



ANNEX B. NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS (NCP) AND NATIONAL/REGIONAL FUNDING REGULATIONS

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1. BELGIUM – BELSPO

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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000 €	Max 275.000 €/partner
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The whole Belgian scientific community: universities, colleges of higher education, public scientific institutions, and non-profit research centres. European and foreign organisations established in Belgium are not eligible.	
Eligible Applicants	Applicants affiliated to an eligible institution.	
Eligible Costs	Staff: Pre-tax wages associated with increases in the cost of living, employers' social security and statutory insurance contributions, as well as any other compensation or allowance due by law and	

	<p>secondary to the salary itself and tax-free scholarships.</p> <p>The staff costs are limited to a maximum amount of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 750 €/month FTE for a technician/bachelor (regardless of years of experience) - 6 700 €/month FTE for a scientist with a Master's degree (regardless of years of experience) - 8 250 €/month FTE for a scientist with a PhD (regardless of years of experience) <p>General operating costs: this includes day-to-day/usual supplies and products for the laboratory, workshop and office, documentation, shipments, use of day-to-day software and IT facilities, organisation of internal meetings, etc.. The budget envelope for this category may not exceed 15% of the staff. The amounts claimed must correspond to actual expenditures strictly related to the project, even if supporting documents are not requested. The institution must keep these invoices in its accounts in the event of an audit.</p> <p>Specific operating costs: this includes operating costs specific to the execution of the project tasks, such as costs for project analyses, maintenance and repair of equipment purchased by the project, use of specific IT facilities and software, costs for surveys, open data publications, organisation of workshops and events, etc....</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 is set as 5% of the total staff and operating costs.</p> <p>Equipment: 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>Subcontracting: Expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution's normal area of activity. The amount may not exceed 25% of the total budget allocated to the Belgian partner concerned.</p>
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Additional eligibility criteria	Partners must be involved in the research and innovation activities of the project.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

2. BELGIUM – FIO/VLAIO

	Funding Organisation: www.vlaio.be	FIO/VLAIO VLAIO
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000 €	Min. 25.000 € (experimental development) Min. 100.000 € (industrial research) Max. 1.000.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Organisations other than Flemish companies (incl. research organisations) should be subcontracted to the applicants.	
Eligible Applicants	Flemish companies with sufficient economic activities in the region of Flanders, Belgium, only.	
Eligible Costs	Personnel, overhead, operations, subcontractors, small investments	
Additional eligibility criteria	Flemish applicants are required to contact NCP before submission to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership.	



	Core data (company data, economic impact for Flanders, budget details) to be submitted to VLAIO together with pre/full proposal. Costs and activities should fit our programmes of industrial R&D. Sufficient economic impact for Flanders should be demonstrated.
Relevant documents	Industrial R&D manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/668 Cost model manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1760
Additional Information	Experimental development: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject Industrial research: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject
Useful Links	

3. BELGIUM – F.R.S.-FNRS

	Funding Organisation: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/	F.R.S.-FNRS 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Florence Quist	international@frs-fnrs.be +32 2 504 9351
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	300.000 €	300.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Universities, public research organisations All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (see Annex 1)	
Eligible Applicants	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Personnel costs ○ Small equipment ○ Operational costs ○ Subcontracting All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .	

	<p>Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call.</p> <p><u>“Overhead” is not an eligible cost.</u> 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.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p>
Useful Links	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels

4. BELGIUM (Flanders) – FWO



	Funding Organisation: <u>The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)</u>	 Opening new horizons
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	700.000 €	350.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	<p>The FWO <u>funds all priority areas</u> mentioned in the call text, if they fit the integrated FWO funding channels:</p> <p>(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The FWO integrates two of its 'national' funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> (e.g. exploration of basic mechanisms, strong focus on valorisation) the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - FWO Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research (SBO)
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>See 'Eligible Institutions' above.</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o <i>The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above; i.e. FO and SBO)), and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel).</i> o <i>The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR in total, which allows for the funding of at least two projects.</i> <p>For the <u>overhead calculation</u>, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) entail the same approach:</p> <p>A <u>structural overhead rate</u> should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of <u>6%</u> for 'FO' projects, and a <u>17% overhead rate</u> for 'SBO' projects. Some practical examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o FO: <i>the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.</i> o SBO: <i>the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17%</i>

	<p>of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</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 <u>SBO project channel</u> is chosen, the researchers are asked to provide proactively, and before the pre-proposal submission deadline (preferably one week in advance), a concise – but to the point – valorisation plan to the FWO (no fixed format, max. two A4-pages), which <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) clarifies the economic and/or societal valorisation context within, and added value for Flanders (and also internationally preferably), and ii) mentions the involved – and specific - actors from Flanders. <p>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 <u>FWO Research Projects</u> and article 14 of the <u>Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</u> regulations do not apply in this context.


	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. - Linked to the above, and when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners in this context, who are granted an emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application, or during the duration of the project, are not eligible.
Relevant documents	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.
Additional Information	It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.
Useful Links	FWO European Programmes

5. CYPRUS – RIF

	Funding Organisation: https://www.research.org.cy/	Research and Innovation Foundation  RESEARCH & INNOVATION FOUNDATION
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	2.000.000 €	Maximum funding per awarded project: 250.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities established and based in the areas, which are under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus. Research Organisations, Enterprises (small, medium, large), Other Private Sector Organisations, Other Public and Broader Public Sector Organisations	
Eligible Applicants	According to RESTART 2016-2020 Workprogramme for the period 05-2022 and 03-2023.	



Eligible Costs	<p>Research & Development Cost Categories</p> <p>Personnel Cost</p> <p>Costs for Instruments and Equipment</p> <p>Costs for External Services</p> <p>Consumables</p> <p>Other Specific Costs</p> <p>Overheads</p> <p>The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the simplified cost method "Personnel costs plus 40% on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs".</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Please check National Regulations at:</p> <p>www.research.org.cy</p> <p>https://iris.research.org.cy/</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Please check National Regulations at:</p> <p>www.research.org.cy</p> <p>https://iris.research.org.cy/</p>
Additional Information	
Useful Links	<p>RPF Website: www.research.org.cy</p> <p>IRIS Portal: https://iris.research.org.cy</p>

6. DENMARK – IFD

	Funding Organisation: www.innovationsfonden.dk	Name of the funding organisation Innovation Fund Denma
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000 €	Maximum funding budget for a Danish partner is € 300,000. If two or more Danish partners participate in a project, the maximum funding budget is € 500,000. Investment rates and conditions vary depending on applicant type (e.g. Enterprise or Public organisation).
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Any legal entity (such as an enterprise, a research institution, or a public institution) in Denmark directly involved in the international project activities, is eligible to participate and receive funding from IFD.	

Eligible Applicants	IFD can fund all types of Danish partners actively participating in the projects.
Eligible Costs	Eligible cost-categories for Danish partners: Salary, Travel, Subcontracting, Materials, Communication and knowledge sharing, 'Other expenses' and overhead.
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	All Danish applicants should consult the Danish Rules and Guidelines for International Projects.
Useful Links	<u>Danish Rules and Guidelines for International Projects.</u>

7. ESTONIA – ETAG

	Funding Organisation:	Name of the funding organisation  Estonian Research Council
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	100.000 € if project partner 150.000 € if project coordinator	100.000 € if project partner 150.000 € if project coordinator
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The project is carried out by consortia, in which various research entities apply for support from national funding organisations. Each participant in a funded project will be funded by their national Funding Organisation. It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.	

	<p>If a positive financing decision is made, the Host Institution and the Funding Organisation enter into a bilateral agreement.</p> <p>The Host Institution could be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>The Host Institution must confirm to 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 an undertaking, then State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account.</p> <p>If the support is State aid or de minimis aid, then support will not be granted to a Host Institution who 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>If there are more than one Estonian institution applying in one proposal, then all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets national requirements.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. The Principal Investigator will be responsible for how the grant is used and how Estonia's part in the project is executed.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 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

	<p>the proposal submission deadline.¹ International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100.000 € per proposal or 150 000 € per proposal in case if one Estonian institution is the coordinator.</p> <p>Estonian partners will be funded by the Mobilitas programme.</p> <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. <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 their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. - Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. - Other direct costs are: <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; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy



	<p>editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs. - Indirect costs are overhead from the personnel costs only, which may not exceed 15% 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. - Double funding of activities is not acceptable
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>State Aid EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Research Council (ETAG).</p> <p>Support 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 who 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>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation If the support is considered to be State aid, then support is given on the basis of Article 25, 25a or 25c 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>If State aid is given on the basis of Article 25, 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). For State aid given on the basis of Articles 25a or 25c, see rules laid down in mentioned Articles accordingly.</p> <p>If the support applied for can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.</p> <p>De minimis aid If support is considered de minimis aid, then giving support is subject to 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.</p>
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	<p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for as support cannot exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>Grant Agreement</p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Research Council enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement 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.</p> <p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol</p> <p>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.</p>
Relevant documents	National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects:

	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_30.08.22.pdf Juhend taotlejatele: https://www.etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Juhend-ERA-NET-toetuse-taotlejale_ETAg-juuni-2018-1.pdf
Additional Information	<p>It is expected that publication of results should be carried out in accordance with the Horizon programme policy on Open Access.</p> <p>It is strongly advised to contact the contact point before submitting the application.</p> <p>The State aid form must be sent to the contact point before submitting the application.</p>
Useful Links	https://etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/era-net-projektid/

8. ESTONIA – KEM

	Funding Organisation: www.envir.ee	Name of the funding organisation Estonian Ministry of the Environment (Keskkonnaministeerium abv KEM)  <div> REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT </div>
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Katarina Viik	Katarina.viik@envir.ee (+372) 6262 924
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	150.000€	150.000€
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The project is carried out by consortia, in which various research entities apply for support from national funding organisations. Each participant in a funded project will be funded by their national Funding Organisation. It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.	

	<p>The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia. The Host Institution must confirm to the Estonian Ministry of the Environment (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>If the support is State aid or de minimis aid, then support will not be granted to a Host Institution who 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>If there are more than one Estonian institution applying in one proposal, then all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets national requirements.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>Must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p> <p>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>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</p>

	<p>submission deadline.¹ International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another acceptable reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100.000 € per proposal or 150 000 € per proposal in case if one Estonian institution is the coordinator.</p> <p>Budget</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 separately 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. - Scholarships may be paid to master's and doctoral students. <p>Alternatively, remuneration can be paid as salary to students.</p> <p>All payments to the students should be done according to the usual practices of the Host Institution, following the Estonian legal acts.</p>

¹ ETIS classification: **1.1.** Scholarly articles indexed by Web of Science, Science Citation Index Expanded, Social Sciences Citation Index, Arts & Humanities Citation Index, Emerging Sources Citation Index and/or indexed by Scopus (excluding chapters in books); **1.2.** Peer-reviewed articles in other international research journals with an ISSN code and international editorial board, which are circulated internationally and open to international contributions; **2.1.** Scholarly monographs; **3.1.** Articles/chapters in books published by the publishers listed in Annex

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. Fringe benefits are ineligible costs. - Other direct costs include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - consumables, IT software, licences 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.). - 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>Overhead costs are indirect costs, which may not exceed 15% of the eligible personnel costs² and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Overhead costs of the Host Institution may include costs of office supplies; communication services; current expenditure on postal and electronic communications; maintenance and repair costs for IT and office equipment; utility costs; rental cost; costs of opening and managing a bank account and transfer fees only related to the project; security service; land tax.</p> <p>Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p>
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² Order of the Minister of the Environment on the overhead costs:
<https://adr.envir.ee/et/document.html?id=36a914d4-a430-438e-85b1-91b3e1584044>



<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>State Aid</p> <p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Ministry of the Environment.</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</p>
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	<p>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 in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>De minimis aid</p> <p>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.</p> <p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p>
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	<p>Grant Agreement</p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Ministry of the Environment 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</p> <p>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 Ministry of the Environment by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol</p> <p>By applying for funding by the Estonian Ministry of the Environment, the applicants agree to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects: https://adr.envir.ee/et/document.html?id=b5ff3648-2f9f-47b5-b18a-c875cf8ff5be</p>
Additional Information	<p>It is expected that publication of results should be carried out in accordance with the Horizon programme policy on Open Access.</p> <p>It is strongly advised to contact the contact point before submitting the application.</p>

	The State aid form must be sent to the contact point before submitting the application.
Useful Links	

9. ESTONIA – MEM

	Funding Organisation: www.agri.ee	Name of the funding organization:  REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA MINISTRY OF RURAL AFFAIRS
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maarja Malm	maarja.malm@agri.ee +372 625 6250
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	100.000 €	100.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The project is carried out by consortia, in which various research entities apply for support from national funding organisations. Each participant in a funded project will be funded by their national Funding Organisation. It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.</p> <p>If a positive financing decision is made, the Host Institution and the Funding Organisation enter into a bilateral agreement.</p>	

	<p>The Host Institution could be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>The Host Institution must confirm to Ministry of Rural Affairs (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 an undertaking, then State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account.</p> <p>If the support is State aid or de minimis aid, then support will not be granted to a Host Institution who 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>If there are more than one Estonian institution applying in one proposal, then all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets national requirements.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. The Principal Investigator will be responsible for how the grant is used and how Estonia's part in the project is executed.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 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.¹ International patents are equalled with

	<p>publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100 000 € per proposal.</p> <p>Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable. <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 their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. - Travel costs may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. - Other direct costs are: <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; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs - Subcontracting costs should cover only the additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties.

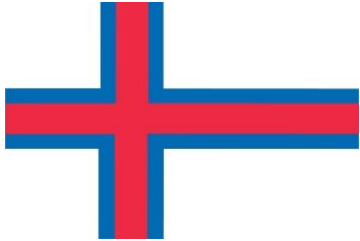

	<p>Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs.</p> <p>- Indirect costs are overhead from the personnel costs only, which may not exceed 15% 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> <p>- Double funding of activities is not acceptable</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>State Aid EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Ministry of Rural Affairs.</p> <p>Support 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 who 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>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation If the support is considered to be State aid, then support is given on the basis of Article 25, 25a or 25c</p>

	<p>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>If State aid is given on the basis of Article 25, 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). For State aid given on the basis of Articles 25a or 25c, see rules laid down in mentioned Articles accordingly.</p> <p>If the support applied for can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.</p> <p>De minimis aid</p> <p>If support is considered de minimis aid, then giving support is subject to 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.</p> <p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for as support cannot</p>
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	<p>exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>Grant Agreement If a positive funding decision is made, the Ministry of Rural Affairs enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement 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.</p> <p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing 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 Ministry of Rural Affairs by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol By applying for funding by the Ministry of Rural Affairs, the applicants agree to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects: https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_30.08.22.pdf Juhend taotlejatele: https://www.etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Juhend-ERA-NET-toetuse-taotlejale_ETAg-juuni-2018-1.pdf</p>
Additional Information	<p>It is expected that publication of results should be carried out in accordance with the Horizon programme policy on Open Access.</p>



	<p>It is strongly advised to contact the contact point before submitting the application.</p> <p>The State aid form must be sent to the contact point before submitting the application.</p>
Useful Links	<p>https://etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/era-net-projektid/</p>

10. FAROE ISLANDS – RCFI

	Funding Organisation:	<u>Research Council Faroe Islands</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maria Húsgarð Adviser	maria@gransking.fo +298 567802
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	135.000 €	135.000 € per project
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The Host Institution could be any legal entity that is registered and located in the Faroe Islands.	
Eligible Applicants	The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant to which the grant will be allocated.	
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs, expenses, indirect costs and overhead.	
Additional eligibility criteria	The Research Council Faroe Islands may grant funding up to 2/3 of the total cost for the Faroese project partners.	
Relevant documents	<u>National Terms of Reference</u>	

Additional Information	Before submitting an application, partners from the Faroe Islands are required to consult with the Research Council Faroe Islands.
Useful Links	Gransking.fo



11. FINLAND – AKA

	Funding Organisation: Academy of Finland - Academy of Finland (aka.fi)	 ACADEMY OF FINLAND
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jaana Lehtimäki Päivi Kolu	jaana.lehtimaki@aka.fi +358 295335060 paivi.kolu@aka.fi +358 295335028
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €) 850.000 €	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner Max. 300.000 € (partner)/ Max. 400.000 € (coordinator)
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Academy research funding is granted to Finnish sites of research (usually universities or research institutes). As a rule, Academy funding is not granted to support economic activity. Funding	

	<p>may be granted for economic activity only if it can be granted in keeping with the EU's state aid rules in the form of de minimis aid.</p> <p>Due to actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed and may in the future impose sanctions in their legislation and/or by decisions of their institutions. The funding recipient must comply with the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations concerning the economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>In addition to a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) of the proposed sub-project must also have other significant scientific merits. Usually, the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>The Academy of Finland funding is granted 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. Academy funding can be used to cover direct costs of the research team arising from, for example, the following: working hours (salary), research, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, preparation of international projects, publishing).</p> <p>The funding may be applied for by research teams. The funding is primarily intended for the salaries of full-time researchers working on the projects and for other research costs.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) are not allowed to submit more than one application.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Academy of Finland's funding terms and conditions <u>rahoitusehdot 2022 2023 020622 en (aka.fi)</u></p>

<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Applicants should contact the Academy of Finland before applying.</p> <p>After all proposals have been evaluated the Academy of Finland will invite the successful Finnish candidates to submit their proposal to the Academy of Finland's online service in which you need to include also the funding share of the site of research (at least 30 % of total costs), so that only funding requested from the Academy (max. 70 % of total costs) is included.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	

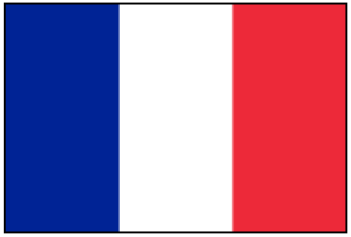

12. FINLAND – MMM

	Funding Organisation: Ministry of Agriculture of Forestry (MMM) www.mmm.fi	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MMM)  Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö Jord- och skogsbruksministeriet Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Elina Nikkola	elina.nikkola@gov.fi +358505981626
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	500.000€	max. 200.000.00 €/ project or max 300.000.00 per project if the Finnish applicant is the project coordinator
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes - Research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding - Companies, under specific conditions (see the document 'General terms and instructions for research and development activities funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry', link available below. 	

	Due to actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed and may in the future impose sanctions in their legislation and/or by decisions of their institutions. The funding recipient must comply with the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations concerning the economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.
Eligible Applicants	The responsible administrator of the research/development project must be duly authorised to act for and on behalf of the recipient(s) of the funding in project-related matters as if such actions were carried out by the recipient(s) themselves.
Eligible Costs	<p>Costs that are necessary and reasonable in view of the project work and which can be allocated to the project in accounting are considered acceptable costs. The costs must be incurred during the period of time indicated in the funding decision in order to be approved. Costs incurred before the application was submitted will not be approved as project costs.</p> <p>For details, please see Chapter 4 'Use of funding' in the document 'General terms and instructions for research and development activities funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry', link available below.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>MMM funds only applied research; MMM does not fund basic research.</p> <p>For detailed eligibility criteria, the applicants should check the "General terms and instructions for research and development activities funded by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry", see the link below.</p> <p>The share of funding granted by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry for research, development and innovation projects is discretionary. As a general rule, the funding shares of the approved total costs are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities, universities of applied sciences and state-funded research institutes, max. 70 % - For research and guidance organisations that are outside of state finances and may receive state funding, max. 70–90 % - For companies, max. 50 % (please note the EU's state aid rules).

	<p>MMM will fund maximum two (2) projects in this call.</p> <p>Finnish applicants (partners and coordinators) are not allowed to submit more than one application.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>In Finnish: MMM rahoittaman TK-toiminnan yleiset ehdot ja ohjeet 2022</p> <p>In English: General Terms and Instructions for RD activities funded by MMM</p>
Additional Information	<p>Applicants should contact MMM before applying.</p>
Useful Links	<p>In Finnish: www.mmm.fi/tutkimus https://www.hankerahoitus.fi/MMM/hakemus/kirjaudu.php?ki=1</p> <p>In English: https://mmm.fi/en/research-and-development</p>



13. FRANCE – ANR

	Funding Organisation: https://anr.fr/	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email :
	Claude Yven Coraline Chapperon Sylvain Pasquier	<i>sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr</i>
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	2.000.000 €	<p>The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR by each proposal with French applicant(s) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 350.000 € (if Coordinating Partner is French) • 300.000 € (for standard French Partners) <p>The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15 000€.</p> <p>If there are several French partners, the total requested funding from ANR (300 000 €, extended to 350 000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them.</p>
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	<p>In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organization (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).</p> <p>The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory.</p> <p><u>If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project, it is mandatory to involve a French enterprise; otherwise the French partners will be declared ineligible.</u></p> <p>See more information on the eligibility of institutions on the ANR Funding Regulations https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.</p>
Eligible Applicants	See above
Eligible Costs	Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Additional eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded. <p>Regarding project partners' commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources • Ethics and scientific Integrity • Publications and Open Science Policy • Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture • GDPR • "PPST" <p>Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details https://anr.fr/SBEP-2023</p>
Relevant documents	<p>National Funding Regulations https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p><u>Annex for partners requesting funding to ANR :</u> https://anr.fr/SBEP-2023.</p>

Additional Information	
Useful Links	https://anr.fr/SBEP-2023



14. GERMANY – BMBF/PtJ

	Funding Organisation: Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) represented by Project Management Jülich, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH https://www.fz-juelich.de	 Federal Ministry of Education and Research
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Dr. Claudia Schultz Christin Lambertz	c.schultz@fz-juelich.de +49 228 60884 212 c.lambertz@fz-juelich.de +49 381 20356 284
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.250.000 €	400.000 € max.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean	

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Eligible Institutions	Applications may be submitted by German institutions of higher education and non-university research institutions as well as by commercial companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) which are headquartered and exploit their results primarily in Germany. Also, local authorities, non-profit organizations or associations are eligible for funding.
Eligible Applicants	For information regarding the EU's standard definition of SMEs, please visit http://ec.europa.eu/growth/smes/business-friendly-environment/sme-definition_en . Research institutions, which receive joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder, can only be granted project funding supplementary to their basic funding for additional expenditure under certain preconditions.
Eligible Costs	<p>The current guidelines for grants on an expenditure-cost basis and for allocations for administrative agreements apply (Es gelten die aktuellen Richtlinien für Zuwendungen auf Ausgaben-Kostenbasis, sowie für Zuweisungen für Verwaltungsvereinbarungen): https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare</p> <p>Projektpauschale: Universities should consider cost for the "Projektpauschale" already in the preparation of the proposal.</p> <p>Applications may be submitted by German institutions of higher education and non-university research institutions as well as by commercial companies, particularly small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) which are headquartered and exploit their results primarily in Germany. In addition, local authorities, non-profit organizations or associations are eligible for funding. Research institutions, which are eligible to joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Federal States can only be granted project funding supplementary to their institutional funding for additional expenditure under specified preconditions. In the case of collaborative projects including more than one German partner, the German partners must nominate a national coordinator.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Subject, relevance criteria: Germany supports applications from all topics of the 2023 Joint Transnational Call "The way forward: thriving a



	<p>sustainable blue economy for a brighter future" in frame of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership .</p> <p>National Regulations: Research program "MARE: N - Coastal, Marine and Polar Research for Sustainability".</p> <p>The funding procedure will follow the national criteria of the funding of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research.</p> <p>National additional application:</p> <p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the German participants are requested to submit in addition a national application upon eligibility check and selection of project proposals and, national applications will be invited in writing and must be submitted to the Funding Agency Project Management Juelich (PtJ) through the national web platform. The link to the platform will be published with the national funding announcement.</p> <p>Specific questions should be addressed to the national partner organizations in advance of proposal submission. It is strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</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>
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

15. ICELAND – RANNIS

	Funding Organisation: www.rannis.is	The Icelandic Centre for Research 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Sigurður Björnsson Elísabet Andrésdóttir	sigurdur.bjornsson@rannis.is elisabet.m.andresdottir@rannis.is +354 515 5800
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	800.000€	Max: 300.000€ per project
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate neutral, environmentally sustainable and resource efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Applicants have to follow the general guidelines of the Technology Development Fund „Hagnýt rannsóknarverkefni” except for the requirement of the main applicant as in paragraph 2.2 https://www.rannis.is/sjodir/rannsoknir/taeknithrounarsjodur/	
Eligible Applicants	Same as above	
Eligible Costs	Applicants have to follow the general guidelines of the Technology Development Fund, where own contribution can	

	vary – further information on https://www.rannis.is/sjodir/rannsoknir/taeknithrounarsjodur/
Additional eligibility criteria	None
Relevant documents	https://www.rannis.is/sjodir/rannsoknir/taeknithrounarsjodur/
Additional Information	N/A
Useful Links	See above



16. IRELAND – MI

	Funding Organisation: https://www.marine.ie/	Marine Institute 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Veronica Cunningham	Veronica.Cunningham@marine.ie +353 91 387532 or +353 91 387200
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000€	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • €300.000 max per partner for Public RPO (€200.000 max partner for Industry/Private RPO) • Rates apply for funding of 36 months • Limit two Irish partners per project
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities in the Republic of Ireland with the appropriate scientific and technical qualifications and expertise can be funded as partners in a joint proposal.	
Eligible Applicants	The eligible partners are Higher Education Institutions, Other Public Research Performing Organisations	

	(RPOs), Industry and Private RPOs in the Republic of Ireland.
Eligible Costs	<p>Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible staff costs include gross salary and employer's PRSI (pay-related social insurance) and employer's pension costs (max 20% of gross salary). Temporary or contract research staff are eligible for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs, but staff costs for permanent staff are not. Both temporary and permanent staff costs are eligible for Industry/Private RPO partners. Master's and PhD student costs (current rates – student stipend €18,500 per annum and college fees €6,000 per annum). Masters and PhD must be registered, on a full-time basis, for a higher degree at an eligible Higher Education Institution. <p>Research costs (travel, consumables, etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project-related travel and consumables are allowable costs e.g. travel and subsistence for project fieldwork and meetings, workshops, conferences, laboratory supplies, computer supplies, software, etc. <p>Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The purchase and installation of small-scale scientific equipment and instruments for the project is allowable. Depreciated cost reimbursed with be either 36 or 60 months. The purchase of a personal computer/laptop is eligible at a maximum cost of €2,000 per researcher, and must be used solely for carrying out the project work. <p>Overheads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum overheads allowed is 30% of all costs excluding Equipment and Subcontracting. <p>Subcontracting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcontracting to a third party for specialist resources/skills is allowable, subject to normal procurement guidelines. Subcontracting costs are limited to 20% maximum.

	<p>The maximum Grant-Aid reimbursement for Industry is 50% for Large Scale Enterprises and 75% for Small-Medium Sized Enterprises of eligible costs. Grant-Aid reimbursement for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs is up to 100% of eligible costs.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Projects with Irish partners should address requirements under national strategies and policies (see below).</p> <p>Irish project partners will be required to sign a Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute, if their proposal is successful under this call.</p> <p>Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to submit progress and final reports pursuant to their Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute.</p> <p>Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to follow Open Access/Research guidelines.</p> <p>Marine Institute researchers may participate as partners in proposals, but not co-ordinators.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>The Marine Institute manages the <i>National Marine Research Programme</i>, which provides funding to the Irish marine sector through competitive calls. Funding is provided for marine research that addresses national strategic priorities as stated in the National Marine Research & Innovation Strategy 2017-2021 (successor strategy due for publication in 2023), Climate Action Plan 2021, Food Vision 2030 and Impact 2030.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Applicants are advised to contact their National Contact Point (details above) prior to submission of any application under this call.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Further details published on the Marine Institute website at:</p> <p>https://www.marine.ie/site-area/research-funding/research-funding/current-funding-opportunities</p> <p>Email queries can also be sent to: funding@marine.ie</p>

17. ITALY – MIMIT



	Funding Organisation: https://www.mise.gov.it/it/	 Ministero delle Imprese e del Made in Italy
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Rosario Gargiulo Valentina Milazzo	rosario.gargiulo@mise.gov.it +39 06 5444 4269 valentina.milazzo@mise.gov.it +39 06 5492 7928
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	maximum funding per awarded project
	10.000.000 €	800.000 €
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	See “eligible applicants” section	
Eligible Applicants	The following entities are eligible: - Enterprises - Research Centers - Universities, research organizations (only in collaboration with Italian enterprises with which to set up a Consortium or a Network of Companies). The lead partner of the joint project must be an Italian enterprise	

Eligible Costs	<p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of a project under the following categories are eligible: personnel, equipment, subcontracting, consumables, and overheads. Overheads are calculated as a fixed percentage 25% of eligible costs of the project, as established by art. 20 of the delegated regulation (EU) n. 480/2014 and by art. 29 of the regulation (EU) n. 1290/2013, in line with the provisions of art 53.3 lett. c of Regulation (EU) 1060/2021 as referred to in art. 10 paragraph 4 of Decree 121/2021. They include also communication, dissemination and travel expenses.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Projects to be eligible must respect the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -all activities that can be classified as industrial research or experimental development are eligible for funding, but experimental development costs must be higher than industrial research costs - previously selected by the partnership - contribute to the pursue of the climate neutral and digital transition targets set out in the Reg. (EU) 2021/241 - ensure the compliance with the DNSH principle set out in the Reg. (EU) 2020/852 - start within 3 months by the financial grants decree - last no longer than 36 months <p>According to Article 2, paragraph 6-bis of the Decree Law 31 May 2021 n. 77, the Administrations ensure that at least 40% of the resources will be allocated to the beneficiaries of South Italy Regions. Nevertheless, it will be protected the interest in the total allocation of the resources put up for tender if the Ministry doesn't receive a number of applications, from Southern Italy applicants, that would exhaust the financial resources referred to the aforementioned reserve.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>National documents to be submitted are grouped into the following categories.</p> <p>PRE PROPOSAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>national funding request</i> • <i>self declaration on the eligibility requirements to access the national grants</i> • <i>self declaration on relevant financial data for the assessment of the project</i>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>in case of a joint project, the delegation to the lead partner from italian partners of the project to submit the pre proposal</i>• <i>special proxy to signature (only if needed)</i>• <i>pre proposal submitted to the partnership</i> <p>FULL PROPOSAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>national funding request</i>• <i>technical data sheet</i>• <i>development plan sheet</i>• <i>network contract (in case of joint project)</i>• <i>self declaration on the compliance with the NRRP rules</i>• <i>special proxy to signature (only if needed)</i>• <i>conflict of interests self declaration</i>• <i>full project proposal submitted to the partnership</i>									
Additional Information	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit a national additional application to MIMIT, by sending the proposal to: dgiai.div6@pec.mise.gov.it</p> <p>This national additional application must be submitted by the same deadline established in the international joint call for pre-proposal submission. Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the pre-proposal deadline will be considered not eligible for funding.</p> <p>It is strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</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 MIMIT.</p> <p>Furthermore, according to the Reg. (EU) n. 651/2014, the Ministry will provide with the following funding rates:</p> <table><tr><td></td><td>Industrial Research</td><td>Experimental development/ innovation</td></tr><tr><td>Large enterprises</td><td>50%</td><td>25%</td></tr><tr><td>Medium Enterprises</td><td>60%</td><td>35%</td></tr></table>		Industrial Research	Experimental development/ innovation	Large enterprises	50%	25%	Medium Enterprises	60%	35%
	Industrial Research	Experimental development/ innovation								
Large enterprises	50%	25%								
Medium Enterprises	60%	35%								

	Small enterprises	70%	45%
	Universities, Research Performing Organisations	50%	25%
	<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", which will be published on the MIMIT website, and in the applicable Italian laws.</p>		
Useful Links	<p>National website: www.mise.gov.it</p> <p>National submission platform: dgaii.div6@pec.mise.gov.it</p>		

18. ITALY – MUR



	Funding Organisation: www.ricercainternazionale.mur.it	Ministry of Universities and Research 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Aldo Covello Yasmine Iollo	Aldo.covello@mur.gov.it Yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	2.500.000 € of National Funds (to be confirmed) 2.500.000 € of Cohesion Fund (to be confirmed)	Maximum funding per project: International projects coordinated by an Italian entity: 500.000 €; Projects not coordinated by an Italian entity: 350.000 € euro
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions		

Eligible Applicants	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.
Eligible Costs	<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). 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 rates listed in the following table:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Basic research: 70%</i> • <i>Industrial research: 50%</i> • <i>Experimental development: 25%</i> <p>On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to 50% of the total funding at project start and a second pre-payment up to 40% of the total funding at mid-term. The remaining 10% will be paid at the end of the project. Private partners requesting the pre-payments need to provide MUR with a bank guarantee. Beneficiaries who doesn't request the pre-payments will be paid after each financial and progress report</p> <p>Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>a) Legal/administrative/financial conditions</p> <p>The participant must be registered at the "Anagrafe Nazionale delle Ricerche"</p> <p>The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry.</p> <p>The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.</p> <p>The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni".</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>The participant must follow 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>b) Financial conditions</p> <p>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>$CN > (CP - I)/2$</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>CN = net assets (Capitale netto)</p> <p>CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year.</p> <p>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 (Oneri finanziari)</p> <p>F = turnover (Fatturato)</p>
Relevant documents	<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"> - <u>DL 22 giugno 2012, n. 83</u>, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla Legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, articoli 60, 61, 62 e 63 di cui al Titolo III, Capo IX "Misure per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica" - <u>DM n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021</u> - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca - <u>DM n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021</u> - Modificazioni all'articolo 15 del decreto n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 <p>Information available at http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it</p>
Additional Information	<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>
Useful Links	



19. LATVIA – LCS

	Funding Organisation: www.lzp.gov.lv	Latvijas Zinātnes padome (LZP) – Latvian Council of Science (LCS)  Latvijas Zinātnes padome
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Janis Ancans	Janis.Ancans@lzp.gov.lv +371 26494422
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	600.000 €	Max 300.000 € per partner, not exceeding Max 100.000 € per year Funding rates under R651/2014 shall be respected
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g.	

	<p>- Research Institutes</p> <p>- Universities</p> <p>and must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014)</p> <p>2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, in this case this is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor's approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity.</p> <p>Any other type of participant is not covered by LZF funding mandate</p>
Eligible Applicants	Latvian beneficiaries are institutions as defined in previous point. The research group is represented by a leading researcher (PI) from the respective research institution who is mandated to participate in the application.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personnel costs incl. taxes; • Consumables; • Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; • Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks); • Travels (according to travel plan); • Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Additional eligibility criteria	TRL9 is not funded
Relevant documents	<p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers</p> <p>http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</p>

	<p>At the contract phase - https://lzp.gov.lv/starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas/atbalsts-projektiem/ To receive funding by LZP, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented.</p> <p>Annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory.</p> <p>Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request.</p> <p>Final audit according to the LZP regulations.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected. LZP cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities. LZP is funding only research</p>
Useful Links	<p>www.lzp.gov.lv</p>

20. LITHUANIA – LMT

	Funding Organisation: www.lmt.lt	LMT  Lietuvos mokslo taryba
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Viktoras Mongirdas	viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt +370 676 19613
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	200.000 €	150.000 € (Coordinator) 100.000 € per project
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions	
Eligible Applicants		
Eligible Costs	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), indirect, subcontracting	
Additional eligibility criteria		
Relevant documents	No national official paper work until positive evaluation decision	
Additional Information	Maximum project duration: up to 36 months VAT is included in the budget	

	<p>Subcontracting rules: subcontracting costs must be incurred in accordance with the provisions of the Law on Public Procurement of the Republic of Lithuania. Expenses incurred according to service and/or copyright agreements where such agreements were concluded for performing minor tasks in the project are eligible.</p>
Useful Links	<p>https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/euopos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/2329</p>



21. MALTA – MCST

	Funding Organisation: Home - MCST (gov.mt)	Malta Council for Science and Technology  The Malta Council for Science & Technology
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maria AZZOPARDI	maria.azzopardi.2@gov.mt +356 2360 2175
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	500.000 €	N/A
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership <i>en nom collectif</i> , <i>en commandite</i> or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or c)	

	<p>professional body; or d) NGO; or e) Non-profit making entity (including Foundation).</p> <p>Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership <i>en nom collectif</i>, <i>en commandite</i> or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or c) professional body; or d) NGO; or e) Non-profit making entity (including Foundation).</p> <p>Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of Malta-based entity applying for aid, and the funding modality chosen (<i>de minimis</i> route, <i>General Block Exemption Regulation</i> route, non-state aid route).</p> <p>Eligible costs include the following: personnel; equipment; instruments, specialised equipment, and research consumables; IP and knowledge transfer</p>



	<p>activities; travel and subsistence; subcontracting; other operating expenses; overheads.</p> <p>Detailed information on the aid intensity and which costs are eligible under different funding modalities can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from MCST website.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website .
Relevant documents	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the MCST website and must be sent to eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt by the deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.
Additional Information	For further information and assistance with partner search, applicants can contact the MCST lead call manager Dr Maria Azzopardi (maria.azzopardi.2@gov.mt) and/or the alternate call manager Ms Martina Vella (martina.vella.5@gov.mt).
Useful Links	Funding Opportunities - MCST (gov.mt)

22. NORWAY – RCN

	Funding Organisation: The Research Council of Norway (forskningradet.no)	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)  The Research Council of Norway
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Kjell Emil Naas Anne Magnussøn	ken@rcn.no +47 90165701 anm@rcn.no +47 41517891
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	2.900.000 €	The RCN will fund up to 300.000 € per project proposal. In addition, the RCN may fund up to 100.000 € per project with a Project Manager (coordinator) from a Norwegian research organisation
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Applicants for project funding must be affiliated with an academic institution, company/industry, the public sector or an NGO. See definition and specification here: https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding	

Eligible Applicants	The Project Leader (PL) or the Principal Investigators (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications.
Eligible Costs	<p>See: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/Budget/</p> <p>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; Conditions for awarding state aid (forskningsradet.no). 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: Exchange rate (InforEuro) (europa.eu)</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	For more general information about Norwegian conditions for funding, please read: Funding from the Research Council (forskningsradet.no)
Additional Information	After funding decision, the Norwegian part of funded projects must register through the RCN portal. Further information will be provided to the relevant partners. Norwegian project partners will have to report to RCN on an annual basis following RCN guidelines and deadlines.
Useful Links	<p>General information: https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/</p> <p>Annual reporting to the RCN: Project Reporting (forskningsradet.no)</p>

23. POLAND – NCBR

	Funding Organisation:	<p>The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)</p>  <p>National Centre for Research and Development</p>
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maciej Zdanowicz	maciej.zdanowicz@ncbr.gov.pl +48 504 785 616
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000 €	up to 200.000 € for polish consortium partner
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	N/A	

Eligible Applicants	<p>1. Enterprises³: micro, small, medium or large</p> <p>2. Research organisations⁴ (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)</p> <p>3. Groups of entities composed of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum one research organisation and minimum one enterprise (micro, small, medium or large) or - minimum two enterprises (micro, small, medium or large) or - minimum two research organisations.
Eligible Costs	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <p>1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);</p> <p>2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>3. operating costs including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; • costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible;

³ defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as “Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014”);



⁴ defined in the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• other operating costs including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; <p>4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs should account 25% of all eligible project costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4=(1+3)*25\%$.</p>																				
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Research organisations: all types of research may be funded. Basic research must not exceed 10% of value of national requested budget. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.</p> <p>Enterprises: Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP)/Task.</p> <p>National funding rates: Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation.</p> <p>The following maximum funding quotas apply:</p> <table><tr><th>Type of Organisation Type of Activity</th><th>Micro/S small Enterprises</th><th>Medium Enterprises</th><th>Large Enterprises</th><th>Research Organizations</th></tr><tr><td>Fundamental/ Basic Research</td><td>n/a</td><td>n/a</td><td>n/a</td><td>Up to 100%</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial Research</td><td>Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td><td>Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr><tr><td>Experimental development</td><td>Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)</td><td>Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)</td><td>Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr></table>	Type of Organisation Type of Activity	Micro/S small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Research Organizations	Fundamental/ Basic Research	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100%	Industrial Research	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 100 %	Experimental development	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 100 %
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Relevant documents	N/A
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applicant must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register⁵ • For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large). • A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities. • If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities. • After international evaluation of full proposals and the selection of projects to be funded, Polish participants will be invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF). The NAFs will be examined for the appropriateness of funding requested. The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call.
Useful Links	<p>Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage:</p> <p>https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</p>

⁵ if applicable



24. PORTUGAL – CCDRC

	Funding Organisation: <u>CCDRC</u>	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jorge Brandão Teresa Jorge	jorge.brandao@ccdrc.pt +351 239 400 100 teresa.jorge@ccdrc.pt +351 239 400 134
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded per Project or Partner
	250.000 €	Maximum of 3 Portuguese participating partners per awarded project. Maximum requested funding of 250.000€ for a Portuguese partner with a coordination role in an awarded project. Maximum requested funding of 150.000€ for a Portuguese partner participating in an awarded project.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System: maximum funding rate – 85%</p> <p>SMEs: micro and small enterprises – maximum funding rate 80% medium enterprises – maximum funding rate 75%</p> <p>Other organisations: maximum funding rate – 85%; can participate only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above</p> <p>ATTENTION:</p> <p>1) The funding rates presented are the maximum (possible) values. For projects led by companies, consult funding rates at article 71 of RECI. For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System, consult funding rates at article 110 of RECI.</p> <p>2) Industrial research activities have a maximum funding rate of 80%; experimental development activities have a maximum funding rate of 60%.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Only entities from Centro (NUTS II) or those that ensure that the investment is to be carried out in this region are eligible for funding by CCDRC.</p> <p>The eligibility of partners, as beneficiary institutions, must be verified in article 5 of RECI. In addition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For projects led by companies, consult articles 68 and 69 of RECI to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled; • For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System, consult articles 105 and 106 of RECI to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled. <p>ATTENTION: non-SMEs will not be considered eligible in the context of this call.</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>For eligible costs verify article 7 of RECI. Additionally:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For projects led by companies, articles 72 and 73 of RECI;</i> • <i>For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System, articles 111 and 113 of RECI.</i>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>Before initiating a funding request, CCDRC strongly recommends that applicants contact CCDRC through the regional contact persons.</p> <p>Maximum 3 Portuguese participations per project.</p> <p>To all other criteria and conditions not explicit in this annex, please consult RECI.</p>

	<p>This regulatory framework was approved by Ordinance number 57-A/2015 of February 27th, for 2014-2020. Considering that the operations to be selected in this scope will be integrated into the Regional Programme Centro 2030, the beneficiaries must explicitly acknowledge that the applicable regulatory framework will be the one for the 2021-2027 programming period. [under development]</p>
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RECI: https://dre.pt/dre/legislacao-consolidada/portaria/2015-70790258 [new Portuguese Specific Regulation for 2021-2027 under development, link to be added]; • Memorandum of understanding among Portuguese funding institutions [under development, link to be added]
Additional Information	<p>The submission of a proposal at regional level will be mandatory – after the final decisions for approvals at transnational level. Stakeholders will receive instructions on this in due time.</p> <p>ATTENTION: When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign this Declaration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For projects led by companies: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/sbep-declaracao-de-compromisso-saict/download. - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/sbep-declaracao-de-compromisso-si-idt/download. <p>The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the proposal to ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt.</p> <p>The selection of the funding agencies by national stakeholders is indicative and funding agencies may move projects among themselves in order to maximise the number of approved national participations/projects, as established in the Memorandum of understanding among Portuguese funding institutions.</p>
Useful Links	<p>Dedicated page for the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership within CCDRC portal</p>

25. PORTUGAL – FCT

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>www.fct.pt</p>	<p>FCT</p>  <p>Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Marta Norton Sofia Cordeiro</p>	<p>marta.norton@fct.pt + 351 21 391 1565 sofia.cordeiro@fct.pt + 351 21 392 4495</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner</p>
	<p>500.000 €</p>	<p>Maximum of 3 Portuguese participating partners per awarded project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maximum requested funding of 250.000,00€ for a Portuguese partner with a coordination role in an awarded project. • Maximum requested funding of 150.000,00€ for a Portuguese partner with a participation role in an awarded project.
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production ☒
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean ☒
Eligible Institutions	For eligible institutions please consult Article 3 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds .
Eligible Applicants	All applicants applying on behalf of the eligible institutions listed above; Note: The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.
Eligible Costs	For eligible costs and non-eligible cost please consult Articles 8 and 9 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds ..
Additional eligibility criteria	For additional eligibility criteria of beneficiaries and projects please consult Articles 5 and 6 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds . Important notice: FCT funds strategic (basic) research and applied research only. TRL levels from 1 to 8
Relevant documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds • Financial execution rules
Additional Information:	<p>For additional information please check FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds.</p> <p>Official Paperwork to complete and sign at national level is required!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Up to 10 working days after the deadline for submission of pre-proposals, Portuguese teams (coordinators and/or partners) must send the following Statement of Commitment to the National Contact Point for the call, duly signed by the Researcher in Charge and by the legal representative of the proposing Institution, and stamped. The original must be kept, as it may be requested by the FCT.</i>
Useful Links	Dedicated website for the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership Call 2023 within FCT portal

	<i>[under development, link to be added]</i>
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26. PORTUGAL – FRCT

	Funding Organisation: FRCT – Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia Largo da Matriz 45-52, 9500-094 Ponta Delgada Website: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/ E-mail: info.frct@azores.gov.pt	Name of the funding organisation  GOVERNO DOS AÇORES  FRCT <small>FUNDO REGIONAL DA CIÊNCIA E TECNOLOGIA</small>
Regional Contact Point (RCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Renato Pires Project Manager Carolina Torres Project Manager	renato.hm.pires@azores.gov.pt +351 296 308 933 carolina.s.torres@azores.gov.pt +351 296 241 870
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	100.000€ (indicative)	Maximum funding: 100.000€ (indicative)
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	The beneficiary institutions are: a) Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units; b) Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is R&D activities; (tbc) c) Other public and private non-profit institutions that carry out or participate in scientific research activities.
Eligible Applicants	The beneficiaries should be entities from the Scientific and Technological System of the Azores (SCTA) registered in the Azores. For more information, please consult the SCTA regulation (DLR n.º 10/2012/A, 26 March 2012).
Eligible Costs	Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/
Additional eligibility criteria	Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/
Relevant documents	http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/
Additional Information	Before initiating a funding request, FRCT strongly recommends that applicants contact FRCT through regional contact persons. Also, see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT at http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/ The Declaration of Commitment must be signed by the beneficiary Institution's legal representative and the PI. The digital version of the Declaration must be sent by e-mail to the regional contact persons (the deadline is the same for pre-proposals submission). The original version of the Declaration must be sent by mail within 10 working days after pre-proposals submission. The address is: Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia (FRCT) Largo da Matriz 45-52, 9500-094 Ponta Delgada, Portugal – Açores.



	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 from the PI.
Useful Links	http://frct.azores.gov.pt/

27. ROMANIA – MCID

	https://www.research.gov.ro/	 MINISTERUL CERCETĂRII, INOVĂRII ȘI DIGITALIZĂRII
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Domnica Cotet	domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro +40-21 3023880
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.000.000€	250.000 max. if the consortium is coordinated by a Romanian applicant 200.000 max. for Romanian partners in the consortium
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate neutral, environmentally sustainable and resource efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The categories of institutions and units that can benefit from public funding for Horizon Europe projects are those established as components of the national research-development system, in accordance with the provisions of OG 57/2002, approved by Law 324/2003 with subsequent amendments and additions: educational institutions accredited public and private institutions, national research and development institutes, other public or private research organizations, economic agents (SMEs and large enterprises), local or central public administration units, non-governmental organizations.	

Eligible Applicants	<p>The head of the research team from each participating institution has a PhD degree. This condition does not apply if the institution is an enterprise within the meaning of the State Aid legislation.</p> <p>A person in charge of the research team will participate in a single proposal from the trans-national call in this capacity.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>a. <i>Staff costs;</i></p> <p>b. <i>Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure ;</i> <i>- Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;</i> 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>c. <i>Travel expenses;</i></p> <p>d. <i>Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs.</i></p> <p>The current guidelines for grants on an expenditure-cost basis and for allocations for administrative agreements apply.</p> <p>MCID will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p> <p>MCID will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>It is strongly advised to contact MCID before submission, in order to verify the eligibility of the researchers and avoid ineligible projects/research consortia.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>The framework for this funding action is the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2022-2027, Programme 5.8 European and international cooperation, 5.8.1 Horizon Europe Program</p>
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

28. SLOVENIA – MVZI

	Funding Organisation: MVZI https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-higher-education-science-and-innovation/	 REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	900.000 €	300 k€ for all Slovenian partners within one consortium/ maximum requested budget per year: 100 k€
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Research organizations as defined in the national Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (<i>Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS</i>). Organizations that fulfill this requirements may be: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - universities, - public research institutes - private research institutes - non-governmental organisations - large, medium or small enterprises 	

<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>All participating Slovenian researchers <u>have to be registered</u> in the Slovenian Research Agency register of researchers (SICRIS) and must have available research hours.</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 Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta</i>) and Methodology of Call proposal evaluation (<i>Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise</i>).</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>MVZI will fund all eligible costs of successful Slovenian transnational projects, recommended for funding, in accordance with the Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije</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 25% for indirect costs). Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (<i>Zakon o javnem naročanju</i>) applies.</p> <p>Up to 100 % of eligible costs can be funded for research organisations (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.</p>



	<p>6. 2014) and the Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subject of state aid (<i>Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči, Ministrstva za izobraževanje, znanost in šport, 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022</i>) applies.</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities and research organisations 100 % - non-governmental organisations 100 % - Large enterprises 65 %, - Medium enterprises 75 % - Small Enterprises 80 %
Additional eligibility criteria	<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 MVZI and the selected Slovenian partner.</p> <p>- Period of eligibility of public expenditures: Budgetary years 2025, 2026 and 2027.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Legal basis – National regulation:</p> <p>State Administration Act (Zakon o državni upravi (Uradni list RS, št. 153/22)) - Article 16 and 39; Public Finance Act (Zakon o javnih financah (Uradni list RS, št. 11/11 - uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 14/13, 101/13, 55/15 - ZFisP, 96/15 - ZIPRS1617, 13/18)) - Article 106. j; Regulation on the procedure of standards and manners to allocate means for the promotion of the evolutionary programme and the preferential tasks (Uredba o postopku, merilih in načinih dodeljevanja sredstev za spodbujanje razvojnih programov in prednostnih nalog (Uradni list RS, št. 56/11)); Implementation of the Republic of Slovenia's Budget for 2022 and 2023 Act (Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2022 in 2023 (Uradni list RS, št. 187/21, 206/21-ZDUPŠOP, 129/22, 140/22-ZSDH-1A in 150/22-ZIPRS2324)), Implementation of the Republic of Slovenia Budget for 2023 and 2024 Act (Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2023 in 2024 (ZIPRS2324) (Uradni list RS, št. 150/2022)); Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Zakon o integriteti in preprečevanju korupcije (Uradni list RS, št. št. 69/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 158/20 in 3/22 – ZDeb)); Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation</p>

	<p>Strategy 2030 (Resolucija o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski strategiji Slovenije 2030 (Uradni list RS, št. 49/22)); Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 144/22)), Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21 – ZZrID); 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) (Okvir za državno pomoč za raziskave in razvoj ter inovacije (2014/C 198/01)); Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subjects of state aid (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči, Ministrstva za izobraževanje, znanost in šport, 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022), National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (Nacionalna strategije odprtega dostopa do znanstvenih objav in raziskovalnih podatkov v Sloveniji 2015-2020, št. 60300-5/2015/5 z dne 3. 9. 2015), Decision of the minister on means of financing the slovenian part of transnational research and development projects proposed for funding on the basis of a transnational public call in a project or partnership joined by the Ministry of education, science and sport (Sklep ministra o višini sredstev za sofinanciranje slovenskega dela večstranskih transnacionalnih raziskovalnih in razvojnih projektov, ki so predlagani v sofinanciranje na podlagi postopka transnacionalnega javnega razpisa v projektu ali partnerstvu, h kateremu je pristopilo Ministrstvo za izobraževanje, znanost in šport št. 92-15/2022/383 z dne 20. 12. 2022); Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Zakon o Vladi Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 163/22)).</p>
Additional Information	<p>No submission of the pre- and full proposal at national level is needed.</p> <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 at national level. The needed evidences on project expenses will be more precisely determined in the national contract.</p> <p>All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person / NCP.</p>

	<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level will be required three times: each year after the end of the annual project implementation.</p>
Useful Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - More information about the call at national level: https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/ - Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti, Uradni list RS, št. 186/21): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7733 - Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS): https://cris.cobiss.net/ecris/si/en - Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 186/21-ZDeb): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV12558 - Methodology of Call proposal evaluation (Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise): https://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/metod-skupna-17-26.asp - Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije, Uradni list RS št. 35/22 in št. 144/22): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=URED8468 - FTE value according to the Slovenian Research Agency's research project categorization: https://www.arrs.si/sl/progproj/cena/index.asp - Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnem naročanju, Uradni list RS št. 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – odl. US in 100/22): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7086 - Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subjects of state aid (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za izobraževanje, znanost in šport 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022): https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MIZS/Dokumenti/ZNANOST/PROGRAM_za_DP_MIZS_2022-2030_P.pdf

Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation
Dr. Igor Papič
Minister

29. SPAIN – AEI

	Funding Organisation:	<u>Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.500.000 €	<p>The <u>following funding limits for direct costs</u> are considered eligibility criteria. Indirect costs (overheads) must be added to direct costs : 21% of direct costs. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is only one AEI-applicant in the proposal: max. € 170.000 - there are two AEI-applicants in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 215.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - there is only one AEI-applicant in the proposal acting as Coordinator: max. € 250.000 - there are two AEI-applicants in the proposal and one of them is acting as Coordinator, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 295.000 <p>IMPORTANT:</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a maximum of two AEI-applicants in the same proposal are allowed; • the direct costs in the application must be rounded to the thousands.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy	<input type="checkbox"/>
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	<p>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), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) and the PCI Requirements document.</p> <p>The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	<p>Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI2022-2 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2008-2011, 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. 	

	<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 <u>are not allowed</u> to apply for funding in (i) more than one proposal of this transnational call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and (iii) in PCI calls in consecutive years. • PI must remain unchanged between the proposal to this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding <p>Important: The applicants should include the PI's full name and the full name of their institution in the original language in the application form.</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible. • 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. • Overheads (21% of all direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>). <p>The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<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>NEW!! Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</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> <p>The Spanish industrial sector is strongly encouraged to participate in the transnational consortia, principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI's requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds. In case of an equal assessment of two proposals involving AEI recipients, AEI will prioritize the funding of the proposal that includes the Spanish industrial sector.</p>
Relevant documents and information	<p>Funding Programme: The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023. 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>Funding Instrument: The instrument for funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" (PCI) (to be published in due time).</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Proposals of projects that foresee the need to request research ship time must consult availability of research vessels and calendar of cruises and meet the requirements published in the COCSABO website: https://www.ciencia.gob.es/Ministerio/Mision-y-organizacion/Organismos-consultivos/COCSABO.html</p> <p>Projects including research activities within the zone of the Antarctic Treaty should consult the requirements of the Comité Polar Español here.</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</p>

	<p>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> <p>Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle: The projects granted under this call must comply with the DNSH criteria (see Article 6.5 of the PCI 2022-2).</p>
Additional Information	<p>Acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the AEI funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) through the PCI (year) call".</p>
Useful Links	<p><u>As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI 2022-2 ("Resolución de 14 de octubre de 2022") and especially the PCI Requirements document on the national call website as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission</u></p>




30. SPAIN – CDTI

	Funding Organisation: https://www.cdti.es/	CDTI, E.P.E. 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	400.000 €	A minimum financeable budget of 175.000 € is recommended for each Spanish company.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.	
Eligible Applicants	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.	
Eligible Costs	Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs. Eligible cost:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) • Instrument and equipment costs • Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price. • Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max 2.000€ per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (8.000€ max. for the duration of the project). Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI's electronic submission system. <p>CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation n°651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding.</p> <p>R&D activities to be financed must belong to TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.</p>
Relevant documents	<p><u>Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI's electronic submission system (https://sede.cdti.gob.es).</u></p> <p>CDTI's application process consists of completing an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check <i>Type of research funded</i> and <i>Eligible costs</i> sections in this table).</p> <p><u>Deadline to complete CDTI's application process: The same end date as the first phase international application.</u></p>



	Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.
Additional Information	<u>Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.</u>
Useful Links	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial / Internacionalización de la I+D+I / Partenariados Cofund Horizonte Europa (cdti.es)

31. SWEDEN – FORMAS

	Funding Organisation: https://www.formas.se 	The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning FORMAS 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	2.000.000 €	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).
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	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 work - Formas	





Eligible Applicants	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
Eligible Costs	FORMAS' standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply, please see Formas' general instructions: How it works - Formas VAT should not be included in the budget figures.
Additional eligibility criteria	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to FORMAS (Prisma) under one single project application after they have been invited to step – 2 (full proposal). Project duration is 3 years.
Relevant documents	Applying for funding - Formas
Additional Information	<p>- Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (the international submission platform), will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS (Prisma). Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and FORMAS.</p> <p>Formas is NOT funding priority area (5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean. Swedish applicants who are interested to submit a research proposal in this priority area should apply for funds to Rymdstyrelsen.</p>
Useful Links	Formas all calls

32. SWEDEN – SNSA

	Funding Organisation: https://www.rymdstyrelsen.se/ https://www.rymdstyrelsen.se/en/	Swedish National Space Agency (Rymdstyrelsen)  Rymdstyrelsen Swedish National Space Agency
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Selima Ben Mustapha	selima.benmustapha@snsa.se +46724687773
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	650.000€	Maximum funding from SNSA is 200.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 300.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	SNSA 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 SNSA.	
Eligible Applicants	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 SNSA requirements for administrating organisations.
Eligible Costs	SNSA' standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply. VAT should not be included in the budget figures.
Additional eligibility criteria	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to SNSA under one single project application. Project duration is 3 years.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>For Swedish applications to SNSA, both the pre- and full proposal for research projects must be submitted to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership. Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal will be contacted by SNSA for further information on how to register their proposals with SNSA. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and SNSA.</p> <p>SNSA is funding only priority area (5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean. Swedish applicants who are interested to submit a research proposal in the other priority areas should apply for funds to FORMAS.</p>
Useful Links	

33. THE NETHERLANDS – LNV, IenW, NWO



	https://www.nwo.nl/en	<p>NWO, IenW, LNV</p>   <p>Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat</p>  <p>Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit</p>
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	1.250.000€	Max 300 000€ per project
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate neutral, environmentally sustainable and resource efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • University medical centres; • Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; • The Netherlands Cancer Institute; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center. • Universities of applied sciences <p>Specifications : as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW)</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>Full, associate and assistant professors, 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 eligible institutions (see above).</p> <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>
Eligible Costs	<p>The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project.</p> <p>Available budget modules</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Postdoc – at least 12 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates</i> • <i>Research leave – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates</i> • <i>Personnel at universities of applied sciences – rates according to the Hourly rate productive hours, excl. Dutch VAT' from the Handleiding Overheidstarieven [HOT- Manual Dutch Government rates]</i> • <i>Material costs – max. EUR 15,000 per year per full-time scientific position (postdoc)</i> • <i>Knowledge utilisation - max. EUR 25,000</i> • <i>Internationalisation - max. EUR 25,000</i> <p>For the budget module "Postdoc", a one-off individual bench fee of EUR 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>The budget items "overhead" and "subcontracting costs" in the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership format are not eligible for NWO funding. Please refer to the detailed explanation of NWO budget modules to see which costs are eligible: www.nwo.nl/sbep</p> <p>At the full proposal phase, it is required to submit a financial details form separately to NWO. This form is available on: https://www.nwo.nl/en/calls/.</p> <p>It is recommended to use the NWO financial details form already in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items.</p> <p>Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An applicant may only request NWO funding as main applicant for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership. Applicants may be involved in maximum two applications as co-applicant, or one as main applicant and one as co-applicant. • Applicants may not apply for a scientific position for themselves
Relevant documents	


Additional Information	<p>The NWO grant rules 2017 are applicable.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objection procedure can be found on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-objection</p> <p>Applicants are required to submit a mandatory NWO budget form in the Full Proposal stage.</p> <p>For full details of the general NWO funding process, please refer to https://www.nwo.nl/en/funding/funding+process+explained</p> <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO</p>
Useful Links	<p>For more information on NWO, please refer to www.nwo.nl</p>










34. TÜRKİYE – TÜBİTAK

	Funding Organisation: https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	ÇAĞLA AKAT KÖSE	sbep@tubitak.gov.tr cagla.akatkose@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	400 000 €	The maximum amount of funding that can be given per project will be indicated in the national call text.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Development of offshore marine multi-use infrastructures to support the blue economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Climate-neutral, environmentally sustainable, and resource-efficient blue food and feed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Green transition of Blue Food production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Digital Twins of the Ocean (DTOs) test use cases at EU sea-basin scale and the Atlantic Ocean <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, public institutions and organizations (including public research centers, metropolitan/city municipalities), SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye are eligible to be supported. ➤ Applications are NOT accepted from foundations; associations and their economic enterprises; cooperatives; unions; sole proprietorships and unincorporated associations. 	

	For further details please visit the national call text.
Eligible Applicants	➤ For details please visit the national call text.
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel Expenses (For Private Sector only) - Scholarship expenses (For universities and public sector only) - Travel Expenses - Tools and Equipment Expenses. - Consumable Expenses. - Consultancy and Service Procurement Expenses (from international project partners are not supported). - Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead (For universities and public sector only)
Additional eligibility criteria	➤ The national call text needs to be followed.
Relevant documents	https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/41_YK_Islenm%C4%B1s_Hali_ARDEB_Idari_Mali_Esaslar.pdf https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/242bk-ek2_0.pdf
Additional Information	
Useful Links	https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en











SUMMARY

An empty cell means that no specific rules apply to that criterion. ATTENTION! : means that you need to check the corresponding national/regional regulations available in the 2023 Joint Transnational Call website and/or on the FOs' website.

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BELGIUM	BELSPo <i>Belgian Science Policy Office</i>	Koen Lefever koen.lefever@belspo.be +32 2 238 35 51 David Cox david.cox@belspo.be +32 2 238 34 03					
BELGIUM	FIO/VLAIO <i>Fonds innoveren en ondernemen</i>	Jozef Ghijselen jozef.ghijselen@vlaio.be +32 2 432 42 40 www.vlaio.be					
BELGIUM	F.R.S.-FNRS <i>Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique</i>	Florence Quist international@frs-fnrs.be +32 2 504 9351					










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BELGIUM	FWO <i>The Research Foundation – Flanders</i>	Toon Monbaliu (general) Kristien Peeters (SBO) europa@fwo.be		⚠	⚠	⚠	⚠
CYPRUS	RIF <i>Research and Innovation Foundation</i>	Anna Maria Christoforou amchristoforou@research.org.cy +357 22205043		⚠		⚠	⚠
DENMARK	IFD <i>Innovation Fund Denmark</i>	Aila Lonka Aila.Lonka@Innofond.dk +45 6190 5036		⚠			⚠
ESTONIA	ETAG <i>Estonian Research Council</i>	Katrin Saar katrin.saar@etag.ee (+372) 7317386	⚠	⚠		⚠	⚠

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ESTONIA	KEM <i>Estonian Ministry of the Environment</i>	Katarina Viik Katarina.viik@envir.ee (+372) 6262 924	!	!		!	!
ESTONIA	MEM <i>Ministry of Rural Affairs of the Republic of Estonia</i>	Maarja Malm maarja.malm@agri.ee ; (+372) 625 6250	!	!		!	!
FAROE ISLANDS	RCFI <i>Research Council Faroe Islands</i>	Maria Húsgarð maria@gransking.fo +298 567802 Annika Sølvará annika@gransking.fo +298 567803		!			!
FINLAND	AKA <i>Academy of Finland</i>	Jaana Lehtimäki jaana.lehtimaki@aka.fi +358295335060	!	!	!	!	!

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FINLAND	MMM <i>Ministry of agriculture and forestry</i>	Elina Nikkola elina.nikkola@gov.fi +358505981626					
FRANCE	ANR <i>Agence nationale de la Recherche</i>	Claude Yven, Coraline Chapperon, Sylvain Pasquier sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr					
GERMANY	BMBF/PtJ <i>Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) represented by Project Management Jülich, Forschungszentrum Jülich GmbH</i>	Dr. Claudia Schultz c.schultz@fz-juelich.de +49 228 60884 212 Christin Lambertz c.lambertz@fz-juelich.de +49 381 20356 284					

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ICELAND	RANNIS <i>The Icelandic Centre for Research</i>	Sigurður Björnsson sigurdur.bjornsson@rannis.is Elísabet Andrésdóttir elisabet.m.andresdottir@rannis.is +354 515 5800	!	!		!	(!)
IRELAND	MI <i>Marine Institute</i>	Veronica Cunningham Veronica.Cunningham@marine.ie +353 91 387532 or +353 91 387200	!	!	!	!	
ITALY	MIMIT <i>Ministry of Enterprises and Made in Italy</i>	Rosario Gargiulo rosario.gargiulo@mise.gov.it +39 06 5444 4269 Valentina Milazzo valentina.milazzo@mise.gov.it +39 06 5492 7928		!	!	!	!

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ITALY	MUR <i>Ministry of Universities and Research</i>	Aldo Covello: aldo.covello@mur.gov.it Yasmine Iollo: yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it		!	!	!	!
LATVIA	LCS <i>The Latvian Council of Science</i>	Janis Ancans Janis.Ancans@lzp.gov.lv Tel: +371 26494422	!	!	!	!	!
LITHUANIA	LMT <i>Lietuvos mokslo taryba</i>	Viktoras Mongirdas viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt +370 676 19613		!	!		!
MALTA	MCST <i>Malta Council for Science and Technology</i>	Maria Azzopardi maria.azzopard.2@gov.mt † +356 2360 2175 Martina Vella (Alternate)			!	!	!

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NORWAY	RCN <i>The Research Council of Norway</i>	Kjell Emil Naas ken@rcn.no +47 90165701 Anne Magnussøn anm@rcn.no +47 41517891					
POLAND	NCBR <i>The National Centre for Research and Development</i>	Maciej Zdanowicz International Cooperation Department – Programme Section maciej.zdanowicz@ncbr.gov.pl +48 504 785 616					
PORTUGAL	CCDRC <i>Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro</i>	Teresa Jorge teresa.jorge@ccdrc.pt ; Phone: +351 239 400 134 Jorge Brandão jorge.brandao@ccdrc.pt +351 239 400 100					

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PORTUGAL	FCT <i>Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia</i>	Sofia Cordeiro Sofia.cordeior@fct.pt ; + 351 21 392 4495 Marta Norton Marta.norton@fct.pt ; + 351 21 391 1565					
PORTUGAL	FRCT <i>Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia</i>	Renato Pires Project Manager renato.hm.pires@azores.gov.pt +351 296 308 933 Carolina Torres Project Manager carolina.s.torres@azores.gov.p +351 296 241 870		 (indicative)			
ROMANIA	MCID <i>Ministerul Cercetării Inovării și Digitalizării</i>	Domnica Cotet domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro +40-213023880					

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SLOVENIA	MVZI <i>Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation</i>	Marta Šabec marta.sabec@gov.si T: +386 (0)1 478 47 39 M: +386 (0) 31 361 159		⚠		⚠	⚠
SPAIN	AEI <i>Agencia Estatal de Investigación</i>	Abraham Trujillo Quintela oceans@aei.gob.es	⚠	⚠	⚠		
SPAIN	CDTI, E.P.E <i>Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación e.p.e.</i>	Héctor González partenariadoshe@cdti.es		⚠	⚠		⚠

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SWEDEN	Formas <i>The Swedish Research Council for Environment, Agricultural Sciences and Spatial Planning</i>	Osman Tikansak osman.tikansak@formas.se Mia Pantzar mia.pantzar@formas.se	!	!	!		!
SWEDEN	SNSA <i>Swedish National Space Agency</i>	Selima Ben Mustapha Selima.benmustapha@snsa.se	!	!	!		!
THE NETHERLANDS	LNv – IenW - NWO <i>Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management Dutch Research Council</i>	Daan Blok d.blok@nwo.nl +31 (0)70 349 4118 Peter Spierenburg p.spierenburg@nwo.nl +31 (0)30 600 1291		!	!	!	!

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TÜRKİYE	TÜBİTAK <i>The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye</i>	Çağla AKAT KÖSE sbep@tubitak.gov.tr cagla.akatkose@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783					