an innovative R&D project that has a positive impact on the Walloon economy and is aligned with the priority of strategic innovation area (DIS) of the regional Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3 Wallonia)					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information				vant	https://recherche.wallonie.be/partenariats					
Following part	ners are eligi	ble for fu	nding	:						
Universities	Universiti es of applied sciences	Researc institute		Non-profit legal entities		SMEs	Large enter		Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes		No	)	Yes	Ye	es	No	No

• Applicants to SPW funding must submit their pre-proposal on the regional application platform ONTIME. Proposals invited to the second stage must also be submitted on the same platform. The submission deadlines are the same as the general deadline of the FutureFoods call.

Applicants who want to submit a proposal are requested to contact SPW at least 2 weeks before the submission deadline.

- Participants must be companies, universities/higher education institutions, accredited or certified research centers, established in the Walloon Region and conduct R&D activities within the project.
- Walloon partners in the consortium must include at least one company, and the research budget of the Walloon partner companies must account for at least 40% of the total research budget of all Walloon partners.
- Participants must be based in Wallonia, and the Walloon companies must have an operational unit in Wallonia.
- Participants cannot receive any other public funding for the same activities.
- Participants must have fulfilled their obligations under any previous support granted by the Region.
- At the time of submission, companies must not be in difficulty according to the European Union guidelines.
- Projects must focus solely on civilian technologies, products, processes, and services.
- Participants must present an innovative R&D project that has a positive impact on the Walloon economy and aligns with the priority of the regional Smart Specialization Strategy (S3 Wallonia).
- Participants must demonstrate their ability to carry out the tasks assigned to them in the project, to
  exploit its results, and to have a positive socio-economic and sustainable development impact on
  Wallonia.
- The project cannot start at a TRL (Technology Readiness Level) lower than 3.



Name of organisation: VLAIO Funding organism: FIO

## Funding Programs: Bedrijfssteun - TETRA

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vacional/Tegic	nai regulation								
Indicative bud	get			Bedr	ijfssteun : 2	2.000.00	0 € – T	ETRA : 750.00	0 €
Maximum fun	ding per project			Bedrijfssteun: 500.000 € – TETRA: 375.000 €					
Project duration	on			Min.	Min. 24 months				Max. 36 months
Project types	to be funded:								
Exploratory				/ Rese	arch		Accele	erating Innov	ation
	Yes					,	Yes		
Topics to be fu	ınded:	'							
Topic 1 Topic 2			pic 2		Topic 3				
Yes Yes					Yes				
•	funding of the interpretation		•	None					
Link to funding information	g programme an	nd other rel	evant	Onderzoeksproject   VLAIO Ontwikkelingsproject   VLAIO  TETRA   VLAIO					
Following part	ners are eligible	for fundin	g:						
Universities	Universities of applied sciences Research institutes entit			gal	SMEs	Larg enterp		Public bodies	Other : high schools
Yes as a subcontract	Yes as a subcontract	Yes as a subcontr	N	0	Yes	Yes	S	No	Yes (TETRA)

or or project	or or project	actor or			
partner	partner/ Yes	project			
	if industrial	partner			
	engineer				
	(TETRA)				

For the company support (onderzoeksprojecten – ontwikkelingsprojecten) program research institutes, high schools and universities can be part of the Flemish consortium as a project partner or as a subcontractor. They cannot submit a proposal directly.

For the TETRA program high schools and industrial engineering departments of universities can submit a proposal as in the regular TETRA calls.

The Flemish applicants have to submit to Vlaio the following additional documents :

- Cost model for the Flemish part of the project (all Flemish partners)
- "Template annex internationale en interregionale projecten" (company support ) or "Template annex Vlaamse bijdrage bij een aanvraag Tetra-Partnerschap" (TETRA)
- International pre-proposal

Required documents : <u>FutureFoodS | VLAIO</u>

Applicants who want to submit a proposal are requested to contact VLAIO as soon as the consortium complete.

In order to perform the extended eligibility the national annexes have to be submitted latest 1 week before the international submission deadline.

VLAIO will discuss the annex and the cost model with each applicant after the submission and before the end of the extended eligibility period.

## Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF) Фонд "Научни изследвания"

## Funding Program: FutureFoodS

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## National/regional regulation

Indicative bud	get			450 (	000€				
Maximum fun	ding per project			Up to 150 000 € per project					
Project duration	Project duration			Min. 36 months				Max. 36 months	
Project types to be funded:									
Exploratory F				eseard	ch		Acceler	ating Innovatio	n
Yes				No					
Topics to be funded:									
Topic 1		Topic	2	Topic 3					
Yes		Yes		Yes					
	funding of the r national/region	· ·							
Link to funding	g programme an	d other rele	vant info	ormati	on				
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding:	:						
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs		arge erprises	Public bodies	Other

## Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

Yes

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution:

No

Yes

1) Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act;

No

No

No

No

No

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

Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The formulier should be filled and electronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://nims.egov.bg/login#/

Each PI is obliged to send an annual report for the BNSF-funded project. BNSF provides templates and guidelines.



# The Danish Agricultural Agency (DAFA)

# Funding Program: Grønt Udviklings- og Demonstrationsprogram (GUDP)

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Indicative bud	get			1.500	1.500.000 €					
Maximum fund	ding per project			The maximum amount per Danish partner in international projects is EUR 300,000. Minimum amount is 50,000 EUR. The maximum amount for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is EUR 500,000						
Project duration	on			Min.	12 months				Max.	36 months
Project types t	o be funded:									
Exploratory				Resear	ch		Accele	erating In	novatio	วท
Yes							Yes			
Topics to be fu	ınded:									
Topic 1 Topic			opic 2	ic 2			Topic	3		
Yes		Υe	es	Yes						
•	funding of the r national/region		•	NA						
Link to funding information	g programme an	d other re	elevant	https://gudp.lfst.dk/						
Following part	ners are eligible	for fundir	ng:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Researcl institute	n leį	profit gal ities	SMEs	Ları enterp	-	Pub bodi		Other
Yes Yes Yes Yes			es	Yes	Ye	S	No	)	NA	
Any additional	national/region	al rules or	docume	nts or i	nformation	ı: -				



# Estonian Research Council (ETAG) Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur

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Indicative bud	get			300.0	000€				
Maximum fun	Maximum funding per project			150.000 € if the Estonian participant is a partner in a consortium. 300.000 € if the Estonian participant is coordinating the consortium.					
Project duration			Min. 24 months				Max. 36 months		
Project types t	o be funded:								
Exploratory F			leseard	ch		Acceler	ating Innovatio	n	
Yes					No				
Topics to be fu	ınded:								
Topic 1		Topic	: 2	Topic 3					
Yes		Yes		Yes					
•	funding of the r national/region	•		-					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information				National Eligibility Criteria: <a href="https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel">https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel</a> aprill-2025.pdf					
Following part	:								
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs		arge erprises	Public bodies	Other

| Yes |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

All project-related costs must be incurred no later than 31.08.2029, i.e. the Estonian partner's activities must be completed by that time.

If the Estonian partner participates in the project as partner, support of up to  $150.000 \, €$  can be requested for the Estonian sub-project. If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal as partners, the total requested budget can be still max  $150.000 \, €$  per proposal. If the Estonian partner participates in the project as a coordinator, support of up to  $300.000 \, €$  can be requested for the Estonian sub-project. If several Estonian partners participate in the application coordinated by Estonia, the total budget of all Estonian partners participating in this project can be max  $300.000 \, €$ .

If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.



# Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM) (Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö)

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## National/regional regulation

Tracional/Teglonal Tegalation					
Indicative budget	500.000€				
Maximum funding per project	250.000 € (	250.000 € (all Finnish partners in one proposal)			
Project duration			Max. 36 months		
Project types to be funded:	·				
	Exploratory	/ Research	Accelerating Innovation		
	Yes		Yes		
Topics to be funded:	·				
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3		
Yes	Yes		Yes		
Exceptions for funding of the resear based on your national/regional pri	•				
Link to funding programme and oth information	er relevant				
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### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

## Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

MMM uses so called total cost model where funding for research organizations and universities covers 70 % of the project's gross eligible costs. For companies the maximum funding is 50% (please note the EU's state aid rules). Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported, neither machinery or equipment unless they have been specifically approved by ministry. The results of funded projects must be open for access by all potential user groups. Costs that are necessary and reasonable in view of the project work and which can be allocated to the project in accounting are considered acceptable costs. The costs must be incurred during the period of time

indicated in the funding decision in order to be approved. Costs incurred before the application was submitted will not be approved as project costs.

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

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

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

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

# Finland - Innovaatiorahoituskeskus Business Finland (BF) BUSINESS **FINLAND**

## **Business Finland Innovation Funding agency**

## Optional: Innovaatiorahoituskeskus Business Finland

## National/regional contact point

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Indicative budget	2 000 000€				
Maximum funding per project		A maximum of €600,000 per project, but it can be larger if the project has a major impact on the international competition of Finnish companies and the renewal of the food chain.			
Project duration	Optional: Min 24 months		Max. 36 months		
Project types to be funded:					
	Exploratory R	Research	Accelerating Innovation		
	yes		yes		
Topics to be funded:					
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3		
Yes	Yes		Yes		
Exceptions for funding of the resear based on your national/regional pr	Please explain any exceptions				
Link to funding programme and oth information	Links to funding programme(s)				
Following partners are eligible for funding:					

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, together with companies and	Yes	Yes	Yes, Wellbeing services counties (University hospitals)	No

research institutes	together with companies
	and research
	institutes)

### 1) Research organisations

The level of funding for the research project is always 80 %.

If one or more Finnish research institutes participate to call in part of a European consortium, Business Finland offer following funding services

#### 1.1 Co-Innovation

Learn about funding and requirements: <u>Co-Innovation</u>. **Exceptionally**, one Finnish research organisation and three Finnish companies, of which at least one company participates with its own R&D project, are sufficient to form a Co-Innovation consortium. In addition to their own parallel R&D project, see below, companies can participate in the CO-innovation consortium by funding public research. Large companies are not required to be networked (40%).

#### 1.1.1 Wellbeing services counties/HUS:

Read more about the funding and requirements: <u>Funding for university hospitals</u>. **Exceptionally**, the wellbeing services county/HUS and one Finnish company with its own project are sufficient to form a Co-Innovation consortium.

#### 1.2 Co-Research

Learn more about funding and requirements: <u>Co-Research</u>

If one or more Finnish research organisations participate in the FutureFoodS partnership consortium without Finnish companies applying for Business Finland funding with their own project, Co-Research funding will be used as the form of funding. **Exceptionally**, compared to the budget of the Finnish research organisation, the funding requirement is **that the** research organisation in question receives **at least 5% of the funding from at least 3 Finnish companies.** 

#### 2) SME & MID CAPs and Large companies:

Business Finland finances companies as part of a European consortium with companies' R&D funding.

Learn more about the funding and requirements:

- SMEs & MIDCAPs Research, development, piloting for SMEs and midcaps
- Large Companies <u>Research</u>, <u>development</u>, <u>piloting for large companies</u>

If one or more Finnish companies participate in the FutureFoodS partnership consortium, Business Finland can fund SMEs 50-60% and large and midcap companies a maximum of 40-50% of the project costs.

The companies participating in the application must have the prerequisites for continuous profitable operations and must not have tax debts.

In addition, the company must demonstrate sufficient financial resources and capabilities to participate in the application process with its own project.

If at least two Finnish companies apply for R&D funding, the application must be submitted using the Co-Innovation form.



# French National Research Agency (ANR) Agence Nationale de la Recherche

## National/regional contact point

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		N.A
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Indicative bud	get			2.00	0.000 €				
Maximum funding per project			300.000 €, 350.000 € if the Coordinating Partner is requesting funding from ANR and eligible for funding by ANR						
Project duration				Min.	24 months	;		Max. 36 r	months
Project types t	o be funded:								
		Explora	tory Re	search			Acce	elerating Innov	/ation
Yes						No			
Topics to be fu	ınded:								
Topic 1 Topic 2					Topic 3				
Yes		Yes			Yes				
•	funding of the r national/region	•	ics	N.A.					
Link to funding information	g programme an	d other relev	vant	ANR's Work Programme 2026 https://anr.fr/en/work-programme-2026/					
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	l lea		SMEs	Large enterpris	es	Public bodies	Other
See details in the section additional national/regional rules									
Any additional	national/region	al rules or d	ocumen	nts or i	nformation	:			
Funding Comm	nitment: amount that ca	n be request	ted from	n ANR	by each pro	oposal with	ı Fren	ch applicant(s	) is:

- 350.000 € if Coordinating Partner is requesting to funding to ANR and eligible for funding by ANR
- 300.000 € (for standard French Partners)

The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15.000 €.

If there are several French partners requesting funds from ANR, the total requested funding from ANR (300.000 €, extended to 350.000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them. For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations at actual costs for at:

#### Eligible Institutions:

https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.

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

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

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

Companies in difficulty are not eligible to ANR funding.

Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, Ukrainian territories out of control of the Ukrainian government.

See more information on the eligibility of institutions on the ANR Funding Regulations at actual costs <a href="https://anr.fr/fr/rf/">https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</a>.

#### Additional eligibility criteria:

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

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

In keeping with the **French "PPST" policy** (Protection of the national scientific and technological potential), applicants to ANR should consult their local "FSD" (security and defense officer) regarding 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 will cause ANR to reject the proposal.

By applying to ANR, ANR funded partners commit to ANR policies under the following headings (see the document "Modalités" for details):

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

### • GDPR

Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR). In case of a conflict of interpretation between the terms and conditions stated in this annex and the "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" and the "Règlement financier", the latter shall prevail.

Germany - Bundesministerium für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt (BMFTR) / Projektträger Jülich



# Project Management Jülich (PtJ) on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)

# Projektträger Jülich (PtJ) im Auftrag des Bundesministeriums für Forschung, Technologie und Raumfahrt

## Funding Program: Nationale Bioökonomiestrategie

## National/regional contact point

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rtational, regional regulation									
Indicative budget		2.000.000 €							
Maximum funding per project	350.000 €								
Project duration	Min. 24 months		Max. 36 months						
Project types to be funded:									
	esearch Accelerating Innovation		on						
	Yes	Yes							
Topics to be funded:									
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3						
No	Yes		No						
Exceptions for funding of the resear based on your national/regional pri	Projects must have a clear added value to the national funding programme								
Link to funding programme and oth information	Link will be generated and added directly before publication								
Following partners are eligible for fo	unding:			Following partners are eligible for funding:					

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

- German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal and to refer to the National Announcement (link)
- Non-profit organisations have to contact the National Contact Persons to approve eligibility.
- The maximum funding per project is 350.000 € (including overhead).
- BMFTR funding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> FutureFoodS call is provided as delineated in the national announcement "FutureFoodS Call 2025: "Förderung der Lebensmittelnachhaltigkeit durch Ernährungsumstellung in Haushalten, Vertrauen und Transparenz sowie Innovationen in Kreislaufsystemen zur Lebensmittelverarbeitung" which is published in the Bundesanzeiger (link).
- German applicants who are eligible to receive "Projektpauschale" must make sure, that this is drawn in the section "Finances" under "Overhead". Additional explanations are to be added in the section "Comments on finances". More information is available on: <a href="https://foerderportal.bund.de">https://foerderportal.bund.de</a>.
- Funding bases on §§23 and 44 BHO ("Bundeshaushaltsordnung") and associated administrative regulations. The main items are as follows:
  - o The procedure ("Verfahren") is according to the above-mentioned protocol (see chapter "Application Procedure" / "Dreistufiges Antragsverfahren"). Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
  - The funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the national announcement "FutureFoodS Call 2025: "Förderung der Lebensmittelnachhaltigkeit durch Ernährungsumstellung in Haushalten, Vertrauen und Transparenz sowie Innovationen in Kreislaufsystemen zur Lebensmittelverarbeitung" and NKBF 2017, NABF and BNBest-mittelbarer Abruf-BMFTR, respectively. Additionally, reporting duties as delineated in this Call Announcement in the Chapter "Project monitoring and reporting" must be respected as well.
  - o Research institutions, which receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.
  - Private companies must be registered in Germany and must be well established in Germany with plants, laboratories, employees, etc. The proposed project must be beneficial to the national economy. In order to prove their financial ability to participate in the proposed project, Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) have to submit the following documents to the contact person written below together with the electronic submission of the proposals (documents received latest on 11<sup>th</sup> of February 2026):
    - 1) Financial statements for the last two years (Jahresabschlüsse der letzten zwei Jahre)
    - 2) Confirmation of the financial own contribution (Erklärung zur Aufbringung des Eigenanteils)
    - 3) Business assessment (Aktuelle BWA)

The documents have to be submitted to:

ptj-futurefoods@fz-juelich.de

Germany - Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, Ernährung und Heimat (BMLEH) / Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE)



## Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung (BLE) on behalf of Bundesministerium für Landwirtschaft, Ernährung und Heimat (BMLEH)

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## National/regional regulation

Indicative bud	get			750.000€					
Maximum funding per project			250.0	000€					
Project duration	on			Min.	24 months	5	1	Max. 36 months	
Project types t	o be funded:								
Exploratory R				leseard	ch	Accel	erating Innov	vation	
		Yes				No			
Topics to be fu	ınded:								
Topic 1		Topic	2	Topic 3					
Yes		No	No			No	No		
•	funding of the r national/region	•							
Link to funding information	g programme an	d other relev	vant						
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public s bodie	Other	
Yes	Yes	Yes	Ye		No	No	No		

For detailed information on funding modalities please check the Call announcement at www.bundesanzeiger.de



# The Icelandic Centre for Research (Rannis) Rannís

# Funding Program: Technology Development Fund <u>Technology</u> <u>Development Fund | The Icelandic Centre for Research (rannis.is)</u>

## National/regional contact point

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Indicative bud	get			300.000€				
Maximum fun	ding per project			300.000 €				
Project duration	on			Min:	24 months			Max. 36 months
Project types to be funded:								
Exploratory R			leseard	ch	А	ccelerating Inno	vation	
Yes					Ye	es		
Topics to be funded:								
Topic 1		Topic	2	Topic 3				
Yes		Yes		Yes			es	
-	funding of the r national/region	-		,				
Link to funding programme and other relevant information				Tækniþróunarsjóður   Reglur Tækniþróunarsjóðs   Rannsóknamiðstöð Íslands (rannis.is)				
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding	,					
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	leg:		SMEs	Large enterpri es	Public bodies	Other

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w.rannis.is/s	<u>.rannis.is/sjo</u>	<u>ww.ranni</u>	ww.rannis.	<u>ww.ranni</u>	<u>ww.ranni</u>	w.rannis.is/s	w.rannis.is
<u>jodir/rannso</u>	dir/rannsokn	s.is/sjodi	<u>is/sjodir/r</u>	s.is/sjodir	s.is/sjodi	jodir/rannso	/sjodir/ran
knir/taeknit	<u>ir/taeknithro</u>	<u>r/rannso</u>	annsoknir/	/rannsok	<u>r/rannso</u>	knir/taeknit	nsoknir/ta
<u>hrounarsjod</u>	unarsjodur/	knir/taek	<u>taeknithro</u>	nir/taekn	knir/taek	<u>hrounarsjod</u>	<u>eknithroun</u>
<u>ur/</u>		<u>nithroun</u>	<u>unarsjodur</u>	<u>ithrounar</u>	<u>nithroun</u>	<u>ur/</u>	arsjodur/
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https://www.rannis.is/sjodir/rannsoknir/taeknithrounarsjodur/



## Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)

## National/regional contact point

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## National/regional regulation

Indicative bud	get				350.000 € (DAFM)						
Maximum fun	ding per project				350.000 € (DAFM)						
Project duration				Min.	36 months	;			Мах	c. 36 months	
Project types t	o be funded:										
			Exploratory Research					elerating ovation			
			Yes					No			
Topics to be funded:											
Topic 1			Topic	: 2	Topic 3						
No			Yes		No						
	funding of the r national/region		-	cs	DAFM will not be in a position to support research relating to cellular / synthetic meat or dairy.						
Link to funding information	g programme an	d other	r releva	ant	https://www.gov.ie/en/collection/9bd2a-research-and- codex/						
Following partners are eligible for funding:											
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea institu		Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs	Lar enterp	_	Public bodies	1	Other

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No

## Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

#### **National Eligibility Criteria**

- Grant applications will only be accepted from approved Irish RPOs (see section 4 of the Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants)
- The grant request by Irish RPOs must not exceed the maximum funding per project as set out above.
- Address at least one of the scientific areas related to the call scope (as set out in the central Call announcement/documents under the FutureFoodS 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-funded Call)

- Avoid duplication of recent national and international research work already funded or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the scientific topic areas in the FutureFoodS 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-funded Call.
- Closely align with relevant national policy and foresight documents including but not restricted to Food Vision 2030, IMPACT 2030, Programme for Government, Ag-Climatise, Climate Action Plan 2024, and Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Agriculture, and also align with relevant strategic research and innovation priority areas and agendas.

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

### **Eligible Funding Partners**

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

#### Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants

Please see the 'Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants' located on the DAFM website which sets out in more detail the rules for Irish applicants seeking grant-aid from the FutureFoodS 2<sup>nd</sup> Co-funded Call and must be read in conjunction with the requirements set out in this National Annex, the Call Announcement document and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA) of the FutureFoodS Partnership.

#### **Further Information**

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



## Autonomous Province of Bolzano / Bozen (BOZEN)

# Funding Program: Progetti europei / EU Projekte - FutureFoodS 2nd call

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Indicative budget		225.000 €				
Maximum funding per project		300.000€				
Project duration	Min: 12 months	Max. 36 months				
Project types to be funded:						
		Exploratory Research	Accelerating Innovation			
	Yes	Yes				
Topics to be funded:						
Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3				
Yes	Yes		Yes			
Exceptions for funding of the research based on your national/regional price	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information		https://innovation-forschung.provinz.bz.it/de/beihilfen- ausschreibungen				

https://innovazione-ricerca.provincia.bz.it/it/agevolazioni-bandi

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes (see below: Eligible partners)

### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

The projects submitted within this call will be treated by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen as "Joint Projects –International cooperation projects", as defined in the Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7599/2024 and will be managed along the "Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects" as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no.15654/2024 .

#### Eligible partners:

Partners must be Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol, as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the "Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)", as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019.

The funding rate is 100%.

Companies may participate, but cannot be funded, unless their primary activity is research or knowledge dissemination and they are based in South Tyrol.

#### Eligible costs

The eligible costs are:

- -personnel costs
- -travel costs
- -costs for equipment
- -consumables
- -costs for external services (max 30% of the overall admitted budget per partner)
- -management or indirect costs (max 10% of the overall admitted budget per partner).

VAT cost is eligible, if it cannot be deducted.

The Guidelines regarding eligible costs for research projects apply (see Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no.15654/2024).

# Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional Level

<u>1st step</u>: South Tyrolian partners have to provide an additional budget divided into the Joint Project costs categories: the document must be sent per certified email (Pec) to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the preproposals.

Shouldn't be possible in this phase to provide details, a more detailed budget should be sent at step 2.

2nd step: A provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs

"Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan") must be submitted to the same office within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals.

An additional detailed budget divided into the Joint Project' costs categories must also be submitted, in case this was not already provided in step 1 or upon request.

In case of purchase of equipment with a value over 5000 €, at least a quotation must be submitted as well.

In case partners from South Tyrol are involved in a project between step 1 and step 2, they must send to the Office of scientific research within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposal:

- an additional detailed budget divided into the Joint Project' costs categories
- a provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs "Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan")
- at least a quotation, in case of purchase of equipment with a value over 5.000 €.

#### Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level

In addition to the mid-term and final report, a financial and an activity report must be sent to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen by July 31st, of each year following the year in which the activities have been carried out (e.g. activities carried out in 2026 must be reported by July 31st, 2027). The financial report lists the detailed expenses. The activity report briefly describes the project development and in particular the activities of the South Tyrolian partner that generated those expenses. Please, note: the activity report is neither the mid-term report nor the final report of the call. Concerning the financial and the activity reports, the "Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects" as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 15654/ 2024 apply.

#### Request for funding

In case of a positive funding decision, the South Tyrolian beneficiaries must send a formal "Request for funding" to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 15 days after the notification from partnership.

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

The forms/ templates will be available on the webpage (se EU projects / FutureFoodS call):

https://innovazione-ricerca.provincia.bz.it/it/ricerca-scientifica-e-universita

or

https://innovation-forschung.provinz.bz.it/de/wissenschaftliche-forschung-universitaet

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



# Research Council of Lithuania Lietuvos mokslo taryba/ Research Council of Lithuania

## Funding Program: FutureFoodS

## National/regional contact point

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Indicative bud	get				300.0	000 € for th	ne call			
Maximum fund	ding per project				150.000-250.000 €					
Project duration	on				Min.	36				Max. 36 months
Project types t	o be funded:									
					Expl	oratory Re	esearch			Acceleratin g Innovation
					Yes					Yes
Topics to be funded:										
Topic 1			Topic	c 2	Topic 3					
Yes			Yes		Yes					
-	funding of the renational/regions		-	cs	n/a					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information				ant /	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo- finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo- priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos- koordinavimo-veiklos/futurefoods/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:										
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea institu		Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs	Lar enterp	-	Public bodies	Other

Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes/ No	Yes/ No	Yes/ No	Yes/ No	Non-profit legal entities, SMEs, large enterprises and public bodies are eligible to fund only as a partner of the main applicant according to mutual agreement
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Eligible for funding institutions (main applicant from Lithuania) are Lithuanian research and higher education institutions that are included in the Register of Education and Research institutions.

A legal entity of Lithuania can be a partner of the main applicant from Lithuania – eligible Lithuanian research and higher education institution.

Within a single project proposal, the maximum funding can be: up to  $150.000 \\in -$  for a consortium partner (main applicant or main applicant and legal entity (or entities) of Lithuania); up to  $200.000 \\in -$  for a coordinator or 2 consortium partners; up to  $250.000 \\in -$  for a coordinator and 1 consortium partner.

The applicant who intends to act as a principal investigator for Lithuanian institution has to be a scientist (researcher holding at least a Ph.D. degree).

A person may only submit one proposal for the same Call as PI (principal investigator) or PPI (primary project implementer).

Work scope of each PPI (including PI) within the project must be at least 20 hours of project time multiplied by the duration of the project in months.

No National official paperwork at application stage is required.

For more information about Lithuanian conditions for funding, please consult the call text in Lithuanian.



# THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA ( $\check{Z}\bar{U}M$ )

## LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS ŽEMĖS ŪKIO MINISTERIJA

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Indicative budget					120,000 €							
Indicative budget					120.000 €							
Maximum funding per project					120.000 €							
Project duration					Min. 36 months					Max. 36 months		
Project types to be funded:												
					Exploratory Research				Accelerating Innovation			
					Yes					Yes		
Topics to be funded:												
Topic 1				Topic 2				Topic 3				
Yes				Yes				Yes				
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities					No exceptions							
Link to funding programme and other relevant information					-							
Following partners are eligible for funding:												
Universities	Universities of applied sciences Rese			legal		SMEs	Large Public enterprises bodies			Other		

Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
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Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

The rules for the administration of international research and experimental development projects of the ministry of agriculture for the period 2024-2027 approved on the 15 th December 2023 by the order of the Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania No. 3D-862.

#### https://e-

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



### The Research Council of Norway (RCN)

#### National/regional contact point

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Indicative bud	get				NOK 25 million, current currency rate about 2.100.000 €					
Maximum fun	ding per project				NOK 3 million					
Project duration				Min.	24 months	5			Max. 36 months	
Project types t	o be funded:									
			Expl	Exploratory Research				Accelerating Innovation		
				Yes					Yes	
Topics to be funded:										
Topic 1 Topic 2			Topic 3							
Yes			Yes		Yes					
•	funding of the r national/region			ics	No exceptions					
Link to funding information	g programme an	d othe	r rele	vant	Links to funding programme(s)					
Following part	ners are eligible	for fu	nding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Rese instit		Non-profit legal entities		SMEs	Lar enter	_	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Υe	es .	Ye	S	Yes	Υe	es	Yes	No
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:										
Terms and Cor	nditions:									

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

#### Eligibility:

- Norwegian partners from trade and industry sector are eligible for participation. The state aid rules impose restrictions on such funding.
- Aid may not be granted to undertakings that have not complied with the requirements for repayment
  following a previous decision by the ESA/EU Commission declaring the aid illegal and incompatible
  with the internal market. Nor may aid be granted to undertakings in difficulty within the meaning of
  EEA law.
- Only proposals which also are relevant for the context of **Norwegian circumstances** are eligible for funding. The Norwegian applicants are encouraged to make clear how this criterium is fulfilled.
- Sole proprietorships ("enkeltpersonforetak") are eligible as partners. However, payroll and indirect expenses will not be covered for the owner and the spouse. The payroll and indirect expenses for any other employees of sole proprietorships can be covered, as well as expenses relating to participation in a project, provided that they are described in the sole proprietorship's accounts.

#### Admitted costs:

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

#### General information:

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

#### Any other information:

- Once the pre-proposal applications have been received, the RCN will first check that all preliminary and formal requirements have been met.
- Applications that do not satisfy the formal requirements will be rejected.
- 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.



## FOUNDATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FUNDAÇÃO PARA A CIÊNCIA E A TECNOLOGIA

#### National/regional contact point

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Indicative budget		500.000 €		
Maximum funding per project		The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Main Applicant</b> is 250.000 €.		
		The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a <b>Portuguese Project</b> Applicant is 150.000 €.		
		If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the same international consortium applies for funding by FCT, the combined funding demanded by all the Portuguese applicants may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Main Applicant (250.000 €) or with a Project Applicant (150.000 €). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.  For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of FCT Regulation.		
Project duration		Max. 36 months		
Project types to be funded:				
	Exploratory	Research	Accelerating Innovation	
Yes			Yes	
Topics to be funded:				
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3	
Yes	Yes		Yes	

Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities	
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	To be delivered

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	*

<sup>\*</sup>Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information: For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of FCT Regulation.

**Applicable regulation:** Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to <u>Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds</u>, published in Regulation No. 999/2016, in its current wording, that is, as amended and republished by Regulation No. 5/2024 of 3 January, and corrected by Rectification Statement No. 366/2024/2, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, No. 100, of 23 May 2024, and by all other applicable national and European Union legislation.

**Criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility**: For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see article 5 of <u>FCT Regulation</u>.

**Criteria of projects' eligibility**: For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of <u>FCT</u> Regulation.

**Rules and limits to the expense eligibility**: For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of <u>FCT Regulation</u> apply to **eligible expenses** and in article 9 to **non-eligible expenses**.

Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the **salaries and other remuneration supplements** of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.

Expenditure on **adapting buildings and facilities** is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.

The **project's indirect costs** are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.

**Applicable forms of payment**: In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on **real costs**. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probationary value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation.

#### **Further additional information:**

• The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will **not** be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.

#### **Statement of Commitment**

- Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a **Statement of Commitment** duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representative of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to both the following e-mails: pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt; marta.norton@fct.pt.
- The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment.

Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.

Romania - Unitatea Executiva Pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior a Cercetarii Dezvoltarii si Inovarii (UEFISCDI)



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

Unitatea Executivă pentru Finanțarea Învățământului Superior a Cercetării, Dezvoltării și Inovării — UEFISCDI

Funding Program: National R&D and Innovation Plan for the period 2022 - 2027 (PNCDI IV) <a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv</a>

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Indicative budget	500.000€			
Maximum funding per project	The maximum funding for one project from public budget is 250.000 € if Romania coordinator of the transnational project;  The maximum funding for one project from public budget is 200.000 € if Romania is pain the transnational project.	is the		
Project duration	Max. 36 months			
Project types to be funded:				

		Exploratory Research	ı	Accelerating Innovation
		Yes		Yes
Topics to be funded:				
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3	
Yes	Yes		Yes	
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities				
Link to funding programme and other relevant information		National rules available	<u>here</u> .	

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

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.

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.

No official paperwork and/or supporting information are requested by UEFISCDI before the submission deadline.



## Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak Republic (MARD)

## Ministerstvo pôdohospodárstva a rozvoja vidieka Slovenskej republiky (MPRV SR)

#### National/regional contact point

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#### National/regional regulation

Tational, regional regulation									
Indicative budget				110 000 Eur					
Maximum funding per project				110 000 Eur					
Project duration			Min. 36 mor	nths			Max. 3	36 months	
Project types to be funded:									
Exploratory Rese				arch		Accele	erating Inr	novatio	on
	Yes					No			
Topics to be funded:									
Topic 1 Topic 2			Topic 3						
Yes		Yes	Yes			Yes			
	funding of the rail/regional price		ics based						
Link to funding programme and other relevant information									
Following part	ners are eligible	for funding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profi legal entities	SMEs	Lar <sub>{</sub> enterp	-	Publi bodie		Other
		Yes							

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

Eligible for funding are the research institutes under the MARD.

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

#### Legislative base:

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

More information will be on <a href="https://www.mpsr.sk/sk/podpory-vyzvy/257">https://www.mpsr.sk/sk/podpory-vyzvy/257</a>



Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCSTI SR) Optional: Centrum Vedecko Technických Informácii SR (CVTI SR)

Funding Program: European Partnerships for EU Framework Programs for Research and Innovation (<a href="https://www.minedu.sk/43819-sk/09102025-vyzva-partnership-europske-partnerstva-ramcovych-programov-eu-pre-vyskum-a-inovacie/">https://www.minedu.sk/43819-sk/09102025-vyzva-partnership-europske-partnerstva-ramcovych-programov-eu-pre-vyskum-a-inovacie/</a>)

#### National/regional contact point

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National/Tegional Tegulation						
Indicative budget		1 200 000€				
Maximum funding per project		The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 300,000 € (if the Slovak partner is the main applicant – 400 000€). The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 500,000 €.				
		Contact CVTI SR, if higher allocated	ation is needed.			
Project duration		Optional: Min. 24 months	Max. 36 months			
Project types to be funded:						
		Exploratory Research		Acceleratin g Innovation		
		Yes		Yes		
Topics to be funded:						
Topic 1	Topi	ic 2	Topic 3			
Yes	Yes		Yes			
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities		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.

All Slovak applicants must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the: Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.

Proposals are to be submitted according to the regulations of both FutureFoods and CVTI SR, including the specific requirements of Programme Slovakia and other applicable national rules. Submisison of full proposal: After having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform.

## Link to funding programme and other relevant information

Programme Slovakia, Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia. Useful links:

Programme Slovakia SK RIS3 2021+

Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

#### 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

All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the CVTI SR's contact points before submitting their proposals.

As previously mentioned, after having been informed about the international funding decision, CVTI SR will require also submission of separate application for national funding into the national submission platform. The final formal funding decision is made by CVTI SR and only after the project was recommended for funding by the Partnership.

All funded Slovak entities must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.



## Agencia Estatal de Investigación

## Funding Program: Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027

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National/Tegional Tegulation						
Indicative budget		1.000.000 € for the call				
Maximum funding per project		Detailed below				
Project duration		Min. 24 months		Max. 36 months (preferably)		
Project types to be funded:						
		Exploratory Research	1	Accelerating Innovation		
		Yes		Yes		
Topics to be funded:						
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3			
Yes	Yes	Yes				
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities		R&I activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar work packages for the whole consortium will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities of the Spanish partner.				
Link to funding programme and other relevant information		As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI 2025-2 and especially the PCI Requirements document on the national call website as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.				
Following partners are eligible for funding:						

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	Read conditions	No	No	Read conditions	Read conditions

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

#### **Eligible entities**

Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI" (see PCI 2025-2 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document.

The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls.

#### **Eligible Applicants**

Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:

- Be eligible in the corresponding PCI call and the PCI Requirements document.
- Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: from 2013-2016, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.

**Incompatibilities:** The following must be considered when participating in different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships (in particular Agroecology, ERA4Health, PRIMA and AH&CS) or other international initiatives:

- PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. This means that the same PI may not apply in two or more international calls funded with PCI that are open simultaneously, neither can they be awarded PCI grants in two consecutive years.
- If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.
- Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed
- PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.
- PI must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.

**Important:** In the application form, the applicants should include the PI's full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN).

#### **Eligible Costs**

- Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible unless they are supporting the research activities.
- Only personnel costs for contracts dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. Please consult PCI2025-2 (art.8 Personal)

The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.

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

- Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs).
- Minor changes of the budget might be accepted between the pre-proposal stage and the full proposal stage, provided that the maximum requested amount does not exceed the maximum funding per project allowed. A request of change must be submitted to the AEI at least two weeks before the deadline for submitting full proposals.
- The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

#### **Funding**

Maximum funding committed by the AEI in the Future Foods call 2025: 1.000.000€

#### Maximum funding for a 36 months project:

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

Maximum funding per project	DC* (€)	IC* (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant in the proposal	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI applicant in the proposal acting as Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal with one of them acting as Coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000
Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500

<sup>\*</sup> The direct costs must be rounded to the thousands in the application.

#### Important:

- As a general rule, only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal
- Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only if one of them is acting as Coordinator

#### **Other Funding Criteria**

- Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres).
- Two centres or institutions belonging to the *Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas* (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.
- Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds.

<sup>\*</sup>Indirect costs are 25% of direct costs requested.

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.

• Only excellent proposals with exclusively RDI activities will be funded by the AEI. Entire communication work packages, without research associated, are not eligible costs for AEI.

#### Submission of proposals at the AEI IMPORTANT and NEW!

Shortly after the pre-proposal submission, the Spanish PI will be requested to submit a proposal to the AEI. The PI will include a copy of the international joint pre-proposal, and the <u>"Declaración responsable del investigador principal"</u> duly signed by the Spanish PI.

The applicants will receive a direct link for the submission tool after the Future Foods pre-proposal stage is finished.

#### **Relevant information and documents**

#### **Funding Programme:**

The framework for this funding action is the <u>Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2024-2027</u>. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the <u>Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales</u>, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.

#### **Funding Instrument:**

The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish national call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time).

#### **Data Protection:**

By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.

#### **Acknowledgement:**

Important: Any publication or dissemination activity, including webs, communications, information sessions, etc, resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the "Agencia Estatal de Investigación" according to AEI's web guidelines.

Beneficiaries are obliged by these requirements and those of the international call.



### Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación (CDTI)

## Funding Program: SERA (https://www.cdti.es/financiacion-nacional-sera)

#### **National Contact Point**

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#### National/regional regulation

Maxima uma forma		Indicative budget				900.000 €				
Maximum funding per project				Non aplicable						
Project duration					Min.	12 month	S		Max. 36 mont	าร
Project types to	o be funded:									
					Expl	oratory R	esearch	l	Accelerating	Innovation
					Yes				Yes	
Topics to be fu	nded:									
Topic 1 Topic 2							Topic	:3		
Yes Yes				Yes						
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities				Non aplicable						
Link to funding programme and other relevant information					https://www.cdti.es/financiacion-nacional-sera					
Following partr	ners are eligible	for fur	nding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea instit		Non-profit legal entities		SMEs	Lar enter	-	Public bodies	Other
No	No	No	)	No	)	Yes	Υe	S	No	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:										

National requirement: Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level is needed.

Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via <u>CDTI's electronic submission system</u>.

<u>Deadline</u> to complete CDTI's application process: .../02/2026. Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call, and, as a conquence, the whole project will be deemed ineligible.

CDTI's application process consists of completing an online application form (PAR application form) which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that Spanish the company will assume in the project.

Applicants are <u>strongly advised</u> to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.

#### Activities eligible for funding:

- CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation (EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientifictechnical quality and high innovative potential.
- The activities and tasks related to communication, dissemination, preparation for entry into the market (market acceptance, market potential analysis, business models), commercialisation, industrial-scale trials, and registration of industrial property are not eligible for funding.
- R&D activities to be funded must be within the TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.
- Spanish applicant's activities must be carried out in Spain and represent a high scientifictechnical quality and a relevant innovative nature.

#### Funding:

- Funding will be implemented in the modality of grants. CDTI's funding is subject to final availability.
- Funding rates will be as follows:

Type of entity	Max. % of total budget fundable*
Large enterprise	40%
Medium enterprise	50%
Small enterprise	60%

<sup>\*</sup>Note: If there is national budget available, the grant could be increased to up to 70% for all companies.

#### Budget of the project and admitted costs:

- No maximum nor minimum budget per project. Recommendation: not less than 200.000€.
- Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs.

#### Admitted costs:

- Costs of the personnel performing R&D tasks, including up to 58 hours per month for project management.

- Overheads (up to 25% of all direct cost, excluding subcontracting and travel expenses).
- Instruments, equipment, materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the project (to the extent that they are used and for the duration of the project).
- Contractual research, knowledge and patents.
- Subcontracting a consultancy firm (up to 8.000€).
- Subcontracting costs cannot exceed 50% of the participant eligible costs.
- Travel expenses (up to 8.000€).
- Audit reports (up to 2.000€ per financial year).

Other operating expenses are not eligible for funding.

Only the costs incurred during the project duration (since the project start date to the project end date) are eligible for funding.

Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.





## BASQUE GOVERNMENT- DEPARTMENT OF FOOD, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES

## ELIKA - NEKAZARITZAKO ELIKAGAIEN SEGURTASUNERAKO EUSKAL FUNDAZIOA

#### Regional contact point (RCP)

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Mónica de Prado Paniagua	mdeprado@elika.eus	+34 627955375

#### National/regional regulation

Indicative bud	ive budget				100 000					
Maximum fund	ding per project				100 000					
Project duration	on				Max.	. 36 month:	5			
Project types t	o be funded:									
					Expl	oratory Re	esearch	l	Accelerating I	nnovation
					Yes	*			Yes	
* Only R+D+I a	ctivities within t	he TRL	5 will	be fund	led					
Topics to be fu	ınded:									
Topic 1			Topi	c 2	Topic 3					
Yes			Yes					Yes		
	funding of the r regional prioriti		h topi	ics	No e	xception				
Following part	ners are eligible	for fun	ding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea institu		Non-p leg entit	al SMEs e		Large enterprises		Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	S	Ye	S	Yes	Ye	S	Yes	No

#### Any additional regional rules or information:

- The partner to apply must be sited in Basque Country.
- The Basque partners are eligible only if their departments/areas work in the field of Food Systems.
- Only one proposal per Basque partner will be accepted.

- The Research, development and Innovation activities (R+D+i) to be financed must be within the TRL 5-8, and be implemented in Basque Country, preferably.
- Funding will be according to the standard research procedures of the Policy and Food Industry Directorate of the Basque Government, funder of the Basque partner/s involved in the project/s.
- Basque applicants must contact the RCP, as soon as they have defined the proposal with the consortia and send the following information in Spanish the latest 15 days before the closing date of the call:
  - 1. Summary or abstract of the proposal.
  - 2. List of consortia members.
  - 3. R+D+I activities developed by the Basque applicants: Added value to the proposal, tasks carried and justification of their activities within TRL  $\geq$  5
  - 4. Detailed budget of the admitted costs (see below)

#### Admitted costs

The applicants should break down the costs per year, as following:

- 1. Personnel costs: Staff costs and person-months (PM) of personnel directly involved in the project.
- 2. Travel expenses for personnel directly involved in the project.
- 3. Equipment and material needed exclusively for the R+D+i activities developed and procured from external sources at market price
- 4. Indirect cost, as 15% of personnel costs.
- 5. No subcontracting is admitted.



SPAIN/ASTURIAS - Agencia de Ciencia, Competitividad Empresarial e Innovación Asturiana (SEKUENS) / Fundación para el Fomento en Asturias de la Investigación Científica y la tecnología (FICYT)

#### National/regional contact point

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Ana E. Fernández Monzón	Ana Elena Fernández - anae@sekuens.es

#### a) Regional regulation

Indicative budget		150.000€				
Anticipated number of projects to be funded		Expected: 1-2 projects.				
Maximum funding per project		Maximum: 150.000	€ per partner and per project.			
Project duration		Max. 36 months				
Project types to be funded:						
	Explorator	y Research	Accelerating Innovation			
	Yes		Yes			
Topics to be funded:						
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3			
Yes	Yes		Yes			
Exceptions for funding of the restopics based on your regional pro-		All topics of FFS are eligible				
Link to funding programme and relevant information	other	Pending				
Following partners are eligible f	or funding:					

Eligible organisations must be non-profit, not engaged in economic activity entities, with research and innovation activity, such as:

University of Oviedo

Public or Private Research and Technology Organisations located in Asturias

#### Any additional regional rules or documents or information:

#### Other eligibility criteria

The eligible project budget per partner must be at least of 100.000€; Recommended: 125.000€ The contribution of the regional partner to the proposal must be an R&D project.

Regional funding applications must be submitted following SEKUENS-FICYT instructions.

The project will not start before the submission of the application at regional level.

Only actions to be carried out by applicants located in the Principality of Asturias will be eligible for funding.

Beneficiaries will be required to submit final financial and scientific reports to SEKUENS-FICYT at the regional level.

The projects granted by SEKUENS must be aligned with at least one research area of those described in the Smart Specialization Strategy of Asturias (S3).

#### **Eligible costs**

The following costs are eligible:

#### Costs directly related to the project:

Personnel costs: new researchers and/or technicians hired for the project. Salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses In the event of coordination of the proposal, additional staff cost of up to 7% of the eligible budget, for consortium and proposal management activities.

Costs of materials and supplies.

Costs of contractual research, knowledge, patents and consultancy services. Subcontracting costs up to 50% of the eligible budget.

Other direct costs: Duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project, such as:

Auditing costs

Travel, accommodation and subsistence. Exclusively for members of the research group or project-hired staff. According to applicable regional regulations up to 8.000€

Registration fees for congresses or conferences related to the presentation and dissemination of project results

Indirect costs: Up to 15% of eligible personnel costs

#### Other information

Applicants are encouraged to contact SEKUENS-FICYT prior to submission in order to receive instructions for the submission at the regional level.

Applicants will be required to submit preliminary information in advance to SEKUENS-FICYT in order to verify eligibility at all stages of the procedure.

Beneficiaries will be required to submit final financial and scientific reports to SEKUENS-FICYT at the regional level.

Applicants are limited to submitting 1 proposal per principal investigator.

The indicative call budget could be increased by the same amount, provided that surplus funds are available from other SEKUENS calls for similar purposes when the decision is made.

#### b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages: 100%



## Swedish Research Council for Sustainable Development (Formas)

Funding Program: FutureFoodS

#### National/regional contact point

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#### National/regional regulation

Yes

Yes

Yes

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

No

No

No

No

Indicative bud	get				2.000.000 €						
Maximum fund	ding per project	:			300.000 € per project 400.000 € per project if the project consortia is coordinated by a Swedish organisation					5	
Project duration	on				Min.	12 months	i			Max.	36 months
Project types t	o be funded:										
					Expl	oratory Re	esearch				erating vation
					Yes					No	
Topics to be fu	ınded:										
Topic 1			Topi	c 2	Topic 3						
Yes			No				Yes				
· ·	funding of the national/region		•	ics	-						
Link to funding programme and other relevant information				vant	Formas <u>Livsmedel - Formas</u> For more information contact <u>alexandre.dubois@formas.se</u>						
Following partners are eligible for funding:				:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea instit		Non-p leg entit	al	SMEs	Ları enterp	-	Public be	odies	Other

#### Eligible organisations

Only universities, technical colleges and research institutes are eligible to receive funding from Swedish Funders for this call. The grants paid out by Swedish Funders must be administrated by a Swedish organisation, i.e. they need to be a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number.

Universities, research institutes and non-profit legal entities as well as public bodies may receive funding of up to 100 % of their eligible costs, provided that the project is part of their non-economic activities. First payment from Swedish Funders will be administrated from the earliest January 2027.

#### Eligible applicants

The main applicant and participating researchers must hold a doctoral degree by the closing date of the call.

#### National requirement

Co-creation and stakeholder involvement is important for the FutureFoodS partnership and for the success of this call.

Swedish applicants are expected to involve stakeholders, e.g. food industry actors, civils society organisaitons, national/regional authorities or municipalities, or integrate stakeholder perspectives in the Swedish part of the project. For example, stakeholders can have advisory roles or/and participate in planning and workshops. Compensation to stakeholders having such advisory roles in the project may be included in the budget as running costs (purchased services and travel expenses).

#### **Eligible Costs**

Formas standard eligibility criteria apply. Please see Formas' general instructions: <u>How it works - Formas</u> VAT should not be included in the budget figure.

Our funding may only go to certain types of costs. These are called eligible costs. In this call for proposals these types of costs are eligible:

- Personnel costs: Salaries, social security contributions and other personnel costs
- Equipment, land and buildings: Instruments, equipment and rent for premises other than regular business premises
- Consulting and licensing costs: Consulting services, knowledge and patents purchased or used under license from an external actor. Consultancy costs should not exceed 20% of a project part's budget
- Other direct costs: For example materials, stock items and travel necessary to carry out the project
- Indirect costs (overhead, OH): Costs that are not incurred as an immediate consequence of but can be related to the project, for example regular premises and cleaning. Universities and colleges may budget for indirect costs according to their usual full cost principle. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that the correct level for indirect costs is applied in the application.

For more detailed information on which costs we can finance, see the instruction on eligible costs below.

Please note that all costs must be submitted in Euros (EUR) in the international submission platform for both pre- and full proposals, and in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Swedish submission platform(s). Use the historic exchange rate (EUR to SEK) from the date when the first step for pre-proposals close. The exchange rate to be used must come from Sveriges Riksbank (Sök räntor och valutakurser | Sveriges Riksbank)

#### Additional information

All scientific publications resulting from projects funded by Formas must be published using immediate open access (OA).

Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the FutureFoodS Partnership (the international submission platform) and are invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage, will be contacted by Formas for further information on how to register their full proposals with Formas' system Prisma.

Swedish applicants in the same project consortium must apply in Prisma under one single project application after they have been invited (full proposal). If two or more Swedish partners participate in the same application one of them will act as the Swedish coordinator in relation to Formas (even if the international project is not coordinated by a Swedish organisation).

Swedish consortia shall abide by this designated funder's terms and conditions for grants:

• Terms and Conditions for Grants - Formas

Swedish Funders follow the principle of public access to official records according to Swedish law. Swedish Funders performs a confidentiality review before releasing any documents. For more detailed information see: <a href="https://documents.com/records-nc/4">The principle of public access to official documents - Government.se</a>



### MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, FISHERIES, FOOD SECURITY AND NATURE (LVVN)

### Funding Program:

### European partnership for a sustainable Future of Food Systems

https://futurefoodspartnership.eu

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Scheidegger Nathalie	n.m.i.scheidegger@minlnv.nl	0031 6 21834636		

Indicative budget		2.000.000 € for the ca	2.000.000 € for the call				
Maximum funding per project	- 350.000 € (including VAT) - 450.000 € (including VAT), in case a Dutch project partner is the Coordinator of the transnational project. Maximum 100k for projectmanagement.						
Project duration	Min. 24 months		Max. 36 months				
Project types to be funded:							
			Exploratory Research				
		Yes		Yes			
Topics to be funded:							
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3				
Yes	Yes		Yes				
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities		Projects must have a clear added value to the national funded projects.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information		https://futurefoodspartnership.eu/					

Following partners are eligible for funding:										
Universities	Universiti es of applied sciences	Research institutes for applied research	tutes profit upplied legal		Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other			
Yes, as co- applicant	Yes, as co- applicant	Yes, as main applicant or co-applicant	Yes, as co- applicant	Yes, as co- applicant	No: alle drie	Yes, as co- applicant	Yes, as co- applicant			

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

#### Terms and conditions

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

Eligible applicants are from Dutch universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutions and public bodies domiciled in The Netherlands.

Eligible non-profit organizations, SME's and others must be registered and well established in the Netherlands. These organizations may apply and are advised to contact the National Contact Person of the Ministry to approve eligibility and to get further terms and conditions.

An application for funding from the Ministry has a single main applicant. This main applicant is from a research institute and responsible for the project- and financial management of all co-applicants/project members for whom funding is requested. Co-applicants within an application for the Ministry funding are then allowed.

An applicant may only request funding of the Ministry for one project (part of a European Consortium) in this Call of proposals.

The subsidy is coming from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN). The following conditions apply:

- 1) For Wageningen Research (WR) and other TO2 institutes (research institutes for applied science): The 'TO2-regulation' (https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040605/2018-07-25) and the tariff agreement under it apply.
- 2) For other research and knowledge dissemination organizations and universities:

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

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

All co-applicants that are to receive the grant from the Ministry through the main applicant, are subject to the de-minimis regulation (Regulation (EU) no. 1407/2013 of the European Commission of 18 December 2013), except for research organizations. Based on the de-minimis regulation, co-applicants may receive a maximum of 300.000 € in government support over a period of three years. By completing the de-minimis statement, consortium partners declare that in the event of the award of a grant by the ministry, they will not exceed the de-minimis threshold. If a consortium partner finds that the de-minimis threshold will be exceeded with the grant from SIA (and other possible de-minimis aid), this consortium partner cannot receive funding from the ministry through the main applicant. The main applicant must take this into account when drawing up the application budget, and must therefore check for each consortium partner that will be involved as a coapplicant whether the subsidy amount applied for does not exceed the de-minimis threshold. The de-minimis statement, completed separately by each consortium partner, forms part of the full proposal."

In case a co-applicant is a company involved in primary agricultural production this agriculture the following de-minimis regulation applies: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1408">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32013R1408</a> In case a co-applicant is a company involved in de primary fishery- and aquaculture sector the following deminimis regulation applies: <a href="https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/NL/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02014R0717-20231025">https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/NL/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:02014R0717-20231025</a>

#### In-kind contribution

A minimum in-kind contribution of 10% is required. The in-kind contribution may be delivered by the research institutes of its partners. The in-kind contribution may exist of either personnel or material costs. Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person of the ministry in case of questions.

Once proposals are selected for funding, the consortia will be notified by the FutureFoodS Call Office and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by the Ministry.

The proposed project must be beneficial to the national challenges and must have a clear added value to the national programme.

The Dutch participation should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agenda KIA Landbouw, Water, Voedsel (<a href="https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl">https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl</a>) and other relevant policies on future foodsystems.

Please note: researchers based in the Netherlands who are interested to apply for funding in this Call for proposals, are recommended to carefully read the national annexes of the three participating Dutch funding organisations: the Dutch Research Council (NWO), Taskforce for Applied Research SIA, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN). Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant contact points in case of questions.



## Dutch Research Council (NWO)

## Nederlandse Organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek

## Funding Program: FutureFoodS (NWO)

#### National/Regional contact point

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Indicative bu	dget				€2,000,000 for the full Call for proposals					
Maximum fu	nding per proje	ect			€400,000					
Project durat	ion				Mir	n. 24 months	5	М	1ax. 36	months
Project types t	o be funded:									
			Explorato	ory Rese	arch		Accele	erating li	nnovat	ion
			Yes				No			
Topics to be f	unded:									
Topic 1			Topic 2		Topic 3					
Yes			Yes				Yes			
·	or funding of the or national/regi		•	:s	N/A					
Link to fundir information	ng programme	and o	ther releva	ant	www.nwo.nl/futurefoods					
Following par	tners are eligil	ole for	funding:							
Universities	Research institutes		n-profit nizations	Consul / citize				Priva compa		Other
Yes Yes No No				No	o No No			No		
Any additiona	Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:									

**Please note:** Researchers based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands who are interested to apply for funding in this Call for proposals, are recommended to carefully read the national annexes for the three participating Dutch funders: the Dutch Research Council (NWO), Taskforce for Applied Research SIA, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN). An individual applicant for NWO can only receive funding from one Dutch funding organisation. However, within the transnational application, an application for NWO funding can be combined with applications to SIA or LVVN for this Call for proposals. Please contact the relevant contact points in case of questions or to verify which Dutch funder one should apply to.

#### Who may apply?

An application for funding from NWO may consider the following roles:

- National main applicant (mandatory): the applicant who leads the application to NWO and is the foreseen national project leader, in case a project is granted.
- National co-applicant (optional): national applicants in addition to the national main applicant with an active role and responsibility in realising the project and requesting funding from NWO.

#### National main applicants

Researchers may submit an application if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following research organisations:

- universities as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1, points a), b), and h) of the <u>Higher Education</u> and <u>Scientific Research Act</u> and universities listed in the <u>Policy Rules for Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands;</u>
- university medical centres by which is meant academic hospitals as referred to in Article 1.13 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act;
- institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO;
- Netherlands Cancer Institute;
- the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen;
- Naturalis Biodiversity Center;
- Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL);
- Princess Máxima Center.

Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment) may not submit a proposal.

It could be the case that the applicant's tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant's tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the researcher applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Such a statement should be submitted in the full proposal stage.

Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.

#### *National co-applicants*

Researchers interested to apply as a national co-applicant, i.e. together with a national main applicant, may submit as a national co-applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period) or a tenure track agreement at one of to the research organisations listed under 'National main applicants' or at other research organisations as referred to in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 that meet the following cumulative conditions:

- be established in the Netherlands;
- be a foundation, association or an organisation or body 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 independently or widely disseminating the results of those activities through teaching, publications or knowledge transfer;
- be able to state that the organisation keeps separate accounts with regard to economic/non-economic activities and that undertakings with decisive influence on the organisation do not enjoy preferential access to the organisation's results.

Please note: Prior to the submission of an application, NWO assesses on the basis of the above-mentioned conditions whether an organisation complies with Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules and may therefore participate as a national co-applicant. NWO performs this assessment to preclude the granting of prohibited state aid.

The organisation of the prospective national co-applicant must provide the following documents no less than 10 working days prior to the submission deadline for pre-proposals (meaning no later than 28 January 2026 before 13:00:00 CET) by email to futurefoods@nwo.nl:

- a recent extract from the Netherlands Chamber of Commerce;
- the deed of incorporation or current articles of association;
- the latest available annual accounts accompanied by an audit statement<sup>1</sup>;
- the completed Declaration Research organisation, available on the funding page of this Call for proposals on the NWO website.

Other relevant documentation may be added. NWO may request additional information if the above documents are not sufficiently conclusive to determine whether the organisation may act as a co-applicant.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Organisations that are not legally obliged to have their annual accounts audited do not need to provide such an auditor's statement. They must however be able to demonstrate that this legal requirement is not applicable to the organisation concerned.

If the organisation of the intended national co-applicant within another NWO programme has been assessed against these conditions, please contact NWO in good time via the above email address to determine whether this organisation should be reassessed.

If the organisation of the prospective national co-applicant does not submit the necessary documents for this assessment in time, NWO cannot accept the organisation as a national co-applicant. If the addition of new co-applicants to the consortium is allowed in the proposal and these new co-applicants are not affiliated to a research organisation listed above, these conditions will also be checked for this organisation/these organisations. The documents listed above as a requirement in the pre-proposal must then be submitted by email no less than 10 working days before the submission deadline for full proposals (meaning no later than 13 July 2026 before 13:00:00 CEST).

#### Additional eligibility criteria

An application for NWO funding has one national main applicant, responsible for scientific and financial management. National co-applicants within an application for NWO funding are allowed (see 'Who may apply').

- A researcher may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals, either as main applicant or co-applicant within an application for NWO funding.
- Researchers employed at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 may not apply for a scientific or post-doc position for themselves.

#### **Eligible costs**

Available budget modules are as follows:

#### Personnel:

- Personnel at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024:
  - Postdoc: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates, a benchfee is available;
  - o Non-scientific personnel (NWP): according to UNL or NFU rates
  - Research leave: max. 5% of the grant amount, according to UNL or NFU rates.
- For national co-applicants: personnel of universities of applied sciences and other research organisations as referred to in Article 1.1, paragraph 4 of the NWO Grant Rules: according to HOT rates.
- Students: according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates, may be added to material costs.

<u>Material</u>: 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.

<u>Knowledge utilisation</u><sup>2</sup>: For activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research following the Impact Plan approach, mandatory 5-20% of the grant amount.

**Projectmanagement**: Up to 5% of the grant amount.

Please note the following:

- PhD positions cannot be applied for in this Call for proposals, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.
- NWO funds project-related costs. Therefore overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding.

A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and eligible costs can be found on the funding page on the NWO website.

It is <u>recommended</u> to use the NWO budget template in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items. For full proposals, it is <u>mandatory</u> to submit the NWO budget form for the funding requested at NWO at the time of the transnational deadline. Please submit it to <u>futurefoods@nwo.nl</u>.

#### **Further information**

Once proposals are selected for funding, the consortia will be notified by the FutureFoodS Call Office and subsequently, the national granting process will be initiated by NWO.

The NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are are applicable. Any arrangements made regarding the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2024 and the European legislation on state aid.

As stipulated in the NWO Grant Rules, Article 3.2, paragraph 2, the project cannot start until the conditions set out in the grant award decision regarding the start of the project are met. Please note, these conditions will include a signed Consortium agreement by all partners in the transnational project.

Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website: <a href="Lodging an objection">Lodging an objection</a> | NWO.

NWO will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The UNL/NFU/HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> All activities applied for under this budget module must fit within the definition of "Knowledge Transfer Activities" used by the European Commission in the Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (OJEU 2022, C 414).

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.



## Taskforce for Applied Research SIA

## Funding Program: <a href="www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs">www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs</a>

#### National/regional contact point

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tational, regi	onal regulation									
Indicative bud	get				€ 900.000 for the call					
Maximum fun	ding per project				€ 300.000					
Project duration	on				Min. 18	8 months		Max. 36 mont	าร	
Project types	to be funded:									
					Explor	atory Resear	ch	Accelerating	Innovation	
					Yes			Yes		
Topics to be fo	unded:									
Topic 1			Topic	2			Topic	:3		
Yes			Yes		Yes					
•	funding of the r		h topics	5	No exc	eptions				
Link to funding	g programme an	d othe	r releva	nt	www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs					
Following part	ners are eligible	for fu	nding:							
Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Resea instit		Non- legal entit		SMEs	Large enter prises	Public bodies	Other	
Yes, as co- operation partner	n main operation operation No operation op						Yes, as co- operation partner			
Any additiona	l national/region	al rule	s or doc	umen	ts or inf	ormation:			1	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution										

Only Universities of applied sciences (UAS) as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1, and point g) of the Annex to the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (*Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek*, WHW) are eligible as *main applicant*. Main applicants are required to submit a mandatory SIA budget form in the Full Proposal stage, as well as a *de-minimis* form for each partner receiving funding if applicable. The budget form and the de-minimis form will be made available on the call-page of Regieorgaan SIA <a href="www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs">www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs</a> before the full proposal phase. All other consortium members other than UAS are cooperation partners and can only participate in cooperation with the main applicant.

For Dutch research organisations other than UAS, please refer to the annex provided by NWO or the ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature (LVVN).

#### Additional eligibility criteria for SIA

The board of the UAS has to be informed about the submission of this proposal and needs to agree with its content.

At the full proposal phase, it is required to attach a SIA financial details form to the application (similar to RAAK-Publiek). This form will be available via <a href="www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs">www.regieorgaan-sia.nl/ffs</a>. Participation of a Dutch partner from practice as a cooperation partner in the transnational consortium is mandatory.

As a researcher, you may only be involved as contact person for your University of Applied Sciences once in this Call for proposals.

All cooperation partners that are to receive the grant from SIA through the main applicant, are subject to the *de-minimis* Regulation (EU) no. 2023/2831 of the European Commission of 13 December 2023), except for research organisations. Based on the *de-minimis* regulation, cooperation partners may receive a maximum of €300,000 in government support over a period of three years, except for some sectors which may have other thresholds. By completing the *de-minimis* statement, cooperation partners declare that in the event of the award of a grant by SIA, they will not exceed the *de-minimis* threshold. If a cooperation partner finds that the *de-minimis* threshold will be exceeded with the grant from SIA (and other possible *de-minimis* aid), this cooperation partner cannot receive funding from SIA through the main applicant. The main applicant must take this into account when drawing up the application budget, and must therefore check for each cooperation partner that will be involved as a co-applicant whether the subsidy amount applied for does not exceed the *de-minimis* threshold. The *de-minimis* statement, completed separately by each cooperation partner, forms part of the full proposal. A minimum of 10% in-kind contribution of the requested subsidy, by the UAS or its partners, is required.

#### Eligible costs

Funding for Universities of Applied Sciences: no limit on number of positions.

Cooperation partners like SMEs, public authorities and/or NGOs based in the Netherlands may be funded within the project. Maximum funding percentage for these partners is 50% of their costs. In total the maximum allowed funding for cooperation partners, excluding the universities of applied sciences, is 25% of the funding by SIA.

#### Personnel

Funding for Universities of Applied Sciences: rates based on the most recent version of Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT), Table 2 under 2.2 "Gemiddelde totale kosten per salarisschaal", column "Uurtarief productieve uren, ex btw", costs for the participation of students and material costs. The most recent HOT tariffs must be applied for the entire duration of the project. Higher tariffs than HOT are not allowed.

For other educational institutions, TO2 institutions, governments and other government-funded institutions, the same rates apply as for universities of applied sciences.

For organisations that do not use a comparable collective agreement (cao), the following salary scales from HOT table 2 under 2.2, columns productive hours apply. Project assistant scale 6. Junior scale 10. Medior scale 12. Senior scale 13. Director scale 16.

#### Participation of students

It is allowed for students, connected to the university of applied sciences, to work within the project. If the students contribute as part of their curriculum, the rate according to the usual internship fee of the college or university applies.

For students employed as student assistants, the rate according to Handbook of Government Rates (HOT), Table 2 under 2.2 "Gemiddelde totale kosten per salarisschaal", column "Uurtarief productieve uren, ex btw", scale 1, applies.

#### **Material Costs**

Material costs include consumables, test setups, open access publications, hiring third parties, citizen science, (inter)national travel and accommodation costs (economy class), access to major (inter)national facilities and costs for permits, software licenses, conferences, fieldwork, guest researchers and data management.

Equipment purchases (investments) are not included in project costs. For equipment, only depreciation costs attributable to the project can be claimed. Depreciation rates are calculated based on the historical purchase price excluding financing costs, a straight-line depreciation method and an actual useful life. Inclusion of costs for use of equipment older than five years is therefore not possible.

Not eligible are costs that fall under organizational infrastructure and overhead, such as a fully functioning workstation, office automation, depreciation other than those mentioned above, housing, insurance, administration and provisions for archiving.

#### In-kind contribution

A minimum in-kind contribution of 10% is required. The in-kind contribution may be delivered by the UAS or its Dutch cooperation partners. The in-kind contribution may exist of either personnel or material costs.

#### Additional information

The NWO Grant Rules 2024 are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by Regieorgaan SIA.

Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by Regieorgaan SIA, within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the SIA website: https://regieorgaan-sia.nl/financiering/bezwaar-maken/

Regieorgaan SIA will, if necessary, apply a one-off indexation of personnel costs when awarding the grant. The HOT rate at the time of the decision date applies and the date on which the rates take effect is used for this purpose.

Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.

Funding rates: Maximum funding percentages for Applied Research:

Organisation type	Basic research	Applied Research	Experimental development	
Large Enterprises	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Medium Enterprises	N/A	50%	N/A	
Small Enterprises	N/A	50%	N/A	
Universities, public research organisations	N/A	100%	N/A	

Organisation type	Basic research	Applied Research	Experimental development	
Public authorities	N/A	50%	N/A	
Associations without economic activities,	N/A	50%	N/A	
NGOs				



# General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM) Tarımsal Araştırmalar ve Politikalar Genel Müdürlüğü (TAGEM)

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#### National/regional regulation

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Indicative budget	200.000 €						
Maximum funding per project	100.000 €						
Project duration			Min. 24 mo	onths		Max. 36 months	
Project types to be funded:							
	Exploratory Research		Accelerating Innovation				
						Yes	
Topics to be funded:		'					
Topic 1	oic 2	Topic 3					
Yes	Yes		Yes				
Exceptions for funding of the resear on your national priorities	oics based						
Link to funding programme and oth information	evant	https://www.tarimorman.gov.tr/TAGEM					
Following partners are eligible for fo	;:						
Universities Universities es of Researc institute sciences		Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterp	rises	Public bodies	Other
No No Ye	No	No	)	No	No		

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM) is the R&D management unit of the "Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry" which has 49 agricultural research institutes and 23 authorized control institutes and laboratories located at different parts of Türkiye. These 72 institutions are eligible to benefit from funding of TAGEM under FutureFoodS calls.



## The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu (TÜBİTAK)

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

https://tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/academic/international-support-programs/1071-program

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Indicative budget		500.000 Euro (TBC)		
Maximum funding per project		200.000 Euro (TBC)		
Project duration		36 months		Max. 36 months
Project types to be funded:				
			Exploratory Research	
		Yes		Yes
Topics to be funded:				
Topic 1	Topic 2		Topic 3	

Yes	Yes	Yes			
information		No exceptions			
		1071 - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/tr/node/5995			

#### Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	legal		Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A

#### Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

Applicants from Türkiye must make a national application through TUBITAK application system:

http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/

#### **Budget Limits:**

• TÜBİTAK's contribution per project: up to €210,000 (TBC).

#### **Contribution Limits Per Institution:**

- For higher education institutions, education and research hospitals, and public institutions: up to €100,000 per institution.
- For private organizations: up to €200,000 per institution.