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European Biodiversity Partnership

**First Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on
“Supporting the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems across
land and sea”**

2021-2022 joint Call

Funding Organisations rules

You will find in this document all the eligibility rules of the different Funding Organisations participating to the first [Biodiversa+](#) Call.

Please note that **the document may be adjusted**. We invite you to make sure you have the latest version. If a new version is uploaded on the website, **a warning message will be indicated on the [Biodiversa](#) website**.

Please make sure to consult these rules and to contact your Funding Organisations Contact Point for more information, in case of any doubt.

We draw your attention on the fact that **compliance to Funding Organisations' eligibility criteria and rules is mandatory**. Proposals that do not meet these criteria will be declined without further review.

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V7	29 November 2021	Brazil: update of the participating FAPs (new: FAPDF)
V8	13 December 2021	Italy: change contact point for MUR
V9	20 December 2021	Moldova: new contact point for NARD
V10	6 January 2022	Brazil: change email of the FAP FUNDECT
V11	17 March 2022	France: Modification of budget caps
V12	23 April 2022	Spain: new contact point for FB

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Austria – FWF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Austria
Funding Organisation	FWF Austrian Science Fund www.fwf.ac.at
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Iris Fortmann 01 50567408211 iris.fortmann@fwf.ac.at

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	1,300,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project or Partner	The FWF anticipates funding of <u>six projects</u> , given the maximum commitment of € 1,3 Mio for all projects.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organisation: e.g. University, University hospital, Non-university research institute <i>Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines:</i> http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf also available on: http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/application/international-programmes/joint-projects-era-nets/

<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The current FWF salary scale (http://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/personnel-costs/) indicates the salaries that may be requested. The FWF grants an annual salary adjustment to compensate for inflation; this is applied automatically to all contracts of employment in stand-alone projects that are valid when the adjustment takes effect.</p> <p>For scientists funded by the FWF, the funding is limited to “project-specific costs, i.e. personnel and non-personnel costs that are essential to carry out the project and that go beyond the resources made available from the research institution’s infrastructure, according to the general FWF Funding Guidelines published at http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antrags-tellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf.</p> <p>The FWF does not finance infrastructure or basic equipment at research institutions. Overheads may not be requested. Subcontracts must be well justified, i.e. must represent the only or the most economical way to have the work performed, please contact the FWF directly for clarification of individual cases</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>Researchers are eligible to apply if their publication record over the last five years has been internationally visible and if their current career stage is commensurate with the career progression expected in their field.</p> <p>http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antrags-tellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf.</p>

<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>https://www.fwf.ac.at/de/forschungsfoerderung/fwf-programme/internationale-programme/era-net-calls and http://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antrags-tellung/Einzelprojekte/p_application-guidelines.pdf. In addition to the application at the call secretariat administrative data (in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects) must be submitted online to the FWF at https://elane.fwf.ac.at/</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete</p>	<p>In addition to the application at the Biodiversa+ level, administrative data (in accordance with the FWF guidelines for stand-alone projects) must be submitted online to the FWF at https://elane.fwf.ac.at/</p>
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<p>and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>This is required already at the pre-registration stage via the programme category “IK – International Projects (preproposal, deadline 30 November 2021, 15:00 CET (local time in Brussels) For the full proposal stage applicants must choose the programme category “I – International Projects” (Deadline 14 April 2022, 15:00 CEST (local time in Brussels)). Both steps are mandatory.</p> <p>For submissions to be valid, the cover sheet generated at the end of the online submission process must be printed out and signed. It can then either be sent to the FWF by conventional mail (FWF, Sensengasse 1, 1090 Vienna) or scanned in, given a digital signature and sent to the FWF (office@fwf.ac.at) as an e-mail attachment.</p> <p>Please note that the number of ongoing/approved projects in which one researcher can serve as principal investigator is limited to three in the Stand-Alone Projects Programme, International Programmes, Clinical Research and Arts-Based Research Programmes. Information on the limit of the number of ongoing/approved projects and thus the limit of applications that can be submitted can be found at https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/files/Dokumente/Antragstellung/project_number_limit.pdf</p> <p>For information on submitting an application from abroad see the FWF Website at https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/research-funding/applications-from-abroad/</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>n.a.</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Applicants must show that they possess the research qualifications needed to carry out the project by means of a publication record over the last 5 years commensurate with their career stage, which demonstrates their international visibility.</p> <p>The following criteria are decisive in assessing an applicant’s publication record and initiating the review process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer review: All the publications listed (or more than half in the case of the humanities) must have been subject to a quality assurance procedure in line with high international standards, which usually means that journals should be listed in the Web of Science, Scopus, or the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). For journals not listed in those databases, or

monographs, edited volumes or contributions therein, or other publication types, the peer-review procedure must be documented on the publisher's website to which applicants should provide a link. Should no such documentation be available on the website, it is the applicant's responsibility to provide evidence that the publication has been subject to an appropriate quality assurance procedure.

- **Number and quality** of the applicant's publications must be commensurate with his/her career stage. At least two publications must be peer-reviewed and internationally visible publications with a substantial and independent contribution on the part of the applicant.
- **International nature:** In the natural sciences, life sciences, and social sciences, most of the publications listed must be in English. In the humanities and cultural studies, as well as arts-based research, most of the applicant's publications must have a wider than national reach.

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

BELGIUM – BELSPO

CONTACT

Country / Region	BELGIUM
Funding Organisation	BELGIAN SCIENCE POLICY OFFICE
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Aline van der Werf Email: Aline.VANDERWERF@belspo.be

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Min. 500,000€ Max.750,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	250,000 € per project (no matter the number of partners in the consortium)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The call is open to the Belgian universities, university colleges, public scientific institutions, non-profit research centres.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>Applicants apply for temporary personnel. Pre-tax wages.</p> <p>For labour contracts, staff costs are limited to a maximum amount of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 6,075€/month for a scientist with a Master's degree• 7,500€/month for a scientist with a PhD• 4,200€/month for a technician <p>For tax-free scholarship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4,050 €/month for a doctoral scholarship• 5,250€/month for a postdoctoral scholarship <p>Two types of operational costs are eligible: <i>General operating costs</i>. This includes all current expenditures related to the project's implementation such as usual supplies and products for the laboratory, workshop and office, documentation, travel and accommodation, use of IT facilities, software, organisation of meetings, workshops and</p>

	<p>events, etc. The total amount of these operational costs is set at a flat rate of 15% maximum of the staff budget if applicant is coordinator of a consortium and 10% maximum of the staff budget for a partner.</p> <p><i>Specific operating costs</i> (invoices will be required): this includes specific operating costs not covered by the general operating costs such as costs for analysis, maintenance and repair of specific equipment purchased by the project, surveys, ...</p> <p>Equipment cost: Purchase and installation of scientific and technical apparatus and instruments, including computer hardware. Equipment needs to be purchased in the first half of the project.</p> <p>Overheads: Institutions' general overheads that cover, in one lump sum, administration, telephone, postal, maintenance, heating, lighting, electricity, rent, machine depreciation, and insurance costs. The total amount of this item may not exceed 5% of the total staff and operating costs.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>YES</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>It is not possible to combine BELSPO budget with regional budget (FRS-FNRS or FWO funding) within the same consortium. In other words, federal and regional budget cannot be concentrated within one and the same project consortium, also when it implies different researchers and institutions. Consortia with both BELSPO and FRS-FNRS/FWO funding will thus be declared ineligible. Consequently, it is strongly advised to contact the funding contact points in order not to jeopardize the consortium eligibility.</p>

<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>-</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>n.a.</p>
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<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>After signature of the contract between BELSPO and the Head of the beneficiary institution, following reports are required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial report: to be submitted within three months after the start of the project • Activity reports: to be submitted annually • Final report (this will be the same as the final report requested by Biodiversa+ at the end of the project).
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>n.a.</p>

Belgium – F.R.S.-FNRS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Belgium/Wallonia Brussels Federation (French speaking Belgium)
Funding Organisation	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Mr. Joël Groeneveld, Senior Policy Officer, F.R.S.-FNRS, +32 2 504 9270, joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be international@frs-fnrs.be

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	300,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	300,000 € per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. “Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	It is not possible to combine F.R.S.-FNRS budget with federal budget (BELSPO funding) within the same consortium. In other words, regional and federal budget cannot be concentrated within one and the same project consortium, also when it implies different researchers and institutions. Consortia with both F.R.S.-FNRS and BELSPO funding will thus be declared ineligible.

	Consequently, it is strongly advised to contact the funding contact points in order not to jeopardize the consortium eligibility.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/biodiversa
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space <u>within 5 working days after the general deadline of the Biodiversa+ call to be eligible</u>. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	As described in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Other important information	n.a.

Belgium/Flanders – FWO

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	750,000 EUR in total
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Maximum 250,000 EUR per project/consortium

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All environments are eligible, if the type of research fits the appropriate FWO funding channels scope.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The FWO integrates 2 of its national funding channels within this multilateral framework. The eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant and respective chosen funding channels regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- FWO Research Projects (FO)- Strategic Basic Research (SBO)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above), and both are capped at max. 250,000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel).- The FWO foresees a budget of 750,000 EUR, which allows for the funding of at least 3 projects.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For the <u>overhead calculation</u> the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) differ: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FO: a 6% structural overhead should be applied on the project costs. As a practical example, e.g.: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, etc.) amounts to 200,000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12,000 EUR (6% of 200,000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212,000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 250,000 EUR. ➤ SBO: The <u>SBO cost model</u> applies. However, in this framework, and following a similar method like the fundamental projects (FO), an overhead rate has to be applied on the project costs. SBO overhead can go up to 17% and is determined by the researchers host institution.
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘regular’ 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. - When the FWO SBO project channel is chosen, the researchers are asked to provide proactively, and before the pre-proposal submission deadline, a concise – but to the point – valorisation plan to the FWO (no fixed format, max. 1-2 A4-pages), which i) clarifies the valorisation context within Flanders (and also internationally preferably), and ii) mentions the involved – and

	<p>specific - actors from Flanders. This document can be sent towards the europa@fwo.be email address. <u>Failure to comply with this requirement can lead to ineligibility.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. - The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply in this context. - 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. - It is not possible to combine FWO budget with federal budget (BELSPO funding) within the same consortium. In other words, regional and federal budget cannot be concentrated within one and the same project consortium, also when it implies different researchers and institutions. Consortia with both FWO and BELSPO funding will thus be declared ineligible. Consequently, it is strongly advised to contact the funding contact points in order not to jeopardize the consortium eligibility.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Will be announced on the FWO website .
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No submission at the national/regional level is required. However, if the SBO funding channel is chosen, a valorisation plan has to be submitted before the pre-proposal submission deadline.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Scientific reporting according to the Biodiversa+ call requirements. - Financial reporting according to the FWO research project (FO) or SBO project regulations.
Other important information	It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.

Brazil – CONFAP, CNPq

CONTACT

Country / Region	Brazil
Funding Organisations	Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies – CONFAP Brazilian National Council for scientific and Technological Development - CNPq
Funding Organisations Contact Point(s)	For overall issues regarding Brazilian Participation to the Call: Elisa Natola +55 61 996138850 elisa.confap@gmail.com Contact points in CNPq and in the involved FAPs are detailed below.

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Total amount: 1,020,000.00 € (To be confirmed upon pending confirmations)
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Detailed for CNPq and for each participating State Funding Agency (FAP) is detailed in the item below: “Additional Info”, indicating within the total budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable). Applicants must verify with the funding agency involved, the maximum amount, also in local currency.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All environments foreseen in the call (i.e. terrestrial, freshwater and marine) are eligible. Some FAPs may specify in their guidelines their priority on eligible environments.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved funding agencies – CNPq and FAPs.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>As a general rule, Brazilian Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects.</p> <p>Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs and CNPq.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Eligible Applicants:</p> <p>Applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree, and be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call, or eligible for CNPq and have scientific or technological production evaluated by Curriculum (Lattes Curriculum).</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>CONFAP website: confap.org.br</p> <p>CNPq Website: https://www.gov.br/cnpq/</p> <p>Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fundação Araucária - http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br 2. FAPEAM – http://www.fapeam.am.gov.br 3. FAPEG – www.fapeg.go.gov.br 4. FAPEMA - https://www.fapema.br 5. FAPERGS - https://fapergs.rs.gov.br 6. FAPERJ: http://www.faperj.br 7. FAPES - www.fapes.es.gov.br 8. FAPESB - http://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br 9. FAPESC - www.fapesc.sc.gov.br 10. FAPERO: https://rondonia.ro.gov.br/fapero/ 11. FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br 12. FUNCAP: https://www.funcao.ce.gov.br 13. FUNDECT - http://www.fundect.ms.gov.br 14. FAPESPA - https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Researchers from the States of Rio de Janeiro, Goiás and Santa Catarina must submit their proposals according to the general orientations of the Call and also directly to FAPEG, FAPERJ and FAPESC, according to the orientations provided in the respective guidelines, which will be published in their websites.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Specific orientations will be provided to the awarded applicants by the funding agencies involved – CNPq and/or FAPs.

Other important information:

Brazilian applicants may be supported by CNPq and/or by the following State Funding Agencies - FAPs, participating to the call.

Details on the Brazilian Funding Agencies supporting the call, including amount of total funding, maximum number of projects, contacts:

	CNPq and FAPs	State	Budget Euros	Max. number of projects within the max. allocated budget	Contacts
1	CNPq	All	100.000	<u>Not defined</u>	<u>Dileine Amaral da Cunha</u> dileine.cunha@cnpq.br
2	Fundação Araucária	Paraná	80.000	3	Luiz Márcio Spinosa spinosa@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br Barbara Taniguti barbara@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
3	FAPEAM	Amazonas	50.000	<u>Not defined</u>	Marcia Irene Andrade marciamavignier10@gmail.com
4	FAPEG	Goiás	100.000	2	Eduardo Araújo gc.fapeg@goias.gov.br diretoria.cientifica.fapeg@goias.gov.br
5	FAPEMA	Maranhão	50.000	2	Mauricio Sá mauricio.sa@fapema.br
6	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	60.000	2	Daniela Ziani Sherer dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
7	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	100.000	5	Ana Beatriz Ramadas assessoria.internacional@faperj.br

8	FAPES	Espírito Santo	100.000	3	Letícia Sartorato Zanchetta ditec@fapes.es.gov.br
9	FAPESB	Bahia	30.000	1	Talita Assis Silva de Jesus talita.jesus@fapesb.ba.gov.br
10	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	100.000	2	Pedro Alexandre Valentim Neto internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
11	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000	1 (Marine Environment)	Ruth Silveira Fapesq@fapesq.rpp.br
12	FUNCAP	Ceará	100.000	3	Vivian Nobre Vivian.nobre@funcap.ce.gov.br
13	FUNDECT	Mato Grosso do Sul	50.000	2	Nalvo Franco de Almeida Junior internacional@fundect.ms.gov.br
14	FAPERO	Rondônia	40.000	3	Andreimar Martins Fontes andreimar.soares@gmail.com presidencia@fapero.ro.gov.br
15	FAPESPA	Pará	40.000	2	Aurycelia Dias - aurycelia.dias@fapespa.pa.gov.br
16	FAPDF	Federal District	TBC	Not defined	Coobe.eventos@fap.df.gov.br Francisco.schlabit@fap.df.gov.br

***Other FAPs may still confirm their support**

Bulgaria – BNSF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Bulgaria
Funding Organisation	Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Milena Aleksandrova aleksandrova@mon.bg +359 884 171 363 Al. Stamboliyski Blvd. 239B Sofia 1309

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Up to 306,775 euro
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Up to 102,258 euro per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	1) Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act; 2) Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act. http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are specified in "National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.fni.bg/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility at the pre-proposals submission stage (i.e. by 30 November 2021). The form, entitled „Administrative description of the project“ should
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<p>national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>be filled in both Bulgarian and in English and signed. Application forms can be obtained at: https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf</p> <p>They have to be sent by post or delivered in person to BNSF Registry Office before the deadline for the submission of pre-proposal (i.e. before 30 November) at the following address:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">BNSF Registry Office Blvd. Al. Stamboliiski 239; Entr.B Sofia 1309</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>N/A</p>

Czech Republic – TA CR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Czech Republic
Funding Organisation	Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Matej Stepanek, + 420 770 194 873, matej.stepanek@tacr.cz

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	730000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Maximum requested budget per project: 300,000 €

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terrestrial• Inland water (including wetlands)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Research organizations, Enterprises and Organisational units of the state are eligible, both as main applicants and additional members of the consortium. However, the main applicant may be only an entity that has its registered office, establishment or branch in the Czech Republic.</p> <p><u>TACR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- against which, following the decision of the European Commission under which the funding received from a provider from the Czech Republic was declared as illegal and incompatible with the internal market, a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid,- meeting the definition of an “enterprise in difficulties” referred to in Article 2(18) of the Regulation.¹- which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the

¹ Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17th June 2014 (as amended – Commission Regulation 2017/1084) declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty – Official Journal of the European Union L 187, 26th June 2014 (hereinafter “the Regulation”).

	<p>years 2017, 2018, 2019 in the relevant register - the so-called "Veřejný rejstřík".</p> <p>Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech candidate in the project is determined based on the type of entity and type of research according to the Regulation (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is 85 % of eligible costs.</p> <p>Type of supported research: applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). <i>For definitions of applied research see the Framework and the Regulation.</i></p> <p>Czech applicants must comply with the "PROSTŘEDÍ PRO ŽIVOT" programme rules subprogramme 1: "Operativní výzkum ve veřejném zájmu". Relevance to the programme/subprogramme objectives is examined as a part of the eligibility check.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Personnel costs (including scholarships), subcontracting costs, other direct costs (write-offs, protection of intellectual property, operating expense, travel), indirect costs (full cost/flat rate 25 %) are eligible.</p> <p>Investment costs are not eligible.</p> <p>A minimum of 51 % of the total expenses of the Czech partner(s) has to be spent on research in the public interest.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>For Czech Applicants to be eligible, results of the project must be applicable in the environment of the Czech Republic (Applicability of foreseen project outputs and their employment in the conditions of the Czech Republic will be assessed during the national eligibility check).</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

<https://www.tacr.cz/soutez/partnerstvi-pro-biodiverzitu/call-2021-5/>

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Sworn statement of the applicant; • Completed “TACR Application Form” Excel file. • if the applicant plans to achieve the “NmetS” type of result, the “Confirmation of the Certification authority for NmetS results” needs to be attached • if the applicant plans to achieve the “Patent” type of result, patent search must be substantiated • Sworn statement on the consortium composition • Extract from the register of real owners <p>All documents proving the eligibility of the Czech partner (mentioned above) shall be submitted via the TACR data box (TACR data box ID: afth9xp) within the same deadline as the project pre-proposals. Please fill in the subject line as: „Horizont Evropa – Partnerství pro Biodiverzitu Call 2021 - prokázání způsobilosti – acronym of your project“.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Subcontracting rules: <u>To EU countries:</u> For TACR subcontracting represents funding of outsourced research services. Subcontracting costs cannot exceed 20% of total project costs. Other kinds of subcontracted activities apart from research ought to be categorized under “other direct costs”. TACR does not regard subcontracted entities as project partners. <u>To Non-EU countries:</u> Same rules as to EU countries apply. <u>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc):</u> This type of activities should be listed under “other direct costs” rather than</p>

subcontracting, unless these are research services.

Supported outputs (see the definitions [here](#)):

- P – patent
- G – technically implemented outcomes – prototype, functional sample
- R – software
- N_{metS}, N_{metC}, N_{metA} – methodology
- N_{map} – specialized map with expert content
- H_{neleg} – results reflected in directives and regulations of a non-legislative nature binding within the competence of the Ministry of the Environment of the Czech Republic
- V_{souhrn} – research report
- Z_{polop}, Z_{tech} – pilot plant, verified technology
- S – specialized public database
- J_{imp}, J_{SC}, J_{ost} – reviewed research paper
- B – scientific book
- C – chapter in a research book
- E_{krit} – organizing an exhibition with a critical catalogue
- M – holding a conference
- O – miscellaneous

For “O” type of outputs:

If “O” type is the only output, the “V_{souhrn}” type of output, i.e. a comprehensive research report, must be achieved simultaneously.

Additional Information:

- Maximum project duration: 3 years
- Czech candidates are obliged to sign an agreement with their foreign partners (i.e. Consortium Agreement), which will define the modalities of cooperation on the project and the distribution of intellectual property rights.
- Please note that following the national legislation, Czech applicants shall start within 120 days from the funding decision being communicated by the Call

	<p>Management (60-day period to enter into a contract + 60-day period to start the project).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If projects are to be financed by the Recovery fund, applicants must adhere to the "Do no significant harm" principle.
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Further Comments:

Funding rates

Beneficiary	small enterprise*	medium enterprise*	large enterprise*	research organization**	organisational unit of the state
Activity category					
Industrial research	70 %	60 %	50 %	100 %	100 %
Industrial research in case of effective cooperation***	80 %	75 %	65 %	-	-
Experimental development	45 %	35 %	25 %	100 %	100 %
Experimental development in case of effective cooperation***	60 %	50 %	40 %	-	-

* An SME is defined in Article 2 paragraph 2 and Annex 1 of the Regulation; a large enterprise is defined in Article 2 paragraph 24 of the Regulation.

** A research organization is defined under Article 2 paragraph 83 of the Regulation. The indicated funding rate is intended for non-economic activities of the research organisations (see also items 19 and 20 of [the Framework](#)).²

*** Effective cooperation - the aid can be increased by up to 15% if the applicant fulfills the conditions according to the Regulation Article 25.

TA CR will check following **eligibility criteria** at the national level:

- the project meets the definition of applied research
- the aim of the project is relevant to the overall aim of the PROSTŘEDÍ PRO ŽIVOT programme
- the research results correspond to the national rules (see below) and are applicable / exploitable
- the industrial research and experimental development share corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner as described in the project proposal
- the applicants are eligible
- the costs are eligible
- the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity (see above)
- the applicants have published the financial statements for the requested years

² Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation – Official Journal of the European Union C 198, 27 June 2014 (hereinafter “the Framework”)

Denmark - IFD

CONTACT

Country	Denmark
Funding Organisation	Innovation Fund Denmark
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Martin Kyvsgaard International Investment Officer Martin.kyvsgaard@innofond.dk +45 61905081 Kathrine Hauge Madsen Investment Officer Kathrine.hauge.madsen@innofond.dk +45 61905047 International Collaborations internationale@innofond.dk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	1.200.000
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum funding per partner: 300.000 EUR including overhead Maximum funding per project: 500.000 EUR including overhead

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• private sector (e.g. for profit companies)• research centres• secondary or higher education (e.g. schools and universities)• public bodies (e.g. municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)• other non profit legal entities (e.g. NGO, stakeholder associations, societies,..)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, subcontracting (national organisations), travel, equipment, materials, communication,

	other, overhead
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Funding rates as listed in national guidelines section 9 At least one Danish non-academia institution as co-applicant in the transnational consortium.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Innovation Fund Denmark National guidelines
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Mandatory to submit proposal and full-proposal via the E-grant system Innovation Fund Denmark will automatically register the Danish partners who will receive a notification with more information from us when completed.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Financial and progress reporting via the E-grant system is mandatory. Please use the templates, which will be available on your projects site once you initiate a reporting session.
Other important information	n.a.

Estonia – ETAg

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	150,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Max. requested budget per proposal: 100,000 € per project for Partner 150,000€ per project in case the coordinating partner is from Estonia

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All eligible
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>1. Project Participants</p> <p>1.1 The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. The Principal Investigator is responsible for how the Estonia's part in the grant budget is allocated and how Estonia's part in the project is executed in case of a positive funding decision. The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.1.1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p> <p>1.1.2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded at the latest by the submission deadline of the grant application;</p> <p>1.1.3. must have published or received formal acceptance for at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline.</p> <p>If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another acceptable reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p> <p>1.2 The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia.</p>

	<p>The Host Institution must confirm to the Estonian Research Council (with a confirmation letter after the submission deadline) that the project can be carried out on their premises and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, then State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>2. Requested Budget</p> <p>2.1 Research expenses consist of direct costs, indirect costs and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p> <p>2.2 Direct costs</p> <p>2.2.1 Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all the other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to the person's commitment and in proportion to the person's total workload at their Host Institution.</p> <p>2.2.2 Scholarships may be paid to master's and doctoral students.</p> <p>Alternatively, remuneration can be paid as salary to students. All payments to the students should be done according to the usual practices of the Host Institution, following the Estonian legal acts.</p> <p>2.2.3 Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance.</p> <p>2.2.4 Other direct costs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.). <p>2.2.5 Subcontracting costs should cover only the additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total requested budget.</p> <p>2.3 Indirect costs are overhead costs, which may not exceed 20% of the eligible (requested) direct research costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.</p>

	2.4 Double funding of activities is not acceptable
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Research Council.</p> <p>The grant is not considered to be State aid for research and development, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, as long as the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.</p> <p>The criteria defined in Clauses 17-22 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01) forms the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is an undertaking that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives support.</p> <p>When an entity applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it has to fill in the State aid form. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.</p> <p>If State aid and de minimis aid are given, the documents related to giving the support must be kept for 10 years as of the date when the agreement was entered into.</p> <p>If the grant is considered State aid or de minimis aid, then it will not be granted to a Host Institution that is subject to a support withdrawal decision pursuant to a previous European Commission decision deeming the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market, if that decision has not been complied with.</p> <p>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation</p> <p>If the grant is considered to be State aid, then it is allocated on the basis of Article 25 of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1–78) (hereinafter the Block Exemption Regulation), and the provisions of the Commission Regulation and Section 34² of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>State aid is not given in cases specified under Articles 1(2) to (5) of the Block Exemption Regulation.</p> <p>In case of State aid, the eligible costs of the project activities must comply with the requirements specified under Article 25(3) of the Block Exemption Regulation (except clause (c)), and the maximum aid intensity must comply with Articles 25(5) and (6).</p> <p>If the grant applied for can be considered to be State aid, then the application must include the information specified</p>

in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.

De minimis aid

If the grant is considered de minimis aid, then the funding is subject to the Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 1–8) (hereinafter the De Minimis Aid Regulation), and the provisions of the Regulation and Section 33 of the Estonian Competition Act apply.

De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for cannot exceed 200,000 euro during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.

Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.

A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.

If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Research Council enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution and the Principal Investigator. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.

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

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

By applying for funding by the Estonian Research Council, the applicants agree to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

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

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	A short financial and scientific yearly report is required.
Other important information	n.a.

Estonia – MoE_EE

CONTACT

Country / Region	Estonia
Funding Organisation	Estonian Ministry of the Environment, MoE_EE
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	General contact: Teele Jairus, +372 626 2886, teele.jairus@envir.ee Technical contact: Dr Katarina Viik, +372 55657568, Katarina.viik@envir.ee

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	100,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Max. budget requested per proposal: 100,000 € per project for Partner 150,000€ per project in case the coordinating partner is from Estonia. In this case 100,000 € will be covered from the budget of EE MoE and 50,000€ will be covered from the budget of Estonian Research Council. Compliance with the funding limits will be considered during the eligibility check. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All eligible
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	MoE funds positively evaluated Estonian research & development (R&D) institutions and research organisations, registered and located in Estonia. EU and Estonian regulations on State Aid must be taken into account when requesting funding. The state aid form must be filled in, if relevant. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date. Funding is limited to project partners residing in Estonia. To be eligible, the project consortium must include at least one partner of an Estonian public research organization (e.g. university). To be eligible, the Principal Investigator: - must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS), or as an alternative, convert his/her ETIS publications table into a PDF and send it directly to the contact point at ETag;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application, at the latest; - must have published at least three articles which comply with the requirements of clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications of clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS clause 2.1) is equaled to three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or in the compulsory military service, or has other serious grounds, the publication period requirement will be extended by the respective time. <p>Senior research staff of the project participates in the substantial performance of the project. They must hold at least master's degree or an equivalent qualification.</p> <p>The applicants host institution must declare that the project will be carried out as agreed and that it will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs, surveys, analyses etc) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be respectively identifiable.</p> <p>Direct costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the participants of the project calculated according to their commitment and proportionately to their salary cost at their Host Institution. - Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, travel insurance and daily allowances according to national regulations (fringe benefits costs are uneligible). <p>Other direct costs are: consumables, IT software (and licenses) and equipment related to the project implementation; disposable materials; costs for publication and dissemination of project results; costs for organizing meetings, seminars or conferences related to the project; fees for participation in</p>

	<p>scientific forums and conferences related to the project; all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Subcontracting costs (incl. from private sector) should not be included in the overhead calculation and should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) performed by third parties. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 10% of the partners total cost.</p> <p>Double funding of activities is not acceptable. MoE will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or international calls.</p> <p>Overhead up to 15% of direct costs (office consumables, communication services, room rent and utilities);</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>If human research or animal tests are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorization Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to ETAg by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>By applying for funding, applicants agree to consider the relevance of Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration if applicable.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>The funding conditions are based on ETAg's Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in ERA-NET Calls.</p> <p>Overhead requirements</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No submission needed
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	No submission needed

Other important information	Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the funded projects must acknowledge the respective funder.
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Estonia – MeM

CONTACT

Country / Region	Estonia
Funding Organisation	Estonian Ministry of Rural Affairs, MeM
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Epp Eisler, +372 625 6236, epp.eisler@agri.ee

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FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	100,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Max. budget requested per proposal: 100,000 € per project for Partner, 150,000€ per project in case the coordinating partner is Estonian. In this case 100,000 € will be covered from the budget of MEM and 50,000€ will be covered from the budget of Estonian Research Council.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All eligible
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	MEM funds Estonian research & development (R&D) institutions and research organisations, registered and located in Estonia. There is a 5% of own contribution required upon total budget of the project. The application must meet requirements of eligibility determined by the national programme “Applied Research and Development in Agriculture 2015-2021”. Scientific results of the projects must be made publicly available. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.

	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; - must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded at the latest by the submission deadline of the grant application; - must have published or received formal acceptance for at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equaled with publications of clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS clause 2.1) is equaled to three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or less. <p>If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another acceptable reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Research expenses consist of direct costs, indirect costs and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be respectively identifiable.</p> <p>Direct costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all the other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to the person's commitment and in proportion to the person's total workload at their Host Institution. - Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance.

	<p>Other direct costs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.). <p>Subcontracting costs should cover only the additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal.</p> <p>Indirect costs are overhead costs, which may not exceed 20% of the total budget of the project.</p> <p>Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>If human research or animal tests are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorization Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to ETAg by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>By applying for funding, applicants agree to consider the relevance of Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration if applicable.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

[Põllumajanduslikud rakendusuringud ja arendustegevus aastatel 2015–2021 | Maaeluministeerium \(agri.ee\)](#)

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No submission needed
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	A short financial and scientific yearly report is required.
Other important information	Applicants are recommended to contact National Contact Point before submitting a proposal.

Finland – AKA

CONTACT

Country / Region	Finland
Funding Organisation	Academy of Finland (AKA)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Harri Hautala, +358 295 33 5019, harri.hautala@aka.fi

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	850,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Maximum requested budget per project: 250,000 k€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	<p>project. The 40 funding recipient must not be overcompensated by the payment of costs that will not remain as its final costs.</p> <p>Subcontracting rules: To EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested.</p> <p>To Non-EU countries: Yes. As a recommendation, a maximum of 50,000€ of short-term subcontracting can be requested.</p> <p>Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): No.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Persons: The applicant must be a researcher at the professor or docent level or with a doctoral degree.</p> <p>If the PI does not have an employment relationship with, for example, a university or research institute, they must give an account of how their salary will be covered during the funding period. Applicants must describe this at the application stage.</p> <p>Only one application per researcher will be considered (incl. a consortium subproject) in this call. Please check AKA's Regulation at https://www.aka.fi/globalassets/1-tutkimusrahoitus/1-hae-rahoitusta/nain-kaytat-rahoitusta/funding-terms-and-conditions-1jan-31dec-2021.pdf</p>

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

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>Draft the online application so that only funding requested from the Academy (max 70 % of total costs) is included.</p> <p>After all full proposals have been evaluated, AKA will invite the successful Finnish candidates to submit their proposal to the AKA's online service, where you have to indicate also the</p>
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	funding share of the site of research (at least 30% of the total costs).
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/report--your-project/
Other important information	<p>The successful Finnish candidates may receive their funding either from the Academy of Finland or the Ministry of Environment.</p> <p>In addition to the national regulations, within a transnational call specific rules of the consortium may be applicable; please read carefully the Call Text and all the related instructions.</p>

Finland – MoE_FI

CONTACT

Country / Region	Finland
Funding Organisation	Ministry of the Environment
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Tanja Suni, research director tanja.suni@ym.fi +358 50 4417164

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Min. 250,000 € Max. 400,000 € (depending on the success of government grant application for this purpose)
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Max 250,000 € per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Companies are not funded, no other restrictions.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding rules depend on the type of applicant (government research institutes / all other applicants): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General rules for internal government funding (applies to government research institutions)- General rules of the Ministry of the Environment for special grants (all other applicants)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	The funding is only for non-economic activities.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	General rules for special grants: https://ym.fi/ymparistoministerion-erityisavustuksen-ehdot-ja-rajoitukset
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	More information about non-economic activities: https://tem.fi/valtioneu-kasite
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	n/a
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	n/a
Other important information	The successful Finnish candidates may receive their funding either from the Academy of Finland or the Ministry of Environment.

France – ANR

CONTACT

Country / Region	France
Funding Organisation	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR), http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Juliette BETTUS, Sophie GERMANN, Céline BILLIERE, Scientific project officers biodiversa.cs@agencerecherche.fr

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	2,000,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	<p>In the case of partners applying to ANR funds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Up to 262,320€ per project- Up to 312,770€ per project in case the coordinating partner is French- Min. of 15,000€ per beneficiary <p>For Beneficiaries financed “at marginal cost”, a standard rate of 13% of all the eligible costs applies as overheads and should be included in the requested budget. For the others, please consult the “Règlement financier applicable” about the applicable overheads rate (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF).</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restriction
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	To be eligible for ANR, the consortium must include at least one French public research organisation or similar research organisation. Please consult the documents called « Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide ANR » and « Règlement financier applicable » for more details.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please refer to the “Règlement financier applicable” on the ANR website (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF), in particular paragraph 3.1 for eligible costs.

	Salaries of permanent staffs are not eligible for Beneficiaries financed at “marginal cost”. Please read paragraph 2.4.1 and 3.1.1.a. Subcontracting rules are subject to conditions. the amount of subcontracting costs is <u>limited to 50% of the amount of the Beneficiary's grant</u> unless an exemption is granted in advance by the ANR at the Beneficiary's justified request. Please carefully read paragraph 3.1.1.d and 3.1.3 of the “Règlement financier applicable”.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Subject to conditions. Please read paragraph 3.1 of the “Règlement financier applicable” (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF) https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2021/ANR-RF-2021_230621.pdf
Additional specific eligibility rules	Please read very carefully the document called “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”, (https://anr.fr/fr/appels/)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://anr.fr/fr/appels/ Click on the link of the first Call of the European Biodiversity Partnership on “Supporting the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems across land and sea”
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Please read paragraph 5.3 of the “Règlement financier applicable” (http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF).
Other important information	Only a summary of the ANR rules applicable to this call is provided in this document. Full details can be consulted in the annexes available on the webpage of the call on the ANR website (including the document called “ Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR ”) and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding

which can be downloaded here (“**Règlement Financier Applicable**”): <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>³.

³ In the event of inconsistency between the texts, the documents “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR” and “Règlement Financier Applicable” shall prevail.

Germany – DFG – BMBF/ VDI/VDE-IT

Who is addressed by this information?

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for *DFG* or *BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT* funding. Please note that **it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below**. In order to make sure that all requirements are met and to receive the latest information, please get in touch with your respective funding organisation contact point.

1) Procedure

Pre-Proposals:

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

Full Proposals:

As a service to the German community, all submitted full proposals including funds applied for from a German research funding organisation are processed according to a uniform procedure. In addition to the mandatory submission of all proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat, **all proposals applying for *DFG* or *BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT* funds must be submitted to the DFG via the [DFG elan portal](#)**. Please note that this also applies to applicants who are only eligible pursuant to the BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT guidelines. **The proposal documents must be submitted via the DFG elan portal by the same deadline as the full proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat plus three working days**. Subsequently, responsibilities for applications are assigned among the German funding agencies.

2) Technical advice

Submission of full proposals via the DFG's Electronic Proposal Processing System (elan)

The following process must be followed by each member of the consortium applying for funding from a German research funding organisation (DFG or BMBF / VDI/VDE-IT). In the following, these members of the consortium are referred to as "German applicants", which only means that they are applying for "German funds", not that these applicants' nationality is necessarily German.

Please note that **before submission of the full proposal, each German applicant must be registered in the elan system**. (Registration of all German applicants should be finished no later than three weeks in advance of the deadline for submitting full proposals.)

The proposal form (*elektronisches Antragsformular*) must be submitted via elan, the DFG's electronic proposal processing system.

Please select as follows:

- Proposal Submission / New Project (*Antragstellung / Neues Projekt*)

- Individual Grants Programme (*Einzelförderung*)
- Proposal for a Research Grant (*Antrag auf eine Sachbeihilfe*)
- -> Start online form (-> *Online-Formular starten*)
- Select the appropriate Call

For information on elan and access to the system, see: www.dfg.de/elan/en

3) Detailed information applicable to both German funding organisations

CONTACT

Country / Region	Germany	
Funding Organisation	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) https://www.dfg.de/	Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) www.bmbf.de VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH – Projektträger (VDI/VDE-IT) www.vdivde-it.de
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) Gaby Rerig +49 228 885-2406 gaby.rerig@dfg.de Tanja Zdebel +49 228 885-3105 tanja.zdebel@dfg.de	VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH Projektträger Lebenswissenschaften Rainer Schliep +49 30 310078-5896 rainer.schliep@vdivde-it.de Dr. Anne Dwertmann +49 30 310078-427 anne.dwertmann@vdivde-it.de

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	€ 1,500,000	€ 2,000,000
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	Biodiversa+ seeks to fund projects where there is equal co-operation among international partners. Proposals should reflect equal contributions within consortia (for information on other funding agencies' budgets, please see the respective National Annexes). If all German applicants in a consortium plan to apply for a budget exceeding a total of € 250,000 (including a programme allowance for indirect project costs, referred to as “overhead costs” within this context, where applicable), please get in touch with the Funding Organization Contact Points (FCPs) for advice. If the Consortium Coordinator is a German applicant, please contact the FCPs for further information.	

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Qualified researchers (as a rule, those holding a doctorate) from all disciplines working at German research institutions are eligible for funding.	Universities, research institutions and comparable institutions are eligible to apply. Individual persons are not eligible for funding.

	<p>Researchers working at institutions which serve purely commercial purposes or those who are not permitted to publish findings in a generally accessible form are not eligible to apply. In the case of researchers who are employed at one of the institutes or member organisations of the Max Planck Society, Fraunhofer Society, Helmholtz Association or Leibniz Association, researchers working at a publicly funded institute associated with one of these research institutions, and researchers working at international research facilities located in Germany, please note that the duty to cooperate does not apply to this call. (<i>“Es gilt keine Kooperationspflicht.”</i>)</p>	<p>Grants will be awarded in accordance with BMBF funding regulations, sections 23 and 44 of the <i>“Bundeshaushaltsordnung”</i> (BHO), associated administrative regulations as well as the BMBF "Guidelines for Grant Applications on an Expenditure Basis (AZA)" and/or "Guidelines for Grant Applications on a Cost Basis (AZK)". At the time of payment of a grant awarded, the existence of a permanent establishment or branch office or other entity serving the non-economic activity of the grantee in Germany is required. Applicants should read and follow the instructions contained in the <i>“Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgabenbasis”</i> or <i>“Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis”</i>, depending on the legal status of the applicant’s institution. All forms and guidelines are available on the federal funding portal (<i>“Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes”</i>). All applicants from non-university research organisations (Helmholtz, Max Planck and Leibniz Centres) must follow specific application rules. These applicants should contact the FCP at VDI/VDE-IT for advice.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Please note that the calculation of personnel costs differs between the Biodiversa+ EPSS and the DFG’s elan system and, where applicable, in the subsequent application for funding from the BMBF. If you are unsure, please do not hesitate to contact the FCP at VDI/VDE-IT or DFG for advice.</p>	
	<p>Please check the Basic Module at DFG - Module Basic Module and if applicable the Module Temporary Positions for Principal Investigators at DFG - Module Temporary Position.</p> <p>You will find information on DFG average personnel rates in DFG form 60.12 “DFG Personnel Rates” (DFG - Formulare und Merkblätter / Gesamtliste) (<i>Ggf. kann ein Antrag auf personellen (tarifbedingten) Mehrbedarf kurz vor Ende der Projektlaufzeit mit dem DFG-Vordruck 41.44 beantragt werden</i>)</p> <p>Overheads are calculated automatically by the DFG’s elan</p>	<p>Only temporary positions; see federal funding portal (<i>“Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes”</i>).</p> <p>Please note that applicants from non-university institutions determine their own respective project allowances (i.e. <i>“Gemeinkosten”</i>, <i>“Infrastrukturpauschale”</i> etc.). These may differ significantly from the rates for overheads (<i>“Projektpauschale”</i>) for universities. Please include these project allowances and overheads respectively within the requested funding sum.</p> <p>Subcontracting: <u>To EU countries:</u> Possible. <u>To non-EU countries:</u> Possible. Teams from third countries or international organisations may be funded for minor</p>

	<p>system. However, please fill in 22% of direct costs as overheads in the Biodiversa+ form.</p> <p>Subcontracting: Possible according to the general rules for research grants (for details see DFG form 52.01)</p>	<p>tasks within projects if they are subcontracted by a German applicant. Cooperation with developing countries is acceptable.</p> <p>The BMBF does not fund subcontracted teams from industrial countries or emerging economies such as China, Brazil, etc.</p> <p><u>Subcontracting special tasks</u> (i.e. IT services, etc): Possible. Please contact the FCP at VDI/VDE-IT for advice.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes	See above, cf. federal funding portal (" <i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i> ").
Additional specific eligibility rules	No	Research institutions that receive joint basic funding from the German federal and state governments can only be granted project funding for their additional expenditure under certain conditions in addition to their basic funding. In particular, these base-funded non-university research institutions are expected to link the content of the project funding topics to the institutionally funded research activities and dovetail the two.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	DFG - Biodiversa+	BMBF – Biodiversa+
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre-proposal and full proposal at the national / regional level and / or requirement in terms of national / regional official paperwork to complete and sign at national / regional level</p>	<p>Please select both German funding organisations in Biodiversa+’s EPSS, regardless of who might fund your project.</p> <p>Pre-proposals: Submit pre-proposals to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat only. No documents or information are required for the pre-proposal stage at the national level.</p> <p>Full proposals: Submit the full proposal to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat and the same proposal documents to the DFG via the DFG elan portal. All proposals applying for funds from German funding organisations must be submitted both to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat <u>and</u> to the DFG.</p> <p>The deadline for submission to the Biodiversa+ Call Secretariat must be strictly observed. The mandatory deadline for submission to the DFG is the same deadline plus three working days.</p>
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	<p>For more information, see DFG - Biodiversa+ (“DFG’s Elan system: Help for the online form” available for the full proposal stage)</p> <p>Please read carefully the sections PROCEDURE and TECHNICAL ADVICE above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registration in elan • submission of the full proposal in elan <p>After submitting the proposal in elan, you will automatically receive a compliance form by e-mail. This form must be printed out and returned to the DFG with the original signatures of all German applicants.</p>	<p>Until the final funding decision, no additional forms have to be completed. Application forms (e.g. Easy-AZA/AZAP or Easy-AZK) have to be completed and signed only for projects designated for funding and only on request by VDI/VDE-IT. Applicants should read and follow the instructions contained in the “<i>Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Ausgabenbasis</i>” or “<i>Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge auf Kostenbasis</i>”, depending on the legal status of the applicant’s institution. All forms to be completed are available on the federal funding portal (“<i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i>”).</p> <p>Forms should be sent both on paper and electronically, but only on request by VDI/VDE-IT to: VDI/VDE Innovation + Technik GmbH, Bereich ADM - Projektträger Lebenswissenschaften, Steinplatz 1, 10623 Berlin</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national / regional level</p>	<p>Financial reports: Timely submission of a final financial report, if necessary of intermediate financial reports, to the DFG is mandatory. You will be informed in writing of the deadlines, which will usually be tighter than the ones normally set for Individual Research Grants.</p> <p>Scientific reports: Scientific reports only have to be submitted to Biodiversa +. This will fulfil all reporting obligations to the DFG.</p>	<p>Evidence of the use of the grant must be provided to the granting authority within six months of fulfilment of the purpose of the grant, but no later than the end of the sixth month following the grant period (“<i>Verwendungsnachweis</i>”). If the purpose of the grant has not been fulfilled by the end of the financial year, interim proof of use of the amounts received in that year must be submitted within four months of the end of the financial year (“<i>Zwischenbericht</i>”). Further information and templates are available on the federal funding portal (“<i>Formularschrank für Fördervordrucke des Bundes</i>”).</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>Data Protection Notice: Please note the DFG’s data protection notice on research funding, which can be viewed and downloaded at www.dfg.de/privacy_policy. If necessary, please also forward this information to those persons whose data the DFG processes because they are involved in your project.</p>	<p>Statement on Data Protection: This statement on data protection provides you with detailed information on what data is collected, for what purpose and on what basis, how you can contact the ‘data controller’ (the responsible entity) and the Data Protection Officer, and what rights you have concerning the processing of personal data.</p>

GREECE – GSRI

CONTACT

Country / Region	GREECE
Funding Organisation	GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (GSRI) URL: http://www.gsrt.gr
Funding Point(s)	<p>Organisation Contact</p> <p>-Dr Antonios Gypakis Deputy Head of the Policy Planning Department Planning and Programming of Policy Actions for RTDI Directorate 14-18, MESSOGEION AVE., GR-115 27 ATHENS, GREECE Tel: +30 213 1300064, E-mail: agyapa@gsrt.gr</p> <p>-Dr Anna Rosenberg International S&T Cooperation Directorate Bilateral and Multilateral Cooperation Section 14-18 Messogeion Ave., 115 27 Athens, Greece Tel.: +30 213 13 00 095 Fax: +30 210 7714153 E-mail: a.rosenberg@gsrt.gr</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Initial investment 500,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200,000 € per project (including indirect costs). Please note that this amount can be increased to 250,000 € <u>per project</u> if Greek partner assumes the project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities namely: private enterprises (such as SMEs, large-companies etc), research organizations, higher education institutions, and other public organizations with R&D activities). Individuals as well as individual enterprises are not eligible under this scheme.

	<p>Applicants may submit, if they are enterprises, up to two (2) proposals from the same enterprise in the current call, and for Public research Institutes and Universities up to (2) proposals at the level of the same Laboratory or School or Institute or Department.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>➤ <i>Aid of intensity</i></p> <p>Public research Institutes and Universities: the aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non-economic activities in accordance with point 19, article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01).</p> <p>Private Sector: (a) 50% of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development; (c) 50% of the eligible costs for feasibility studies.- The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% of the eligible costs as follows:</p> <p>(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises;</p> <p>(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:</p> <p>(i) the project involves effective collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or — between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results; <p>(ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software.</p> <p>-The aid intensity for feasibility studies may be increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises.</p> <p>➤ <i>Foreseen cost categories:</i></p> <p>(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project.</p>

	<p>(b) costs on fixed assets i.e. b1) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible and b2) costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible.</p> <p>(c) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project.</p> <p>(d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation.</p> <p>(e) indirect costs = flat rate 15% of gross personnel costs excluding VAT = 15%* (a-(VAT of a)). Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e. g. administrative and management costs, utility costs).</p> <p>In compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.</p>
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>VAT is eligible when it is not recoverable by the beneficiaries.</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>TRL3-(8) in compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, page 3, article 13)</p> <p>GSRI potentially supports the following types of RTD, namely: Industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) No 651/2014 article 25)</p>

<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>www.gsrt.gr</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014R0651&from=EN</p> <p>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L:2021:270:TOC</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	At national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposals and full proposals stages. We rely on the evaluation made by the Call Evaluation Committee and external reviewers. <i>Submission at the national level is required at a later stage.</i> A national call will be published to support the proposals selected for funding within the call. Detailed information on the procedure and the funding rules will be provided at the GSRI website in the guidelines of the national call, during the submission period. For more information please contact the NCP.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Interim and final reports
Other important information	The duration of a funded project is 36 months according to the Call text.

Hungary – NKFIH

CONTACT

Country / Region	Hungary
Funding Organisation	Nemzeti Kutatási, Fejlesztési és Innovációs Hivatal (NKFIH)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Krisztina HOLLÓSI Phone: +36 1 896 3750 E-mail: krisztina.hollosi@nkfi.gov.hu

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	250,000
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	Maximum requested budget per project: 150,000€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions apply.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Institution of higher education, other budgetary research institution, enterprise-based research organisation, enterprise (non-research type), non-profit research organisation. Reimbursement rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Non-profit organisations: max. 100%▪ For-profit organisations: max. 80% (fundamental research), max. 50% (industrial research) or max. 25% (experimental development). For further details please consult https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/era-net-ejp-cofund-2019-217-era-net/palyazati-felhivas-2019-217-era-net
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel (temporary, permanent), subcontracting and services, including travelling (max. 30%), consumables, equipment (max. 40%), coordination, including certain travelling (max. 8 or 4%), communication and dissemination (1%), overheads (max. 10%) For further details please consult https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/era-net-ejp-cofund-2019-217-era-net/palyazati-felhivas-2019-217-era-net

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Deductible VAT is ineligible.
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/era-net-ejp-cofund-2019-217-era-net/palyazati-felhivas-2019-217-era-net
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Would their project be recommended for funding within the Biodiversa+ call, the Hungarian partner have to submit a full proposal to the NKFIH for national funding. The proposal should be submitted via an e-portal (www.palyazat.gov.hu) together with a declaration validating the submission of the proposal by a qualified e-signature. If the declaration does not contain the qualified e-signature, the declaration itself should be submitted also in a paper-based version.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	According to the national grant agreement.
Other important information	n.a.

Iceland – Rannís

CONTACT

Country / Region	Iceland
Funding Organisation	Rannís (Rannsóknamiðstöð Íslands)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Aegir Thor Thorsson, aegir.t.thorsson@rannis.is

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	700,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Max. 350,000 € per project (i.e. max 51 m.ikr. per project)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Researchers at Icelandic universities and research institute. University or a research institute
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Accordance with Icelandic Research Fund (IRF) regulation for Project grant
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Only in cases when VAT is not deductible or refundable
Additional specific eligibility rules	For more details see IRF handbook https://en.rannis.is/media/rannsoknasjodur/IRF_Handbook.pdf

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://en.rannis.is/funding/research/icelandic-research-fund/nr/527
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No registration required at national level.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Other important information	n/a

Ireland – EPA

CONTACT

Country / Region	Ireland
Funding Organisation	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Lisa Sheils (+353 1 268 0100, l.sheils@epa.ie)</p> <p>Alice Wemaere (+353 1 268 0100, a.wemaere@epa.ie)</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	<p>Reserved budget (low) in euros: € 600,000.00</p> <p>Reserved budget (high) in euros: € 1,250,000</p> <p>This contribution includes co-funding from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; and the National Parks & Wildlife Services</p>
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €450k if the Irish participant is coordinating a consortium submitting a proposal • €250k if the Irish participant is a partner in a consortium submitting a proposal • Limit of 1 Irish participating organisation requesting budget from the EPA per consortium submitting a proposal

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	<p>All environments are eligible.</p> <p>Only proposals relevant to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theme 1 (Knowledge for identifying priority conservation areas, establishing effective and resilient ecological networks, and enhancing species-based protection) • Theme 2 (Multiple benefits and costs of biodiversity and ecosystem protection: synergies and trade-offs)
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	will be deemed eligible for funding.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	As defined in the 2021 EPA Guidelines and Terms and Conditions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	As defined in the 2021 EPA Guidelines and Terms and Conditions
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Scope Restrictions and budget restrictions (see above).

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.epa.ie/publications/research/current-call-documents/2021-epa-research-guidelines-and-terms--conditions.php
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>There is no requirement for Irish applicants to send the EPA any paperwork related to their submission.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to carefully read the National Regulations.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>Should the proposal be successful and the project awarded, the Irish participant requesting budget from the EPA will have to comply with EPA's interim and final reporting requirements and funding rules, as defined in the 2021 EPA Guidelines and Terms and Conditions</p>
Other important information	<p>All queries regarding this call should be directed to the EPA.</p> <p>No queries relating to the scope of the proposal will be answered.</p> <p>Should the proposal be successful and the project awarded, the Irish participant requesting budget from the EPA will have to comply with EPA's interim and final reporting requirements and funding rules, as defined in the 2021 EPA Guidelines and Terms and Conditions</p>

Israel – MoEP

CONTACT

Country / Region	ISRAEL
Funding Organisation	Ministry of Environmental Protection (MoEP), Israel. www.sviva.gov.il
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr. Orna Matzner +972-50-6233140 orna@sviva.gov.il

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	250,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	Maximum funding per awarded project 125,000€

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	Marine Mediterranean and Red Sea oil polluted environment
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Israeli researchers, Governmental bodies, Research institutions, and other Research entities.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Costs and subcontracting rules must be in line with the guidelines indicated in the Ministry's designated Call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/Call_for_bids/biodiversity_and_ecosystem_protection_across_sea Permanent personnel costs for entities funded by the Israeli Government are not eligible.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, unless exempted according to the guidelines indicated in the Ministry's designated Call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/Call_for_bids/biodiversity_and_ecosystem_protection_across_sea
Additional specific eligibility rules	Part of the research must be carried out in Israel

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/Call_for_bids/biodiversity_and_ecosystem_protection_across_sea
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Israeli partners must submit all the required documents according to the guidelines published in the Ministry's designated Call published in: https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/Call_for_bids/biodiversity_and_ecosystem_protection_across_sea by December 5 at 12:00 (noon) in the tender box at 7 Bank Israel Street, Jerusalem.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	As mentioned in the in the Ministry's designated Call. Link: https://www.gov.il/he/Departments/publications/Call_for_bids/biodiversity_and_ecosystem_protection_across_sea
Other important information	n.a.

ITALY – MUR

CONTACT

Country / Region	Italy
Funding Organisation	Ministry of Universities and Research
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Yasmine Iollo Project Officer - Research and Innovation yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it Ph: +39 06 97727404

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	2,000,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	Max 250,000 euro per PROJECT.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>a) Type/nature of participants The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: 1.Universities; 2. Enterprises; 3.Private and Public research institutions 4. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014.</p> <p>b) Legal/administrative/financial conditions The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry. The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities. The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni". The participant must not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 593/2016 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014. The participant must be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC). The judicial and pending records of the legal representative of the participant are negative.</p> <p>c) Financial conditions For any participant, with the exception of public universities and public research institutions (Enti pubblici di ricerca), the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled.</p> <p>$CN > (CP - I)/2$ Where: CN = net assets (Capitale netto) CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year. I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects.</p>

	<p>OF/F < 8%</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>OF = financial charges (Onerifinanziari)</p> <p>F = turnover (Fatturato)</p>																										
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic Research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of costs).</p> <p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and Overheads. Overheads (“Spese generali”) shall be calculated as a percentage of the personnel costs and cannot be higher than 50% of them. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs are to be included in the overheads.</p> <p>The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rate listed in the following table:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="2" rowspan="2">Applicant typology</th> <th colspan="4">Funding Rates</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Small Enterprises</th> <th>Medium Enterprises</th> <th>Large Enterprises</th> <th>Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Regulation (EU) n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 2014)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="3">Activity typology</td> <td>grant</td> <td>40%</td> <td>30%</td> <td>20%</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>grant</td> <td>40%</td> <td>30%</td> <td>20%</td> <td>50%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>grant</td> <td>30%</td> <td>20%</td> <td>10%</td> <td>25%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 80% of the total contribution for public entities - 50% of the total contribution for private entities. <p>The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period.</p>	Applicant typology		Funding Rates				Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Regulation (EU) n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 2014)	Activity typology	grant	40%	30%	20%	70%	grant	40%	30%	20%	50%	grant	30%	20%	10%	25%
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Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable																										
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.																										

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

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it.</p> <p>These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the international call. Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR.</p> <p>The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, to be published on the dedicated web page on MUR website (http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it)</p> <p>Applicable laws and rules (http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Decreto legge n. 83/2012 - Decreto Ministeriale n. 593 del 26 luglio 2016 - Linee guida al D.M. del 26 luglio 2016 n. 593 - Procedure operative per il finanziamento dei progetti internazionali ex art. 18 D.M. del 26 luglio 2016 n. 593 <p>Information available at http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>n.a.</p>

ITALY – PROV.BZ

CONTACT

Country / Region	Italy / South Tyrol
Funding Organisation	Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen - South Tyrol
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Office of Scientific Research Laura Cherchi (+39) 0471 41 3724, (+39) 0471 413726 Laura.Cherchi@provincia.bz.it

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Partners must be Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol, as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the "Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)", as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019. The funding rate is 100%. Enterprises may participate, but cannot be funded.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The eligible costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- personnel costs- travel costs- costs for equipment- consumables- cost 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) Concerning eligible costs, the Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects (Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums no. 7315 / 2021) apply.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes, if it cannot be deducted

Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Enterprises cannot be funded.</p> <p>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 no. 24781 / 2020 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 no. 7315 / 2021.</p>
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>https://www.provincia.bz.it/innovazione-ricerca/innovazione-ricerca-universita/default.asp</p> <p>and</p> <p>https://www.provinz.bz.it/innovation-forschung/innovation-forschung-universitaet/default.asp</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>A provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese – Zeit- und Kostenplan”) concerning the South Tyrolian partner’s budget has to be sent to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of pre-proposals.</p> <p>A more precise forecast must be submitted to the same office within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>A financial and an activity reports must be sent to the Office of Scientific Research of the</p>

	<p>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 2022 must be reported by July 31st, 2023)</p> <p>The financial report lists the detailed expenses.</p> <p>The activity report briefly describes the project development and in particular the activities of the South Tyrolian partner that generated those expenses. Please, note: the activity report is neither the mid-term report nor the final report of the call.</p> <p>Concerning these 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 no. 7315 / 2021 apply.</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>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 7 days after the notification from Biodiversa+.</p> <p>The forms/ templates to be used are the ones for the “Joint Projects”-Action:</p> <p>https://www.provincia.bz.it/it/servizi-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884</p> <p>https://www.provinz.bz.it/de/dienstleistungen-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884</p> <p>Please, note: Due to administrative constraints, projects can start between January 1, 2023 and April 30, 2023, and must be concluded by December 31, 2025.</p> <p>Please, note: If a beneficiary applies for national funding, he/she cannot request funding to the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano under the same call.</p> <p>Other obligations that apply are listed in the “Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)” as</p>

	approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019.
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LATVIA – LCS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Latvia
Funding Organisation	Latvian Council of Science
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Arnīs Kokorevics Ph.+371 29473753 arnis.kokorevics@lzp.gov.lv

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	300,000
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum of 100,000 EUR per project year may be requested by each project participant.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	<p>Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.</p> <p>Enterprises must be registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia, provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia for at least two years.</p> <p>A maximum of two participants from Latvia can take part in the project.</p> <p>Project subcontracting costs should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Latvia. costs.</p> <p>National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation).</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>N/A</p> <p>At application stage, there is no requirement for Latvian applicants to submit LCS the pre- or full proposal or complete any paperwork related to their submissions.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>Latvian participants of the supported projects must submit to LCS the periodic financial and scientific reports once a year.</p>
Other important information	<p>The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 with amendments) and Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015).</p>

LATVIA – VIAA

CONTACT

Country / Region	Latvia
Funding Organisation	State Education Development Agency
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Maija Bundule Ph.+371 67785423 maija.bundule@viaa.gov.lv

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	300,000
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum of 100,000 EUR per project year may be requested by each project participant.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	<p>Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia.</p> <p>Enterprises must be registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia, provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia for at least two years.</p> <p>A maximum of two participants from Latvia can take part in the project.</p> <p>Project subcontracting costs should be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Latvia. costs.</p> <p>National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation).</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>N/A</p> <p>At application stage, there is no requirement for Latvian applicants to submit VIAA the pre- or full proposal or complete any paperwork related to their submissions.</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>Latvian participants of the supported projects must submit to VIAA the periodic financial and scientific reports once a year.</p>
Other important information	<p>The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Law on Research Activity (adopted on 14 April 2005 with amendments) and Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015).</p>

Lithuania – LMT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Lithuania
Funding Organisation	Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Viktoras Mongirdas, +370 676 19613 viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	150,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	150,000 € per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Public or private legal entity which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding is provided according to GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4 th of April, 2019.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/biodiversa/375
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No National Official paperwork at application stage is required.
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Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Scientific reports – midterm and final Financial reports - quarterly
Other important information	The applicant who intends to act as a principal investigator (PI) or primary project implementer (PPI) has to be a scientist (researcher holding at least a Ph.D. degree). A person may submit only one proposal for the same Call as PI or other PPI. Work scope of each primary project implementer within the project must be at least 20 hours of project time multiplied by the duration of the project in months.

Republic of Moldova – NARD

CONTACT

Country / Region	Republic of Moldova
Funding Organisation	National Agency for Research and Development (NARD)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Viorica Boaghi +373 22 272 791 viorica.boaghi@ancd.gov.md Olga Davidenco +373 22 272 791 olga.davidenco@ancd.gov.md Vadim Iatchevici vadim.iatchevici@ancd.gov.md

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	100,000 EUR
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Maximum requested budget per project – 50,000 EUR Minimum requested budget per project – 25,000 EUR

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research institutions (according to their statute)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Personnel costs (max. 60%);- Travelling (max. 20%);- Events;- Consumable;- Laboratory equipment (max. 30%)- Research papers;- Experimental and production activities.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Official website: https://ancd.gov.md/ro
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	Pre-announcement: https://ancd.gov.md/ro/content/pre-anun%C8%9B-preg%C4%83tiri-pentru-primul-apel-al-parteneriatului-european-pentru-biodiversitate
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level for MD partners.
Other important information	n.a.

Morocco – MENFPESRS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Morocco
Funding Organisation	Ministry of National Education, Vocational Training, Higher Education and Scientific Research
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pr. Ahmed HAMMOUCH, ah.hammouch@gmail.com - Mr. Abdelouahid EZZARFI, a.ezzarfi@yahoo.fr - Mr. Anas CHOKAIRI, chokairi.anas@gmail.com - Mrs. Nihale EL AZZOUZI, elazzouzi.enssup@gmail.com - Mrs. Jihane BENARAFa, jbenarafa.drsi@gmail.com

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	300,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	The maximum budget granted for each Moroccan partner is 75,000 € with a ceiling of 150,000 € per project with an extension of 20,000 € for project coordination.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public universities; - Universities from the Public-private partnership in collaboration with public universities; - Non-university institutions in partnership with public universities; - Public research institutions in partnership with public universities.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No levy by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects; - Permanent staff cannot receive research allowances. The remuneration of the non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD) participating in the project can be financed (Comply with the joint decision of

	<p>14 January 2016 concerning the management of the own resources of public institutions of higher education and scientific research);</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Costs requested for Research allowances, travel and mission expenses cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team; - The budget requested for the first payment cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team; - The second payment will be made only after validation of the mid-term report. - Eligible expenses (see annex)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes
Other important information	n.a.

The Netherlands – NWO

CONTACT

Country / Region	The Netherlands
Funding Organisation	Dutch Research Council (NWO)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Martijn Los Policy Officer Dutch Research Council (NWO) +31 703440508 m.los@nwo.nl

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	€ 1,400,000
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	Max. € 300,000 per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; o the DUBBLE Beamline at the ESRF in Grenoble; o Naturalis Biodiversity Center; o Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); o Princess Máxima Center. <p>*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It could be the case that the applicant’s tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant’s tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project.</p> <p>Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project.</p> <p>Available budget modules <i>Postdoc</i> –according to VSNU or NFU rates</p>

	<p><i>Research leave</i> – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to VSNU or NFU rates</p> <p><i>Personnel universities of applied sciences</i> - rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven 2021 (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees 2021)</p> <p><i>Material costs</i> – max. 15,000 € per year per scientific position</p> <p><i>Knowledge utilisation</i> - max. € 25,000</p> <p><i>Internationalisation</i> - max. € 25,000</p> <p>For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.</p> <p>Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.</p> <p>A more detailed explanation of the budget modules can be found at the following web address: <i>Link to NWO website not yet available</i></p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management. - An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the European Biodiversity Partnership. - Applicants may not apply for a post-doc position for themselves. - Impact of the research is at the heart of this call of the European Biodiversity Partnership. Please refer to the detailed description of requirements and evaluation criteria, including impact, in the full call

	<p>announcement of the Biodiversity Partnership.</p> <p>- Stakeholder engagement is essential to maximize the chances of reaching impact and NWO considers engagement of stakeholders an important asset, starting with the design of your project, as well as the definition of active roles for each of them during the course of the project. Valorisation of stakeholder engagement in the project (as self financed industrial and/or societal partner) in the form of in kind or in cash contributions from stakeholders is therefore strongly recommended by NWO</p>
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<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>Full details for project funding in this call is available on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/partnership-biodiversity-supporting-protection-biodiversity-and-ecosystems-across-land-and</p> <p>For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/funding+process+explained</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>At the full proposal phase, it is required to submit a financial details form separately to NWO. This form will be available on: <i>Link to NWO website not yet available</i></p> <p>The deadline to submit financial details to NWO is similar to the official deadline of the call of the European Biodiversity Partnership at step 2 (14 April 2022, 15:00 CEST).</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>The NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right</p>

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:

[NWO website link](#)

The budget for The Netherlands in this call is brought together by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture Nature and Food Quality (LNV).

Norway – RCN

CONTACT

Country	Norway
Funding Organisation	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Special Advisor Mari Soleroed, mso@rcn.no ; +47 952 13 880

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	3,000,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	400,000 euros per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research Organisations, Private Companies
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	RCN's general rules are to be followed.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	www.forskningradet.no/en
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Norwegian applicants shall not submit any proposal at the national level before funding decision is made and their project is funded. After funding decision, and in case your project is funded, RCN's National Contact Person will e-mail the applicants the information and the link they need to submit their formal application to RCN.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis .
Other important information	The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for Research projects or for R&D Projects.

The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals – 30 November 2021. The official exchange rate can be found here: [Exchange rate \(InforEuro\) | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

Norwegian project partners will sign a separate contract with the RCN. Norwegian partners that are coordinators of the projects will be asked to also coordinate the Norwegian partners of the projects. The budget for the Norwegian partners shall follow [RCN's General Terms and Conditions](#) for Research projects or for R&D Projects.

Applicants that are private companies, that is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules; <https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/Conditions-for-awarding-state-aid/>

State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the [General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid](#), Article 25: Aid for research and development projects.

To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid.

Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.

Poland – NCN

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	1,000 000,€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	n.a.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (terrestrial, aquatic)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	To check the list of eligible institutions please visit NCN's website .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Researchers may apply for funding of costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Personnel - including post-doc positions and scholarships/salaries for under- and post-graduate students);• Equipment - applicants may seek funding for research equipment up to 500,000 PLN;• Other costs - materials, devices and software, outsourcing and subcontracting, travel and subsistence costs, visits and consultations, costs of publications (including Open access publications), collective investigators;• Overheads - overheads may not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible costs and may not be increased during the course of a research project. Additionally, overheads of up to 2% of

	<p>eligible costs may be spent on open access to publications and/or research data.</p> <p>We strongly encourage all applicants to read information on eligible costs included in the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on funding granted within calls for proposals for international research projects (UNISONO).</p> <p>Please note that administrative personnel costs as well as costs of organizing conferences, workshops, seminars, meetings are not considered direct costs and can only be funded from overheads. For more information please check (UNISONO).</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n/a

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

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>At the full proposal stage an NCN proposal covering the Polish part of the project must be prepared by the Polish research team and submitted to the NCN electronically via the ZSUN/OSF submission system.</p> <p>Submission deadline for NCN proposals in ZSUN/OSF: 21 April 2022 (7 days following submission of full proposals in the EPSS Submission Platform).</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	NCN requires submitting annual and final reports. Each report consist of scientific and financial parts.
Other important information	Detailed information on submitting proposals, project contracts, reporting and settlement of financed projects are available in the call announcement on the NCN's website .

PORTUGAL– FCT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Portugal
Funding Organisation	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia I.P. (FCT)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Joana Pinheiro T: [+351] 213 911 567 joana.pinheiro@fct.pt</p> <p>Pedro Ferreira Pedromiguel.Ferreira@fct.pt</p> <p>Departamento das Relações Internacionais <i>Department of International Relations</i></p> <p>FCT - Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia Av. D. Carlos I, 126, 1249-074 Lisboa, Portugal</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	400,000€.
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project	FCT total funding commitment for national teams is 400,000€ . The maximum requested funding for a consortium with Portuguese coordination is 120.000 € and for a consortium with Portuguese participation is 80.000 €. If more than one Portuguese team participates in the same consortium the budget must be shared.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All environments are supported by FCT.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento_fundosnacionais.phtml.en
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento_fundosnacionais.phtml.en
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	The Azorean applicants should only apply for FRCT funding.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/biodiversaplus/index.phtml.en
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the Pre-proposals, the Portuguese teams (Partners and/or Coordinators) must: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• send to the Call National Contact Point a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge and by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and stamped. FCT may later require the original of the statement of commitment.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Please check National Regulation at: https://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en
Other important information	n.a.

Portugal - Azores – FRCT

CONTACT

Country / Region	Azored, Portugal
Funding Organisation	FRCT – Fundo Regional para a Ciência e Tecnologia Rua do Mercado 21 9500-326 Ponta Delgada Website: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Gisela Nascimento Member of the Board - FRCT Phone: +351 296308948 Email: Gisela.MC.Nascimento@azores.gov.pt Carolina Parelho Project Manager - FRCT Phone: +351 296 308 943 Email: carolina.pf.parelho@azores.gov.pt Renato Pires Project Manager - FRCT Phone: +351 296 308 933 Email: renato.hm.pires@azores.gov.pt

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	200,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	Max. 100,000€ per project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Before initiating a funding request, FRCT strongly recommends that applicants contact FRCT through the regional contact persons. Also see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT in http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	According to the contract between FRCT and the beneficiary, each PI must submit, at least, two financial and progress reports (one mid-term report and one final report). In special cases, additional reporting can be requested to the PI.
Other important information	The Declaration of Commitment must be signed by the legal representative of the beneficiary Institution, as well as the PI. The digital version of the Declaration must be sent by e-mail to the regional contact persons (deadline is the same for the submission of pre-proposals). The original version of the Declaration must be sent by mail during the next 10 working days after the submission of pre-proposals. The address is: Fundo Regional para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FRCT), Rua do Mercado, 21, 9500-326 Ponta Delgada, Portugal – Açores

Romania – UEFISCDI

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	500,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	<p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250,000€ if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project;</p> <p>The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200,000€ if Romania is partner in the transnational project.</p>

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restriction
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit NASR Decision no 9281/8.13.2015 approving the scheme of State aid for Program 3: European and international cooperation.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p>The following categories of expenses are eligible:</p> <p>A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);</p> <p>B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);</p> <p>C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;</p> <p>D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Allowed subcontracting</p> <p>To EU countries: no To Non-EU countries: no Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work.</p> <p>E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members).</p> <p>F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n/a

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

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No official paperwork and/or supporting information are requested by UEFISCDI before the submission deadline.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	n/a
Other important information	n/a

Slovakia – SAS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovakia
Funding Organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Zuzana Panisová, T: +421 2 5751 0245 panisova@up.upsav.sk Zuzana Černáková, T: +421 2 5751 0118 cernakova@up.upsav.sk

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	240,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	120,000 € per project (for a 36 months project)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	SAS institutes
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Permanent salaries 45k Eur (36 months)• Direct costs – i.e. other personnel costs (max. 15% if project partner or max. 30% of direct costs if project coordination), consumables, travel costs, services, equipment (capital expenditures max. 40% of direct costs)• Indirect costs – overheads (max. 20% of direct costs)
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Depends on VAT status of the organisation
Additional specific eligibility rules	none

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Document “Declaration to participate in Biodiversa+ Call” is requested from applicants. Template is available upon request. The document should be submitted to SAS by the deadline for pre-proposals, i. e. 30 November 2021.
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Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Yes, yearly financial and scientific reports.
Other important information	Applicants are strongly recommended to contact FO contact point before project submission. Researchers that are partners in a project recommended for funding will be requested to submit an additional application to the SAS (MVTTS form). The SAS Presidium makes the final decision for funding of selected projects. Consortium agreement is requested typically no later than 6 months from the project start.

Slovenia – MIZS

CONTACT

Country / Region	Slovenia
Funding Organisation	Ministry of Education, Science and Sport / MIZS
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Katja Ceglar t: +386 (0)1 4784736 katja.ceglar@gov.si

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	630,000€
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	Maximum requested budget per project: 210,000€ (no matter the number of Slovenian partners) maximum requested budget per year: 70,000€
Funding:	<p>100 % for research organization (such as universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.</p> <p>For research organizations whose financed activity is economic in accordance with the provisions of Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation the provisions of the Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation (OJ EU C 198, 27. 6. 2014) and the national scheme for state aid in Research and Development: Program za spodbujanje raziskav in razvoja Ministrstva za izobraževanja, znanost in šport na področju znanosti, št 631-1/2016-7, 8.1.2016, applies.</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Universities and research organisations 100 %- Large enterprises 65 %- Medium enterprises 75 %- Small Enterprises 80 %

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research organizations as defined in the national Research and Development Act (Zakon o raziskovalni

	<p><i>in razvojni dejavnosti – ZRRD</i>). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS).</p>
<p>Eligibility of principal investigator and other research team members</p>	<p>The project activities of each Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the <u>primary investigator/primary researcher</u> who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Art. 29 of the national Decree on norms and standards used to determine funding for research activities financed from the Republic of Slovenia budget (<i>Uredba o normativih in standardih za določanje sredstev za izvajanje raziskovalne dejavnosti, financirane iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije, Uradni list RS, št. 103/11, 56/12, 15/14, 103/15, 27/17, 9/18, 62/19 in 105/20) hereinafter: Decree on criteria and standards</i>). The criteria are further determined in the Rules on Determining the Fulfillment of Conditions for a Research Project Leader (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta</i>) and Methodology of Call proposal evaluation (spletna povezava: Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise). All participating researchers have to be <u>registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers</u> (SICRIS) and must have available research hours.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>MIZS will fund all eligible costs of successful Slovenian transnational projects, recommended for funding, in accordance with the <i>Decree on criteria and standards</i>. Eligible costs are defined based on the FTE value according to the Slovenian Research Agency's research project categorization (A, B, C or D based on the research conducted).</p> <p>Eligible costs must be directly related to the research conducted and mandatory include all of the following categories as elements of the FTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>personnel</u> (including social security, health, pension and other contributions according to national legislation); - <u>material</u> (travel and meetings costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs); - <u>depreciation</u> costs. <p>Overhead or indirect costs are eligible. The value is calculated based on the FTE value of category A, B, C, or D research projects, under the condition that costs under each of the specific FTE elements are appropriately decreased (by a max. of 20% for indirect costs). Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnem naročanju (Uradni list RS, št. 91/15, Uradni list Evropske unije, št. 307/15, 307/15, 337/17, 337/17, Uradni list RS, št.</p>

	14/18, 69/19 - skl. US, Uradni list Evropske unije, št. 279/19, 279/19, Uradni list RS, št. 49/20 - ZIUZEOP, 80/20 - ZIUOOPE, 152/20 - ZZUOOP, 175/20 - ZIUOPDVE, 15/21 - ZDUOP, 112/21 - ZNUPZ) applies.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Eligible type of research and TRL: basic/applied – for Slovenian partner TRL range: 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section).</p> <p>- Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30 day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MIZS and the selected Slovenian partner.</p> <p>- Period of eligibility of public expenditures: As of budgetary year, 2023 until the end of the budgetary year 2025.</p>

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.gov.si/zbirke/javne-objave/objava-prvega-razpisa-evropskega-partnerstva-za-biotsko-raznovrstnost-podpora-zasciti-biotske-raznovrstnosti-in-ekosistemov-na-kopnem-in-morju/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Three times, each year after the end of the annual project implementation
Other important information	<p>National contracting negotiations will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation, including evidence of the starting date of the transnational project (in the form of a Consortia Agreement or statement on the starting date by the transnational project coordinator), will be a prerequisite for signing the contract on national level. All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person / NCP.</p>

	These national funding organisation rules are in accordance with national legal basis.
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South Africa – DSI

CONTACT

Country / Region	South Africa
Funding Organisation	Department of Science and Innovation
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Mr Toto Matshediso Toto.matshediso@dst.gov.za</p> <p>Ms Vinny Pillay Vinny.pillay@dst.gov.za</p> <p>Ms Karabo Mphogo Karabo.mphogo@dst.gov.za</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	€400,000			
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project or Partner	€80,000			
	Besides, the following funding rate will apply:			
	Type of research	Medium & Large Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities & Research Institutions
	Fundamental/Basic Research	80%	80%	90%
	Industrial/Applied Research	80%	80%	90%
Experimental development	80%	80%	90%	

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

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

	<p>innovation (NSI) organisations involved in R&D.</p> <p>It is “obligatory” for South African lead researcher/principal investigator (PI)s based at historically advantaged institutions, SMEs and large companies to include, as part of the research team, a research partner from any of the historically disadvantaged institutions. Proposals submitted by an applicant based at a historically advantaged institution without a research partner from a historically disadvantaged institution will be ineligible. The research partner from the historically disadvantaged institution in this case can serve as a co-applicant in the proposal.</p> <p>Applicants based at historically disadvantaged institutions can act as PIs and submit proposals without the involvement of and or partnering with researchers based at historically advantaged institutions if they so wish.</p> <p>Please note that only the following eight universities will be recognized as historically disadvantaged in line with the Department of Higher Education and Training November 2015 Ministerial Statement on university funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University of Limpopo (UL) • University of Fort Hare (UFH) • University of Venda (Univen) • Walter Sisulu University (WSU) • University of the Western Cape (UWC) • University of Zululand (UniZulu) • Mangosuthu University of Technology (MUT) • Sefako Makgatho Health Sciences University (SMU).
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>Costs of personnel</p> <p>DSI will cover personnel costs including PhD bursaries to be incurred during project implementation</p> <p>Eligible costs</p> <p>Each project will go through a financial negotiation process with the DSI to finalise the exact percentage funding. The funding will be transferred in tranches in accordance</p>

	<p>with the project duration. The following costs are cost will be covered;</p> <p>Travel and Daily subsistence allowance including accommodation The DSI will cover travel costs in line with the guidelines of South African government regulations.</p> <p>Consumables and supplies Any consumables necessary for the implementation of the project may be considered as direct eligible costs. Consumables are only eligible costs under the project if bought after the start date of the project.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Cut-off dates will be the same as the ones defined for the call; however, researchers are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://esastap.org.za/open-calls/
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Applicants are advised to present their proposal outline to the DSI at least one month before submission. This is to allow the DSI to ascertain the eligibility of the project to qualify for funding. Failure to liaise with the DSI may lead to automatic disqualification of the project from being funded.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Submission of reports will be outlined on agreements with successful applicants.
Other important information	South African applicants may access the National co-investment funding application at https://esastap.org.za/open-calls/ . These

forms are only to be completed by successful applicants.

DSI will enter into agreements with the applicant's institution for all funding instruments established to support South Africa's participation in the Co-funded projects

Spain- AEI – FB

Who is addressed by this information?

This document contains information on specific requirements for Partners applying for AEI or FB funding. Please note that it is mandatory to follow the requirements described below. To make sure that all requirements are met and to receive latest information, please contact your respective funding organisation contact point.

- **Procedure**

Pre-proposals submitted by applicants applying for funds from a Spanish research organisation (AEI or FB) will be examined as to their eligibility. If eligibility is given for one of these research funding organisations, the general eligibility is established.

At the end of step 2 and for full proposals with Spanish applicants recommended for funding: AEI and FB reserve the right to decide which agency will fund each partner, depending on the eligibility decision and the total available budget.

CONTACT

Country / Region	Spain	
Funding Organisation	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	<p>Administrative and technical issues:</p> <p>Patricia Vera Bravo; era-medioambiente@aei.gob.es</p> <p>Scientific issues:</p> <p>Emilio Fernández Suárez; esuarez@uvigo.es</p> <p>Representative: Esther Chacón Campollo; esther.chacon@aei.gob.es</p>	<p>Javier Remiro</p> <p>jremiro@fundacion-biodiversidad.es</p> <p>Carmen Gutiérrez</p> <p>carmengbarcelona@fundacion-biodiversidad.es</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	1,500,000 €	500,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project / partner	<p>The following funding limits (including direct + indirect costs) are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium is NOT LED by a Spanish Coordinator and: 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal: € 200,000 - there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: € 250,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium IS LED by a Spanish Coordinator and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal acting as Coordinator: € 300,000 - there are two Spanish Partners in the proposal and one of them is acting as Coordinator, the amount for both Partners is: € 350,000 <p>IMPORTANT: a maximum of two Spanish Partners in the same Proposal are allowed, regardless of whether they are requesting funding to the AEI or FB.</p> <p>Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example mixed centres).</p> <p>The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration and the financial resources available.</p>
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GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions	Marine environments
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>The eligible entities for the AEI funding are:</p> <p>Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), as per PCI 2020-1 call. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during all the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the</p>	<p>The eligible entities for the FB funding are:</p> <p>Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain).</p> <p>They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during all the implementation of the project.</p> <p>Although private enterprises are not funded by the FB, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia using their own funds or obtaining funds from innovation and</p>

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
<p>transnational consortia using their own funds or obtaining funds from innovation and technological development funding agencies.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD. It applies to all the members of the research team.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to PCI 2020-1 call and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) to more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) to PCI calls of consecutive years. If the same PI submits two or more proposals, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this 	<p>technological development funding agencies.</p> <p>The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD.</p> <p>PIs must be eligible according to the national call and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.</p> <p>Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) for more than one proposal in this transnational call, or (ii) for any other call that the FB develops in the framework of this European co-funded Partnership, while executing a project with funding from previous calls. If the same PI submits two or more proposals, they will all be declared ineligible, except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national call. <p>The FB will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded</p>

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
	transnational joint call and the national PCI call. The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.	through other national or EU calls.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. VAT could be non-eligible, depending on the application of RRF funds. • Overheads (maximum 15% of direct costs, including outsourcing). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment contracts are eligible. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses. VAT could be non-eligible. • Overheads (maximum 15% of direct costs, including outsourcing).
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No	No
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.	n.a.

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	The requirements of PCI 2020-1 will apply. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.	The information will be available in the site: https://fundacion-biodiversidad.es/

	Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

	Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)	Fundación Biodiversidad (FB)
Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: NO • Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the <i>Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023</i>. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>Instrument for funding the Spanish groups The instrument for funding the Spanish groups is the Spanish call on International Collaboration Projects (PCI)".The requirements of PCI 2020-1 will apply. Applicants are encouraged to carefully read the call.</p> <p>Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the pre-proposal at the national level: NO • Submission of the full proposal at the national level: NO <p>Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the FB, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.</p>

	of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.	
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	YES	YES
Other important information	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call".	Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects <u>must</u> acknowledge funding by the Fundación Biodiversidad: "With the support of the Biodiversity Foundation of the Ministry for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge"

SWEDEN – FORMAS

CONTACT

Country / Region	SWEDEN
Funding Organisation	Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning. FORMAS
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Cathy Hill, +46 8 775 4118, catherine.hill@formas.se

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Maximum 2,750,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project</u>	Maximum funding from Formas is 300,000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 500,000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute or government agency with a research assignment that meets the FORMAS requirements for administrating organisations, see: How it works - Formas Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it works - Formas
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	FORMAS' standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply, please see Formas' general instructions: How it works - Formas
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	No

Additional specific eligibility rules	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to FORMAS under one single project application. Project duration is 3 years.
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INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	Applying for funding - Formas
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	For Swedish applications to FORMAS, both the pre- and full proposal for research projects must be submitted to Biodiversa. Swedish applicants who are eligible to submit a full proposal in Step 2 will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of Biodiversa and FORMAS.
Other important information	n.a.

SWITZERLAND – SNSF

CONTACT

Country / Region	Switzerland
Funding Organisation	Swiss National Science Foundation SNSF
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Stéphanie Wyss, +41 31 308 22 68, stephanie.wyss@snf.ch

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	1,830,000€
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	n.a.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligibility must comply with the SNSF Funding regulations .
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs must comply with the SNSF Funding regulations. Please note: Overhead contributions cannot be applied for. They are calculated on the basis of the research funding acquired by eligible institutions under eligible funding schemes. Contributions are paid in retrospect at a flat rate.
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	Projects must comply with SNSF Project Funding regulations: In particular, all Swiss applicants and co-applicants must be eligible for Project Funding, see also the Regulations on project funding. Partners of the international project consortium applying for funding at other funding agencies as the SNSF cannot be declared as project partners in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding

	<p>regulations. They should be declared as consortium partners instead and apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation.</p> <p>Article 17 of the SNSF Funding regulations applies in the sense that proposals with overlapping funding periods with ongoing SNSF grants are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals in the context of this programme.</p> <p>Swiss applicants may participate in at most one proposal (Art.7.3, SNSF Regulations on project funding).</p> <p>Grants will be managed according to SNSF Funding regulations.</p> <p>Please note: The SNSF exclusively funds research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial. Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act RIPA and the legal framework of the SNSF, no research grants are awarded if the relevant research is conducted for directly commercial purposes or if the persons involved in the research work do not enjoy scientific independence.</p>
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<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>SNSF Funding regulations</p> <p>SNSF Regulations on project funding</p> <p>General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level</p>	<p>Applicants must submit pre-proposals and proposals via mySNF at the same deadline as the consortium applications. Pre-proposal forms are created by choosing “Programmes (national and international): ERA-Net + EJP: Pre-proposal”.</p> <p>Full proposals forms are created by selecting “Programmes (national and international): ERA-Net + EJP” and linked to</p>
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	the pre-proposal by selecting its number in the data container “Link to other SNSF projects”.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Financial reports have to be delivered on an annual basis on <i>mySNF</i> . Only a final scientific report is due and consists in the final report to be submitted to the Call Secretariate.
Other important information	<p>Material check Besides the eligibility check, the SNSF proceeds to a material check. This refers to the applicant’s experience and research activity during several years as well as the demonstration of their scientific independence (Art. 4, Project funding regulations). In case of several overlapping SNSF projects, all projects must significantly distinguish themselves from each other (Art. 17, same regulations).</p> <p>Minimum and/or maximum project duration: 12 to 36 months</p> <p>Data management plan Please note that you have to complete the DMP on <i>mySNF</i> once the project is approved, regardless of whether a DMP is requested by the consortium. The DMP covers all research data which are generated or used during the project and has to comply with the SNSF Open Research Data Policy.</p>

TAIWAN – MOST

CONTACT

Country / Region	Taiwan
Funding Organisation	Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Ching-Mei, Tang Researcher, Program Director Tel: +886-2-2737-7557, Email: cmtom@most.gov.tw

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	500,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum funding per project is 100,000 EUR/year (about NTD3,000,000)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restriction)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	In compliance with the MOST's regulation 'Operation Guidelines for MOST Research Grants': <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applicant institutions (i.e., research conducting institutions) shall be approved by MoST to be eligible recipients of subsidisation in accordance with the 'Operation Guidelines for Institutions Applying for MOST Grants'.• The eligible institutions are classified into three categories as follows:<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Taiwanese public/private colleges and universities.2.Taiwanese public/private research institutions3.Taiwanese Medical institutions• The Taiwanese Principal Investigator(s) must meet several qualifications, please refer to: https://www.most.gov.tw/most/attachments/29091e68-639e-4ab5-85dc-e29f4e1a963d?
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	MOST budget information, please refer to: https://www.most.gov.tw/most/attachments/29091e68-639e-4ab5-85dc-e29f4e1a963d?
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	In principle, the MOST (Taiwan) does not directly subsidise the industry, but the subsidised projects coordinated by research consortium can cooperate with the industry.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	https://www.most.gov.tw/ https://www.most.gov.tw/?l=en
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	<p>please refer to: https://www.most.gov.tw/most/attachments/1f50953d-b44b-4362-a973-fe88675017c0</p>
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>please refer to: https://www.most.gov.tw/most/attachments/1f50953d-b44b-4362-a973-fe88675017c0</p>
Other important information	<p>Please note that Taiwanese project partners shall submit a proposal to the MOST for national financing after the project has been selected and approved for funding through the evaluation and selection process.</p>

Tunisia – MHESR

CONTACT

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

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	300,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Max requested budget per project: 60,000 € (36 months)

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more MHESR research structures.</p> <p>This call is open to Tunisian public research entities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - institutes or centres and universities - laboratory / units of research <p>SMEs, NGO, are encouraged to participate in the project but they are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR)</p> <p>The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be a:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Professor; - Associate Professor ; - Assistant Professor.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Travel and daily allowances, - Other operating expenses directly related to the project

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Small equipment, logistics and consumables - Contract provide services(non-permanent staff): should not exceed 20% of the total budget - Organization of scientific events and meetings <p>Infrastructure equipment, project management fees, permanent staff contract and consultant fees will not be accommodated under this program.</p>
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	<p>Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MHESR funding such as technical centers, • SMEs, NGO, (please note that these organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR)

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	<p>www.mes.tn</p> <p>http://horizon2020tunisia.org/</p>
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	No
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	<p>The release of the second year and the third year of the project budgets will be made after the evaluation of the annual report of the project. A final evaluation will be achieved at the end of the project.</p> <p>The annual reports as well as the mid-term and the final report have to be sent automatically to the MHESR without prior notification from the MHESR.</p>
Other important information	Minimum and/or maximum project duration: 3 years

TURKEY – TAGEM

CONTACT

Country / Region	Turkey
Funding Organisation	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM)
Funding Organisation Contact Point(s)	Dr. Fatma SARSU International Projects and Foreign Relations Office Tel : + 90 312 307 62 47 e-mail : fatma.sarsu@tarimorman.gov.tr Ms Aysun Mete Horticulture Research Department Tel : + 90 312 307 62 74 e-mail : aysun.mete@tarimorman.gov.tr

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	200,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum 100,000 € each project

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All of the TAGEM institutes (INSTITUTES (tarimorman.gov.tr)) and all of universities from Turkey General Directorates of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM) is connected to the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and has 48 Research Institutes, 8 veterinary control institutes throughout the country. All of these Institutes are eligible to benefit from our fund, Information regarding institutes could be accessed through the link (INSTITUTES (tarimorman.gov.tr)). If universities from Turkey collaborate with one of TAGEM's institutes (Institute has to be a partner in the project consortium and university subcontracted), it is eligible as well.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the Funding Contact Point:

Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes
Additional specific eligibility rules	n.a.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	ERA-NET Cofund Projeleri Ortak Çağrı Duyurusu (tarimorman.gov.tr)
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	n.a.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	After approval of the project(s), progress reports needs to be submit to TAGEM every 6 months.
Other important information	n.a.

TURKEY – TUBITAK

CONTACT

Country / Region	Turkey
Funding Organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK)
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FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	350,000 €
Minimum or maximum funding <u>per awarded project or Partner</u>	Maximum amount of funding per project for 720.000,00 Turkish Liras (\approx 65,000 €) for three years. This amount excludes payments to the PI, Co-PIs and overhead costs. Large-size Enterprises: 60% total budget of this type of private corporations will be funded by TUBITAK. Small and Medium-size Enterprises: 75% total budget of this type of private corporations will be funded by TUBITAK.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligible environment(s)	All (no restrictions)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Universities (public and private), research and public institutes and private corporations. Project applications from General Directorates of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM) will not be funded by TUBITAK.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible types of funding under 1071 programme are limited to personnel costs, travel and subsistence, equipment, consumables and subcontracting/services. Projects intended to build infrastructure cannot be supported. For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding the call under the official website of TUBITAK (https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/duyuru/biodiversa-2021-yili-karada-ve-denizde-biyolojik-cesitlilik-ve-ekosistemlerin-korunmasini).
Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?	Yes

Additional specific eligibility rules**Eligibility of Project Team:*****Principal Investigator:***

- University personnel should have a PhD degree. Those working in a public/research institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate diploma,
- The Principal Investigator (PI) of Turkish team must be the permanent staff of the organization making the project proposal,
- The PI must have been working in the relevant private corporation for at least six months before the national deadline.

Researchers and Advisors:

- Those working in a university, public/research institution or a private corporation should have a bachelor degree,
- Researchers or advisors (excluding retirees) must be the permanent staff of the participating institution Principal Investigator;
 - The PI and researchers should reside and work in Turkey (Foreign nationals can be PI/researcher in the projects if they are working in an organization in Turkey),
 - A researcher should have a contribution of at least 10% of the project workload. Maximum 10 researchers can be employed within an organization making the proposal.
 - An advisor is allowed if the project requires special expertise on a specific subject. The number of advisors in a project is limited to the number of specific subjects in the project. The role of advisor in the projects should be explained in detail in the project proposal. For detailed information, please look at national call announcement.

- Projects that aim routine/case study will be eliminated.
- If there is any running or concluded same/similar projects, proposals will be eliminated.
- Projects in which partner from Turkey is only responsible for demonstration actions cannot be supported by TUBITAK.
- Foreign researchers cannot be assigned in the Turkish project team.
- Any publication/outcomes/outputs resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge TUBITAK funding even after the end of the project.
- If works defined in proposal requires ethical committee certificate or legal/private permission,

	these permission documents in required format must be sent with second stage application to TUBITAK. Field studies in abroad cannot be supported.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	ARDEB_1071 Support Programme Increasing the Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Collaborations rules will be followed for funded projects. For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TUBITAK (https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/duyuru/biodiversa-2021-yili-karada-ve-denizde-biyolojik-cesitliligin-ve-ekosistemlerin-korunmasini)
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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at the national/regional level and / or requirement in terms of national/regional official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national/regional level	Turkish applicants are obliged to make joint online national application via TUBITAK's online system (https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/). Project coordinator, researchers and advisors must be registered to "Researcher Information System (ARBİS)" and their info must be updated. (https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr)
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level	Submission of financial and scientific reports of funded projects will be made through the following link https://ardeb-pts.tubitak.gov.tr
Other important information	

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