



TÜBİTAK-GSRI Collaboration

CALL TEXT

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IMPORTANT: This Call Text is published for both Turkish and Greek academy and industry researchers to present and explain the objective, scope and course of the “TÜBİTAK-GSRI Collaboration” that aims at **academy-industry partnerships**.

Before preparing an application, applicants are responsible for carefully reading the national regulations documents to submit a complete application.

CALL SNAPSHOT

Scope	The aim of the call is to intensify cooperation between Turkish and Greek participants in science and technology by means of Industry—Research and Academia Cooperation projects and co-creation of innovations. The funding is intended to enable foundations to be laid for lasting R&D innovation partnerships.	
Competition opens	May 27, 2025	
Final date for proposal submission	For TÜBİTAK (Online Submission): 22 September 2025, 23:59 (IST Time) For GSRI: Final date for Online Submission: 22 September 2025	
Deadline for e-signatures for TÜBİTAK	For TÜBİTAK: 29 September 2025, 23:59 (IST Time)	
Announcement of results	March 2026	
Eligible applicants	For Turkish Team The Turkish consortium has to consist of at least one Turkish academy partner (including public institutions or organizations/ research institutions/ universities/ training and research hospitals) and one Turkish commercial company.	For Greek Team The Greek consortium has to consist of at least one Greek SME, based in Greece and one research organization (RC, HEI).

Award parameters	<p>TÜBİTAK funds up to 7.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium (PIP) approximately) per project.</p> <p>As a rule, Turkish academia/public institution partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 3.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overheads and Project Incentive Premium (PIP)) of funding per proposal in total.</p>	<p>GSRI funding for the call is three (3) million euros and up to 200.000 € per project.</p>
How to apply	<p>For the Turkish Team</p> <p>Proposal submission is made through the TÜBİTAK's electronic application system: http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr</p>	<p>For the Greek Team</p> <p>Via the Integrated State Aid Information System</p>

1. Legal framework

Based on the Agreement between the Republic of Türkiye and the Hellenic Republic on Cooperation in Science and Technology signed on February 4th 2000, this call shall be launched to enhance the cooperative activities in the field of research and development between two countries. The main objective of this call is to support research and development projects to promote the scientific and technological cooperation between two countries through the synergy between both countries' teams.

2. Scope of the Call

Acquired technological knowledge and experience serve as accelerating and guiding factors in the internationalization of research and academic organizations and industrial enterprises, enabling them to develop original technologies and contribute to their participation in international markets. Basic research projects are not supported within the scope of this call. Instead, the projects, focusing on research and experimental development (R&D), technologically new or improved products and technological process innovation, are eligible.

3. Thematic Fields

Successful projects prepared in the fields below will be supported within the scope of the program. Proposals submitted in other fields will not be accepted.

The thematic fields are:

- **Bioscience / Health / Pharmaceuticals**
 - New medicines (small molecules and peptides, synthetic, plant or biotechnological – microbial origin, biosimilars), exploitation of experimental/ calculating approaches for rapid screening over specific macromolecular target, and determination of structure-function relation.
 - Advanced Therapy Medicinal Products (ATMPs) that are based on Mrna, genes, tissues, or cells.
- **Agri-food**
 - Innovative technologies in agriculture (e.g. hygiene/quality assurance, improvement of the processes and treatments, accurate systems, advanced material technologies in agriculture and food, systems of integrated management of production and breeding)
 - Protection of the natural resources of soil (e.g. measures against the soil erosion and chemical pollution, response measures to improve the biological and natural characteristics of the agricultural soils)
- **Sustainable Energy**
 - Materials and requirements for the use and the solar energy conversion

- Technologies, systems, processes for the energy efficiency and the energy performance of buildings (e.g. recovery/exploitation of waste heat, cogeneration of electricity and heat, heat pumps, RES applications and store energy, analytical tools for increasing the energy efficiency, hybrid systems – concerning the two priorities)
- Technologies for use, storage and transportation of carbon dioxide-CO₂
- Solar thermal solution for low temperature heat applications

- **Materials / Constructions / Industry**
 - Advanced and/or innovative composite materials for high-performance, low environmental impact industrial uses
 - Advanced materials, methods and/or systems for specific-requirement constructions, including transport, energy, civil protection infrastructures
 - Pilot applications in real-scale buildings and/or infrastructures to achieve synergies for incorporating materials, methods and/or systems referred to in the above priorities
 - Design, development and production processes for polymers, biopolymers, bioplastics, biodegradable, specialty polymers for industrial and consumer products, as well as for specialized applications
 - Design, development and production processes for composite, nanocomposite materials and systems with improved properties
 - Novel alloy design, development and production processes to be used in transports, constructions, the energy sector, packaging or for specialized applications
 - Processes, Equipment & Systems for the transition to a digitalized industrial production
 - Developing innovative digital methods to improve industrial production or manufacturing processes, with an emphasis on improving energy efficiency, productivity and/or product quality.

- **Culture / Tourism / Creative Industry**
 - Development of innovative methods, products, services and original devices to assess and respond to natural, technological and man-made hazards that threaten cultural heritage, and to protect cultural heritage at large (from deterioration, destruction, spoiling, stealing, illicit traffic, etc.)

- **Circular Economy**

- Reconfigurable Manufacturing Systems & Added-Value Chains
- Response actions to address impacts of natural/man-made disasters on the physical environment and the socio-technical systems with an emphasis on social resilience.

4. Eligibility criteria

- Maximum project duration up to **2 years (24 months)**
- It is a prerequisite that proposals include the participation, as submitting and collaborative institutions, of:

At least one Turkish academy partner (including public institutions or organizations/ research institutions/ universities/ training and research hospitals) and a Greek research institution or university & at least one Turkish industrial and one Greek SME for Academia-Industry Cooperation proposals.

- The proposal must fall within one or more of the specific research priority areas described in **Section 3**.
- Turkish and Greek-based teams must each be led by a Lead Principal Investigator (LPI).
- Each proposal should have a Project Coordinator who will be selected by the LPIs of the proposal and this person will be responsible for coordinating the whole consortium.

4.1 On Turkish side:

The LPI can be either from academy, public or private sector for Turkish team. For detailed information on the eligibility of the Turkish team, please visit https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_22_surec_dokumani.pdf. The Turkish team will receive funding through TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. All Turkish researchers who apply for this Program should be registered to TÜBİTAK ARBIS (Researcher Information system) through the following link: <https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr>

4.2 On the Greek Side:

Funding will be provided for a collaboration consisting of at least two partners per country (at least one research institution/higher education institution and at least one SME). Only applicants from Türkiye and Greece are eligible for funding. Partners (private enterprises and/or research institutes/universities) from other countries may also participate, but no

funding is foreseen for their participation in the framework of this call for proposals. Cooperation between the partners in a collaborative project must be laid down in a written cooperation agreement.

5. Financial conditions

- Financial contributions must be calculated and provided in compliance with the valid national legislation and internal regulations of the partner organisations.
- The cost of exchange of experts, scientist and other specialists will be covered on the following basis:
- The Sending Party will cover all related costs connected with travel, accommodation and daily allowances according to their own regulations and allowances.
- The total duration of international visits in one direction should not exceed 60 days per year for both Turkish and Greek research team of the each supported joint project.

5.1. On Turkish side:

TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant shall be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant will be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK according to its funding guidelines and procedures. For detailed information please visit:

https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_22_surec_dokumani.pdf

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As a rule, Turkish academia/public institution partners that are eligible for funding can receive up to 3.000.000 Turkish Liras (excl. overhead and Project Incentive Premium -PIP) of funding per proposal in total.

Turkish small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) can receive 75% of the approved budget; Turkish large-scale enterprises can receive 60% of the approved budget. Higher education institutions, their institutes, public R&D centers can receive 100% of the approved budget. Requested funding from TÜBİTAK is obtained by multiplying the project budget with the support rate. In projects involving more than one executive institution, requested funding from TÜBİTAK is the sum of the amounts obtained by multiplying the project budget of each executive institution with the support rate.

On the Greek side:

(i) The eligible costs of research and development projects shall be allocated to a specific category of research and development and shall be the following:

(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project;

(b) 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.

(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;

(d) additional overheads and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products, incurred directly as a result of the project;

(ii) Funding support will be given to each partner by its own funding institution (GSRI in Greece) in accordance with the national laws, rules, regulations and procedures in effect. GSRI will contribute three (3) million euros to the funding measure. Greek partners can receive up to 200.000 €/project. For participating research organisations (Public Research Centres, Higher Education Institutions) the aid intensity can reach up to 100% of eligible costs.

For participating private enterprises, the aid intensity for each beneficiary shall not exceed:

(a) 50 % of the eligible costs for industrial research;

(b) 25 % of the eligible costs for experimental development;

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:

(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises;

(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

(iii.) the project involves effective collaboration:

- 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;
- (iv)** the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open-source software.

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.

Flat rate financing for eligible costs other than direct staff costs concerning grants

A flat rate of up to 40 % of eligible direct staff costs can be used to cover the remaining eligible costs of the project.

6. Project proposal submission

- Project proposals must be submitted to both partner organisations in parallel.
- The partners should come to an agreement with each other using their own means of communication and jointly develop and complete their project proposals before submitting it to TÜBİTAK and GSRI. TÜBİTAK and GSRI are not involved in the partner search process.
- Project proposals must provide detailed information on the objectives and justification of the planned joint research work, the methodology to be followed, the composition of each research team and the intended time schedule.
- Because projects are bilateral, they must demonstrate equivalence in effort from the Greek and Turkish partners. The project must have one common work plan with both the Greek and Turkish partners having main roles and responsibilities.
- The size of the grant may vary depending on the needs of each project and must be fully justified. Applicants need to ensure that supported elements of the proposal abide by all regulations for both funding agencies.

6.1 On the Turkish side

- Turkish partners will make their joint online application via TÜBİTAK's online application system: <http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>

- Turkish partners will use e-signature for their applications. Detailed information can be achieved via https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2025-01/uidb_e-imza_yardim_dokumani.pdf
- Submission of proposals by fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

6.2 On the Greek side:

Greek partners will apply online via the Integrated State Aid Information System.

7. Evaluation and Selection

Projects are evaluated by TÜBİTAK and GSRI independently, according to their own evaluation procedures. Only the proposals accepted by both sides will be funded. The proposals will be reviewed according to a certain set of evaluation criteria:

- o Scientific/Technological Excellence
- o Methodology
- o Project Management
- o Importance of International Collaboration
- o Impact

8. Research Ethics and Regulatory Requirements

As the research projects will be carried out by multiple project partners, the basis of collaboration between the project partners, including ownership of intellectual property (IP) generated during the project and rights to exploitation, and IP management is expected to be set out in an Intellectual Property Management Agreement between the LPIs involved. It is the responsibility of the LPIs to put such an agreement in place and to be able to provide it when requested by funding agencies. The terms of collaboration must not conflict with the funding agencies terms and conditions and national law.

8.1 On the Turkish Side:

For the Turkish team, please refer to the Ethics Committee Approval Document, Official Permission Document and Research and Publication Ethics Committee Regulation as you can find on the link:

https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/2024-08/1071_22_surec_dokumani.pdf

8.2 On Greek Side:

All the proposals must be in accordance with the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (CFREU).

9. Schedule

The following table shows important dates for the call.

Timeline for TÜBİTAK-GSRI Collaboration	
Description	Dates
Opening of submission	27 May 2025
Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Turkish Applicants	22 September 2025, 23:59 (IST Time)
Deadline for the online submission of the project proposal for Greek Applicants	22 September 2025
Deadline for e-signature (For Turkish Applicants)	29 September 2025, 23:59 (IST Time)
Eligibility check separately by the funders	October 2025
Completion of the assessment at national level	January 2026
Exchange of review scores	January 2026
Announcements of Results	March 2026

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