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PRIMA CALL SECTION 2



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ALGERIA

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3. Participation criteria

This call is open to Algerian legal entities established and based in Algeria.

The Algerian partner could be: a team/a division/a laboratory/ a research centre/ a research unit or a public or private entity from socio economic sector with a research entity.

The partner responsible for the project should have the means and heavy facilities for a better implementation of the proposed project.

4. Funding criteria

Funding per project:

The funding provided by the DGRSDT concerns only the expenses for running or functioning cost which is governed by the ministerial order fixing the list of revenue and expenses of the National fund for scientific research and technological development, and capital expenditure are not included.

The allowed budget for Algerian project is limited to 100 000 € to be shared between the Algerian partners.

5. List of eligible costs

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- Travel costs of Algerian researchers in Algeria and abroad.
- Scientific events: organizational expenses, accommodation, catering and transport.
- Investigators fees.

- Guide fees.
- Experts and consultants fees.
- Study, work and services costs done for the research entity.
- Registration and participation fees for conferences

EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

- Scientific equipments, laboratory and office furniture and audio visual instruments.
- Acquisition of computer equipment, accessories and software
- Maintenance and repair.

SUPPLIES

- Chemicals.
- Consumables.
- Electronic, mechanical and audiovisual components.
- Stationery and office furniture.
- Periodicals.
- Documentation and research books.
- Laboratory furniture (animals, plants, etc...).
- Materials, instruments and small scientific tools

ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- Printing and publishing.
- Postage charges.
- Telephone, Fax and Internet.
- Other costs (taxes, custom duty, financial costs, insurance, storage costs, etc).
- Data bank (acquisition and subscribing).
- Website design, production and maintenance
- Advertising and publication costs
- Translation costs of scientific documents

CAR PARK

- Car rent for research in the field.

COSTS OF VALORIZATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Costs of training and support of project holders.
- Costs of intellectual property:
 - Anteriority research.
 - Patent, brand and template deposit request.
 - Software deposit.
 - Protection of vegetable, animal obtentions and other.
 - Costs of representatives.
- Costs of design and definition of the project to be developed.
- Incubation costs.
- Costs of valorization services.
- Costs of design and developing prototypes, mock-ups, test series, pilot facilities and demonstrations.

NB: It should be noted that according to the provisions of the regulations in force, other costs under the international projects are subject to a request for the DGRSDT.



Republic of Croatia



Ministry of
Science and Education

CROATIA

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMA PROGRAMME IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA – CALL 2023

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia (hereafter, MSE) is the national funding and coordination body responsible for the implementation of the PRIMA programme in the Republic of Croatia.

As such, the MSE hereby prescribes the National guidelines for applicants for the implementation of PRIMA programme in the Republic of Croatia (Call 2023) which provides information regarding national participation criteria, including scientific criteria, funding, consortium and other relevant requirements and information for Croatian project partners.

FUNDING BODY DETAILS

National funding body	Acronym	Address	Telephone	Fax
Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia	MSE	Donje Svetice 38 10 000 Zagreb Republic of Croatia	+385 1 4569 000	+385 1 4594 301

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TOTAL BUDGET

The Republic of Croatia has financially committed to contribute to PRIMA initiative with an in-cash contribution of EUR 2.000.000 over a 10-year period. Hence, the Croatian applicants will have a minimum yearly budget in the amount of EUR 200.000.

In particular, for the Call 2023 MSE is open to project proposals within all of the PRIMA thematic areas and proposed Topics for Section 2. The highest ranked project proposals evaluated on merit-based criteria will be approved for funding, subject to available budget.

NATIONAL CRITERIA

Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities

MSE funding is limited to a Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner could be consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or single legal entity.

Eligibility criteria for Croatian project partners are as follows:

- research organizations:
 - public research institutes
 - public higher education institutions
 - other legal entities performing research activity
- other legal entities performing research activities:
 - non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGO's) or institutions whose main object is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of Justice and Public Administration or other relevant national body
 - small and medium enterprises (SME's) entered in the relevant National Register (Court or Craftsmen) and registered to perform research and development activities.
- other public organizations, only in consortia with institution(s) registered for research activity.

Partnership of research institutions with SME's is encouraged but not mandatory. Also, other legal entities from business sector, that are not SME's can apply as project partners, but they must ensure their own funding for their participation in the project activities since they are not eligible for MSE funds. Croatian project partner can submit up to three project proposals to this Call. Single legal entity can participate in up to three different transnational or national consortia with three different project proposals. Project proposals already funded under separate financial instruments / call will not be reviewed and will not be eligible under this call. It is also expected that the activities described in the project proposal to this call should be original and a novelty, i.e. not corresponding with any ongoing or completed / finished projects funded by any other financial instruments, programmes or projects.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Croatian project partner receiving funds under this call will be monitored by MSE. Croatian project partners have the obligation to submit annual and final financial and narrative reports on the project progress, describing in clearly manner whether or not they achieved the set of key performing indicators. MSE will proscribe the form for the annual and final reports.

Furthermore, Croatian project partners also have the obligation to submit the final financial and narrative reports. Reporting to the national funding body is required and mandatory. Financial and narrative reports are to be submitted on an annual basis, i.e. at the end of every project year, no later than 30 days from the last date

of the project year. Final financial and narrative report is to be submitted after the project completion, no later than 60 days from the date of end of the project.

Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal

Only costs directly related to the proposed research activities are eligible for financing under this call. Activities supported by other sources are not eligible for financing. Applicant must ensure that there is no double financing during the whole project implementation.

Total available budget for 2023 calls for Croatian project partners is 500.000,00 Euro.

Eligible project budget and project duration

Maximum project budget for Croatian project partner per project is EUR 150.000,00. In cases where Croatian partner is the project coordinator, maximum budget can be EUR 200.000,00. Projects lasting up to 36 months are eligible for funding.

Funding rates

For applicants/project partners from Private Sector: The maximum funding rate of eligible costs is 70%.

For applicants/project partners from Public Sector: 100% of eligible costs.

Thematic areas and topics to be funded

All proposed Topics for Section 2 will be funded by MSE for Croatian applicants.

Croatian Principal Investigator

Croatian project partner has to be represented by one Principal investigator. Principal investigator must be employed under employment contract at the Croatian institution participating in transnational consortium. Principal investigator for Croatian project partner must hold a Ph.D. degree and should have at least 5 years of research experience. It is expected of the Principal investigator to commit the minimum of 30% of work time/effort to the PRIMA project. The Principal investigator is responsible for submission of narrative and financial reports to the national coordinating and funding body.

If the Croatian project partner holds the position of the transnational consortium's coordinator, they will have to designate the Principal investigator who will be in charge of transnational project's implementation and report on it to the PRIMA secretariat.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR CROATIA'S PROJECT PARTNER

Eligible costs categories

For Croatian applicants, general H2020 Programme rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply. Rules on eligible and ineligible costs can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme¹.

All budget items must be justified and provided for eligibility. All costs must be made during the period of the project duration. Applicants are advised to contact and consult the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check. For legal and financial questions, applicants are advised to contact Horizon Programme national contact point employed at Agency for Mobility and EU Programmes².

The funds will be granted to the Croatian project partner if evaluated positively by the PRIMA IS and validated by the MSE.

VAT eligibility

For Croatian applicants, the general H2020 rule applies regarding VAT eligibility. VAT is an acceptable cost for all applicants that are non-profit legal entities if there is no right to tax deduction. VAT is in that case the ultimate expense for the applicant and as such is recorded in the accounting books. Regarding profit organizations (that are liable for paying and collecting VAT, and VAT for them is not the ultimate expense, the VAT expense is not eligible cost for the project cost within the PRIMA programme.

Subcontracting rules

Subcontracting for the sake of performing and implementing certain tasks/activities that are part of the main project activities is allowed and considered eligible. More information regarding subcontracting rules can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme.

LINKS AND REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC (NATIONAL) REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to inform the national contact point about the project application and provide all relevant information about the project proposal (budget, Croatian project partners, if consortium etc.).

Applicants are advised to consult the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check.

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/data/ref/h2020/grants_manual/amga/h2020-amga_en.pdf

² <https://www.obzoreuropa.hr/kontakt-informacije>



CYPRUS

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CYPRUS

Research and Innovation Foundation

RIF

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Beneficiaries:

Research Organisations, Enterprises, Other Organisations (Other Private Sector Organisations or Public and Broader Public Sector Organisations).

Each Cypriot Consortium participating in a proposal may consist of up to three (3) participating organisations.

Project Activities:

The projects may include Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development activities (Depending on the National Call).

Duration of Project Implementation:

24 - 48 months.

Maximum Funding per Project (For the Cypriot Consortium):

€200.000 for the Cypriot Consortium

Eligible Costs:

Personnel costs, Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services, Costs for Travelling Abroad, Consumables, Other Specific Costs, Overheads (up to 20% of the direct costs).

Dissemination Activities:

All activities pertaining to dissemination and exploitation of the research project results (Cost Categories “Costs for External Services” and “Other Specific Costs”), even those to be carried out after project Implementation Completion, must acknowledge the RIF financial support with the use of logos and/or appropriate reference. In the event of non-compliance with the EU information and publicity regulations, the relevant expenditure may be deemed ineligible, requiring the recovery of part or all of the relevant amount disbursed.

VAT Eligibility:

VAT is eligible only in the cases where the beneficiary has no obligation or right to register in the VAT Registry or cannot recover VAT on revenue stemming from research activities. In order to consider VAT as an eligible cost, the beneficiary must submit to the RIF the relevant correspondence with the VAT Commissioner proving the above. Until submission of said correspondence, VAT shall be deemed non-eligible.

Subcontracting Rules:

The Costs for external services must not exceed 10% of the total project budget pursuant to the Project Contract and 40% of the budget of the organisation implementing the cost.

Submission rules

The Transnational Proposals are submitted, centrally, to the PRIMA website, by the Coordinator of each Transnational Proposal, according to the rules and procedures defined in the PRIMA Call Text and Supporting Information - **Call Section 2** and in the Guidelines for Applicants-Section 2.

In addition, for every Transnational Proposal with Cypriot Participation, **the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium will have to submit a corresponding Proposal on the Research and Innovation Foundation’s IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy>), no later than a week after the Transnational Proposal’s submission deadline at 13:00 (please see call of proposals on IRIS portal for exact date and time).**

The Proposals submitted on RIF’s IRIS Portal includes only general information regarding the Transnational Proposal (Title, Acronym etc), the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and the partner organisations of the Transnational Consortium (including the Cypriot organisations) as well as analytical budget for each partner participating in the Cypriot Consortium. The Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and all Cypriot organisations participating in a PRIMA Transnational Proposal **should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.**

Potential applicants are advised to use the «**Guide for Applicants**», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «**IRIS Portal User Manual**» which can be found on the **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

Links and references to find specific (national) requirements:

Coordinators of the Cypriot consortium are kindly requested to check the **national Call document before the submission of their proposal.**

<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/index>

<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/calls>



EGYPT ASRT

Country:		Egypt
Funding Organisation:		Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)
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Eligible Institutions		This call is open to Public Egyptian legal entities established and based in Egypt. The Egyptian partner could be: research institutes, academic, non-academic organizations but not private sector. All private sectors are not eligible for ASRT funding under this call.
Eligible Applicants		Egyptian legal entities established and based in Egypt. Egyptian PI must not participate as PI in more than two ongoing projects funded by the Academy. The Egyptian Team must follow the National regulation “general contractual conditions “for the Academy of scientific research and technology.
Eligible Costs		<p>a- Incentives up to 25% of the total requested contribution (per Egyptian applicant)</p> <p>b- Costs that are necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project and include, but not restricted to, manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, IP protection and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.</p> <p>c- Materials, kits and consumables</p> <p>d- Equipment (shall be fully justified)</p> <p>e- Travel and subsistence costs. Daily subsistence costs are calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, and depending on the visited country. Sometimes are limited by the host institution’s internal regulations. The most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.</p> <p>f- Organisational costs of events and projects’ meetings.</p> <p>g- Overhead cannot exceed 5% of the total requested fund</p>

	<p>The budget of the following activities shouldn't exceed 5% of the Egyptian Applicant's requested funding: Activities that are supporting academic teaching programs, websites launch, design and development of original teaching tools.</p>
<p>Funding commitment: 15M Euro for 10 years : 1.5M Euro per year</p>	<p>Maximum Amount Per Proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 150,000 Euro if the Egyptians Is normal partner • 175,000 Euro If the Egyptians are the coordinator of the proposal
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>National Regulations (http://www.asrt.sci.eg)</p>
<p>Additional Info</p>	<p>The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements, where the body selected for financing will sign an agreement with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology. For more information, please contact Egypt NCP</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>www.asrt.sci.eg www.stip.eg.net</p>



EGYPT STDF

National Regulations of STDF (Egypt)

1. Name of the Funding Agency, address and country

Science, Technology & Innovation Funding Authority (STDF)

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2. National Contact Point:

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3. PRIMA Contact Point:

The contact point to be contacted by national applicants for information during the call:

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4. Scientific criteria:

STDF thematic areas and topics to be funded:

Section 2: Thematic Area 1: Water management

Topic 2.1.1-2023 (RIA 39) New governance models to define best practices for sustainable water management and conflict mitigation.

Section 2: Thematic area 2: Farming systems

Topic 2.2.1 (RIA 40) A step toward carbon-neutral farms: coupling renewable energy sources with circular farming systems.

5. Participation criteria

- Beside the original version of pre-proposal/proposal submitted by on PRIMA platform, the Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the pre-proposal/proposal on STDF website (www.stdf.eg). It is a must in order to pass the eligibility stage.
- Research proposals may be submitted by an **Egyptian PhD holder, affiliated to an Egyptian research institution** (Universities, Research Centers/institutes ...etc.).
- Proposal should include:
 - A scanned copy of the **signed and stamped endorsement letter** by the legal representative of the PI's institution stating the project title, the name, position and affiliation of the PI in charge of the proposal, that the project idea was not funded or submitted to another agency (national or international), or otherwise declare, and that the institution approves the project.
 - **CVs**, should be attached according to STDF template.
 - **Budget table (in Euro)**, should be attached according to STDF template.

- An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding.
- The **PI & Co-PI** can't contribute with **a less than 40%** of their time and the contribution of any team member **can't exceed 80%** (in all the submitted/running projects).
- The PI should not participate in any other project in the same call.
- Conflict of interest should be avoided.
- STDF take issues of Infringement of Academic Integrity, plagiarism, similarity or other breaches very seriously. To verify originality, your Proposal may be checked by the originality detection service and Similarity Check. By submitting your proposal to STDF you are agreeing to originality checks.

Note:

- Upon proposal acceptance, project contracts are made between three parties: STDF, the legal representative of the host institution, and the PI of the project (each project is expected to be managed by only one PI and his affiliation)
- The fund is allocated to both the host institution and the PI, administered by the host institution's financial department, and managed by the PI of the project. Non-governmental host institutions are requested to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the amount of fund, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

6. Funding criteria

Each project can receive up to:

- 1- 200,000 Euro
- 2- 250,000 Euro (If the Egyptian Partner is the coordinator of the project)

The amount of funding is divided into instalments, to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical and financial progress reports and it will be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds).

Eligible costs:

- Incentives for the project's team/Personnel cost: Incentives are allowed for members of the project team and must not exceed 25% or 600,000 LE, whichever is less of the Egyptian Total Project Budget. Also, STDF abides by its approved scheme for incentives which takes into consideration each team member's academic credentials and the percentage of time spent on performing the project's activities.
- Equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material: Funds required for the purchase of equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material required to fulfil the objectives of the project are allowed.
- Services: Services necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project are allowed. These include manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, registration and protection of the IP and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- Events: In general, all costs directly related to the preparation, implementation and/or attendance of events like workshops, conferences, training courses etc. are eligible.
- Travel should not exceed 20% or up to 400,000 LE: The most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.

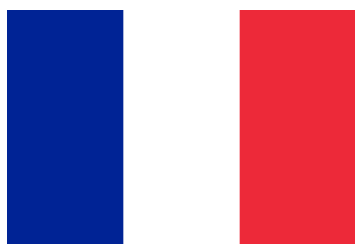
- Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: Calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate - Ministry of Higher Education - and depending on the visited country. Sometimes it's limited by the internal regulations of the PI's institution.
- Indirect cost: Costs incurred by the PI's institution in order to facilitate performing project activities, support financial administration, manage the facilities, etc. (overheads).

Indirect Cost must not exceed 10% of (Total Direct Cost minus Equipment cost) or 150,000 LE, whichever is less.

Note:

Egyptian Total Project Budget is equal to the Total Direct Cost plus the Indirect Cost

Consortium agreement is not mandatory and not binding if it violates STDF regulations.



FRANCE

National Regulations of ANR

1. Name of the Funding Agency, address and country

The National Research Agency (ANR)

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The conditions of participation, including the criteria of eligibility and important recommendations are thoroughly detailed in the [ANR Financial Regulations](#) and the practical factsheets available in [the ANR website](#). It is strongly encouraged to read the information provided in the webpage carefully before submitting your proposal.

The items presented herein, come in addition to the provisions included in the call for proposals text.

3. Eligibility criteria :

The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project that is already funded by ANR. The similarity between two projects will be confirmed if its principal objectives are the same, or results from a simple adaptation to the terms of the call for proposals AND the composition of the consortium is largely identical.

Applications involving Partners established outside the EU may be submitted to the Security and defense officer of the Ministry of higher education, research and innovation for clearance and may be denied eligibility as a result.

4. Participation criteria :

ANR funding is limited to project partners from an institution having a branch in France. To be eligible the consortium must include at least one French partner of a public research organisation.

The association with an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. Collaboration with an enterprise from a Southern country (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt) is encouraged as well.

5. Funding criteria :

Requested funding cannot be lower than **15 K€** for a French partner. The total requested Budget for the French participants of a Project cannot exceed **310K€** if they are partners of the consortium. The total requested budget can reach **420k€** if one of the French participants is project coordinator. It is important to read carefully the text of the Call for Proposals, the present document in its entirety and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding (<https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>) before submitting a research project.

If a partner of the French **private sector** is taking part to the consortium, it is **very important** to proceed to the analysis of its financial situation using the **simulation tool** available in the webpage mentioned above (section « Fiches pratiques »/ « Fiche pratique n°1 »).

Eligible expenditures are listed in the ANR financial regulations and the Factsheet n°3.

6. Scientific criteria :

ANR supports all the thematic areas and topics of the PRIMA Call.

Important recommendation :

The financing duration for each post-doctoral fellowship cannot be less than 12 months.



GERMANY

National regulations for PRIMA call

2023 GERMANY

FUNDING BODY DETAILS

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Forschung Division 726
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NATIONAL FUNDING REGULATIONS

The legally binding regulations for German applicant institutions are specified in the national funding announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA-programme, published on 04th March 2021 in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*). The announcement is available on the following website: <https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-3436.html>

Applicants from Germany should also take the following information into account: <https://www.internationales-buero.de/de/prima.php>

Eligible thematic topics and activities

Grants will be issued for research and development activities in all thematic areas and all topics of Section 2. Projects that focus merely solely on management, dissemination and exploitation activities cannot be funded.

Funding recipients

Research proposals may be submitted by German research institutions, universities and companies (in particular small and medium enterprises – SME) based in Germany.

Research institutions receiving basic funding from the Federal Government and the *Länder* can only be granted funds to cover extra expenditure in addition to their basic financing.

Applicants are advised to liaise with the National Contact Point to check the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible, before a consortium submits an application.

Scope and amount of funding

There is no specified funding limit for German applicants in joint research projects. The budget calculation of German applicants shall cover direct/indirect costs and a lump sum of 20% for universities, if requested (see below). The “total indicated amount allocated to the call” and the “expected number of grants”, as set out in the Annual Work Plan (“Supporting information for Section 2 Call for Proposals”-AWP 2021), should be considered as guidance on the expected financial volume of the project.

Scope of funding

The assessment bases for universities, research and scientific institutions and similar institutions are the eligible project-related expenditures (at Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft - FhG - the eligible project-related costs), which can be individually supported up to 100%. The grants for SMEs are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding. As a rule, up to 50% of these costs can be covered by government grants, depending on how close the project is to application. The BMBF policy requires an own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred - as a rule at least 50%.

The European Commission's Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development must be taken into account when calculating the respective funding ratio. This Community Framework allows a differentiated bonus arrangement for collaborative projects involving applicants in the new German *Länder* and for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which may result in a higher rate of funding.

Eligible expenditures/costs

Activities eligible for funding in joint research projects include research and development activities, coordination activities, capacity building, training and the organization of workshops.

Dissemination activities and travel expenses for congresses, fairs or conferences are eligible for funding only in justified cases.

A) Direct costs

• Costs of personnel

Costs of scientific staff, technical staff and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be funded.

- Costs of durable equipment

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does **not** form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

- Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation (expendable items, devices, business needs, transportation expenses, literature, rents, orders, etc.) may be considered as direct costs. Consumables are only eligible costs if bought after the start date of the project. Consumables belonging to the basic facilities of an applicant are not eligible.

- Subcontracting

implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it should be accepted that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted, such as rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context of the organization of events or printing services etc. The EU regulation on public procurement has to be considered: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/DE/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014L0024>
Subcontracting of international PRIMA project partners is not possible.

- Events

Workshops with already known partners or workshops aiming at the development of new cooperation potentials can be funded in Germany as well as in the partner country. For the execution of workshops various expenses / costs can be funded. This includes, for example, the accommodation of guests, transfers, the provision of workshop documents, appropriate catering for the participants and the rental of premises.

- Travel costs

Project related expenses / costs for travels and stays of German scientists and experts can be funded. Travel and stays of foreign scientists and experts can only be funded in well-justified exceptional cases. Please consult the national funding announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA-programme in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*) for specific regulations on travel costs.

B) Indirect Costs and overheads

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system. Universities (public/non-public) and university hospitals (regardless of their legal status) can apply for an additional lump sum of 20% (*Projektpauschale*) of the requested funding for research projects. In case of requesting the lump sum the applicants should consider cost for the additional lump sum already in the preparation of the proposal.

Application procedure

For Section 2 proposals with German applicants the application process has two stages and is structured into

- 1) an international part, according to the procedures of PRIMA (Elaborated project outlines are to be submitted according to the PRIMA rules for application), and
- 2) a national part, according to the German funding regulations (German applicant institutions whose project outlines have been reviewed positively will be invited to present a formal application for funding within 3 weeks according to the national German funding regulations).

FURTHER SPECIFIC REGULATIONS

Projects with German participation must not have started before the grant will be issued. Only costs arising after the start of a project, as fixed in the grant agreement, are eligible.

Funding is provided upon the conclusion of a consortium agreement prior to the start of the project.



GREECE

GREEK NATIONAL REGULATION FOR THE PRIMA SECTION 2

“Transnational open and competitive Calls funding by participating Member States.”

✓ **Funding body details (country, name and acronym).**

Hellenic Republic (Greece), General Secretariat for Research and Innovation of the Ministry of Development and Investments (GSRI), <https://gsri.gov.gr>

✓ **National Contact Point details.**

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- Michail Gkoutoulas, m.gkoutoulas [at] gsrt.gr, Tel.: +30 213 13 00 094

Important notice!

Submission of the proposal at national level

Each Greek partner participating to a proposal submitted to PRIMA shall also submit on-line, in Greek language, a short proposal description, providing more details regarding the work undertaken by Greek partners, within 10 working days after the first and the second stage submission deadline.

The URL of the dedicated platform for submissions and other details will be defined in the respective Decision of GSRI which will be issued soon after the PRIMA call for proposals is published.

This submission is mandatory. Any Greek applicant who does not submit the aforementioned documents by the deadline specified above, will be considered as non-eligible for funding.

✓ **National criteria:**

These rules are additional to the terms and conditions described in the PRIMA call for proposals text for Section 2.

The National Implementation guide ([ΑΔΑ: 6ΣΣΔ46ΜΤΛΡ-Γ6Θ](#)) and the national call, contain detailed information about eligible costs per activity and type of beneficiary. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to read the PRIMA call for proposals text, the present document and the regulations published at the GSRI site carefully. They may also consult the national contact points listed above.

✓ **Participating Thematic Areas**

Please note that for the current call GSRI will only participate and provide national funding to projects under the following thematic fields a) Water Management and b) Agrofood Chain, and NOT under the field of Farming Systems.

✓ **Double funding**

The project submitted for funding must neither have already benefited from public funding nor be redundant or overlap with projects or part of projects already funded. GSRI will ensure that double funding is avoided and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

In case of undertakings, aid with identifiable eligible costs may be cumulated with:

- (a) any other State aid, as long as those measures concern different identifiable eligible costs,**
- (b) any other State aid, in relation to the same eligible costs, partly or fully overlapping, only if such cumulation does not result in exceeding the highest aid intensity or aid amount as defined above.**

✓ Costs are eligible at the earliest after the date of submission of the application for funding to GSRI. Costs incurred before that date and/or after the duration of the project are not eligible. The date of the eligibility of the costs, the starting date of the project and its duration will be defined in the funding decision issued by GSRI.

Participation criteria: *Eligible applicants (Type or nature of participants)*

GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities legally operating in Greece namely:

- a) Undertakings (a private and/or public sector legal entity, regardless of its legal status or size, engaged in economic activity)
- b) Research performing and knowledge-dissemination organizations (e.g. Higher-education Institutions or Research Centres/Institutes)
- c) Other entities that will be considered as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations, if respective requirements are met

Apart from natural persons the following categories of undertakings are also not eligible:

- An “undertaking in difficulty” (according to Reg. EU 651/2014, art.2).
- An undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market.

○ **Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal.**

The maximum amount of public funding will not exceed:

- per partner: 200.000 € (250.000 € in case of project coordinator) and
- per proposal: 400.000 € (450.000 € if the proposal is coordinated by a Greek entity)

○ **Eligible costs per activity and type of potential beneficiary:**

A. Research and Development activities: activities falling within one or more of the following categories: fundamental research, industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies.

It is stressed that R&D activities are mandatory for each Greek partner of the transnational collaborative project.

Beneficiaries:

- (a) Any entity performing economic activities (Undertakings)
- (b) Eligible costs and maximum aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.25 of Regulation EU 651/2014 (General Block Exemption Regulation-GBER).
- (c) Research performing and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (d) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

In particular, beneficiaries qualify for types (b) or (c) if they fulfill the conditions stipulated in the “Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation” (2014/C 198/01) for public funding of non-economic activities. In this case the funding rate can amount to 100% of eligible costs.

Eligible Costs (direct costs)

- (i) Personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project; maximum gross cost per month is 3,000 €
- (ii) Costs of instruments and equipment (depreciation costs); Especially in the case of beneficiaries under types (b) or (c) or are treated as such (type c), costs for the acquisition of instruments and equipment are also considered eligible.
- (iii) Costs of buildings (depreciation costs) and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible;
- (iv) Costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project;

- (v) Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget and they should be well justified.
- (vi) Other expenses, including costs of materials, consumables and similar products, travelling costs, dissemination costs etc. incurred directly as a result of the project.
- (vii) Costs of the feasibility study

B. Innovation activities

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:

- (a) SMEs: eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.28 of GBER (Reg 651/2014)
- (b) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (c) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Eligible costs:

- (i) Costs for obtaining, validating and defending patents and other intangible assets;
 - (ii) Costs for the secondment of highly qualified personnel from a research and knowledge- dissemination organization or a large enterprise, working on research, development and innovation activities in a newly created function within the beneficiary and not replacing other personnel;
 - (iii) Costs for innovation advisory and support services;
- The aid intensity for SMEs shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs.

C. Aid to SMEs for participation in fairs

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are SMEs.

Eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.19 of GBER (Reg 651/2014).

Eligible costs:

Eligible costs shall be the costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand for the participation of an SME in a particular fair or exhibition, given that such participation is directly related to the funded project. Participation in a trade fair for products or services in which the SME is already active is not eligible. The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs. This activity (cost category) is not eligible for enterprises operating in primary agricultural sector and the fishery/aquaculture sector.

D. Training and mobility activities

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are qualify as:

- (a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Eligible costs and funding level:

The costs for transnational mobility of both Greek and foreign graduates, PhD students, post-doctoral students and researchers from or to Universities, research centers and research organizations, for a short period, are eligible. The maximum monthly cost for the relevant research organization (host organization or origin organization) is 3000 €. It will include travel expenses, subsistence expenses, daily allowance according to the law 4336/ 2015, in particular the articles 2, 5, 17, 23).

E. Indirect costs and overheads

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:

- (a) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (b) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Indirect costs should not exceed 5% of the budget (excluding VAT and subcontracting costs).

○ **Dissemination activities.**

While not obligatory, it is highly recommended that both dissemination and communication activities are included.

All activities pertaining to this category, even those to be carried out after project completion, must acknowledge the GSRI financial support and PRIMA labelling requirements with the use of logos and/or appropriate reference. In the event of non-compliance with the above, the relevant expenditure may be deemed ineligible, resulting in the recovery of part or the entire relevant amount disbursed.

○ **Capacity building, training and mobility**

See above under “D. Training and mobility activities”

○ **VAT eligibility.**

Only not reclaimable VAT is eligible.

○ **Subcontracting rules.**

Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget of the Greek Partner and they should be well justified.

○ **Non-eligible costs (Non-exhaustive list):**

- **any costs not directly related to the specific aided project but related instead to other research and development activities of the beneficiaries, or to their regular activities**
- **any profit**
- **excessive expenditure or expenditure of no avail**
- **costs for advertisement, distribution and promotion of commercial products and activities**
- **any forecast for possible future damages or debts**
- **any interest or return on invested capital**
- **unsubstantiated debts**
- **entertainment costs**
- **costs pertaining to other projects that have been funded by third parties**

Please note that detailed information about eligible costs per activity and type of beneficiary is included in the National Implementation guide. Applicants are advised to read it carefully before submitting a proposal.

✓ **Consortium agreement requirements.**

The consortium agreement should be submitted in English and sent to GSRI before the first instalment.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (GSRI)

Name(s): **Prof. Athanasios Kyriazis**

Title(s) / Position: **Secretary General for Research and Innovation**

Signature(s) and stamp of the organisation:



Date: Athens, January 12, 2023



ITALY

ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES

1. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

MUR – Ministry of Universities and Research
Via Michele Carcani 61
00153 ROMA
ITALY

2. Applicable laws and rules

- Decreto legge n. 83/2012;
- Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021;
- Decreto Ministeriale n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021
- Avviso Integrativo nazionale

3. Participation criteria

The following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises, including foundations and non-economic entities, universities, research institutions and research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014.

Any participant, in order to be eligible, must comply with the eligibility criteria listed in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”.

4. Funding criteria

Overall funding commitment for the call: € 6.800.000 as grants.

The maximum amount of grants allowed per project is € 500,000, if the project coordinator is Italian, and € 350,000 if the project coordinator is not Italian.

Funding Rates:

The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rate listed hereafter:

Basic research: 70%

Industrial Research: 50%

Experimental Development: 25%

5. Research topics to be funded

All topics can be funded.

6. Eligible costs

All activities classifiable as Basic Research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic and Industrial research activities altogether must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (i.e. altogether, the cost of Basic and Industrial research activities must be greater than the cost of the Experimental development activities).

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.

7. Double submission

The same project proposal cannot be submitted to section 1 and 2 of PRIMA call.

A coordinator (as a person and not as an institution) cannot submit more than one proposal to PRIMA per year, independently from the call section.

8. Submission of the proposal at national level

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>
The content of such documentation is defined in the cited web platform.

These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the first step of the PRIMA international joint call.

Any participant who does not submit its national documents, duly signed as specified in the web platform, by the deadline of the first step of the PRIMA call, will be considered not eligible for funding.

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

9. Other requirements

The participants to a project recommended for funding shall sign a Consortium agreement in order to be funded.

10. Funding Party Contact person

Aldo Covello, e-mail: aldo.covello@miur.it

11. PRIMA National Contact points

For international issues:

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MUR website:

<http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/art-185-del-trattato-dell-unione-europea/prima.aspx>



ISRAEL MOST

Funding Party:

Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology



Ministry of Innovation,
Science & Technology

Funding Programme:

Specific Programme on International Research Cooperation on PRIMA section 2

Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program

National/Regional Contact Point:

Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (MOST)

contact person:	email:	telephone:
Moshe Ben-Sasson	MosheBS@most.gov.il	+972 25411134

Eligibility criteria of Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (MOST):

Proposals must meet the following preconditions. Proposals that do not meet the preconditions will be automatically rejected and will not be passed on to the scientific committee for review and evaluation.

1. Projects must be conducted by Israeli scientific research teams.
2. Each joint research team must be led by a Principal Investigator (PI) from each country.
3. The Principal Investigator (PI) from Israel must be affiliated with an academic institution, meaning:
 - i. An accredited institution of higher education in Israel, according to the Council for Higher Education Act, 1958.
 - ii. A research institute, which is a non-profit organization, a government company or a governmental unit.

For the purposes of this Call a "research institute" means an institute whose main activity is the advancement of cutting-edge scientific knowledge, which possesses appropriate infrastructure and equipment, and which employs researchers who, inter alia, publish articles related to their research in leading scientific journals and who present their research at international symposia.

4. An Israeli PI that has or will have an active grant from any international cooperation program of the Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology whose funding will be concurrent to the funding of this program, is not eligible to apply. A researcher may submit one additional proposal in the international cooperation program as co-PI, if he does not have an active grant in the international program in which he acts as co-PI.

A PI or co-PI who has submitted a proposal to a different Call in the international program that has an expected start date in 2023, is not eligible to apply.

No parallel funding is allowed in the international program. In this regard, please note the expected starting date of approved projects as detailed in the terms of the Call. Additionally, please be advised that for the purposes of adherence with eligibility requirements, the status of a researcher cannot be changed from PI to co-PI, or vice versa, after the proposal has been submitted.

National/regional topic priorities:

- Applied research

The Ministry of Innovation, Science and Technology (MOST), funds research projects within all topics of the call.

More details in the national/regional call announcement:

Applicants who have questions when preparing their proposal are advised to contact MOST before submitting applications for this call.

Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner - Up to €100,000 (380,000 NIS) per project (regardless the number of Israeli partners), up to 5 projects will be funded, subject to availability of funds and approval of Israel State Budget.

ISRAEL IIA

Funding Party:

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth)



Funding Programme:

Specific Programme on International Research Cooperation on PRIMA section 2

Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Innovation Authority under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program

National/Regional Contact Point:

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth),

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Nir Shaked	nir.s@iserd.org.il	+972 3 7157916

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicants are encouraged to contact the National Contact Point before preparing for submission.
- The application and eligibility are subject to the **"Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Innovation Authority under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program"** which is **available online in Hebrew at** [will be available online at https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules/4815](https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules/4815)
- An applicant from an industrial entity (for profit) will apply to one of the following two funding courses:
 - [Research and Development Fund \(Course 1\)](#)
 - [Applied Research – Import applied research knowledge from a foreign research institution to an Israeli industry company/corporate \(Course 5D\)](#).
- An applicant from an Academic institute will apply to the following course:
 - [:Directing academic knowledge to an Israeli industrial corporate, with its financial support \(Course 5C\)](#)
- An applicant may request a budget that will not exceed the maximum budget and funding rate detailed in the chosen funding course (from the three above).
- Each Applicant needs to complete and submit an eligibility form to the InnovationAuth **no later than the deadline of stage 1 of this call:** [Industrial Applicant Eligibility Form](#) / [Academic Applicant Eligibility Form](#)
- Eligible applicants are entities that had submitted an eligibility form before the deadline of stage 1 and were approved as eligible by InnovationAuth.
- Eligible applicants that were invited by PRIMA to submit a proposal in stage 2, will also need to complete and submit a funding request application online to the InnovationAuth, according to the conditions of the relevant funding course, **no later than 14 days after the stage 2 deadline.**

National/regional topic priorities:

- Applied research

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth), funds research projects within all topics of the call.

More details in the national/regional call announcement:

Applicants are advised to contact InnovationAuth before submitting applications for this call.

More information will be available online <https://innovationisrael.org.il/content/prima-section-2>



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LUXEMBOURG

✓ **Funding body**

Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

✓ **National Contact Point details**

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The conditions of participation for Luxembourg project partners, including the eligibility criteria, the rules for eligibility of costs, as well as specific requirements concerning the project submission are summarised in the FNR INTER guidelines available at <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/> .

✓ **Participation criteria**

FNR supports project partners based in Luxembourg only. To be eligible, the consortium must include at least one Luxembourg partner eligible for financial support from the FNR (i.e. public institutions performing research in Luxembourg; non-profit associations, societal impact companies (SIS), and foundations performing research in Luxembourg that have obtained a special authorization from the Luxembourg Ministry for Higher Education and Research. Please check the FNR website for more details <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/>) .

A project consortium should seek a balanced contribution (in terms of human resources) of all involved project partners. In addition, the applicant consortium of a joint research project should combine complementary expertise and relevant scientific input from all partners.

For Luxembourg Principal Investigators, the general FNR Requirements for principal investigators and supervisors must be fulfilled (download available here <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/>). The Luxembourg Principal Investigator must be an experienced researcher who holds a doctoral degree. He/she must have a proper employment contract with the eligible beneficiary institution at the starting date of the project and the employment contract must last for the full duration of the research project.

Collaboration with an enterprise and/or other stakeholders is encouraged but not mandatory.

✓ **Requested funding limits**

The maximum FNR contribution per research project is 500.000 €. Funding is limited to projects with a minimum duration of 2 years.

✓ **Scientific criteria**

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded by FNR

FNR supports all the topics of PRIMA call.

✓ Funding criteria

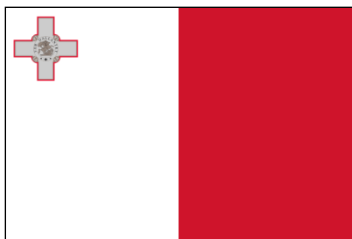
It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of FNR funding (<https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/>) before submitting a research project.

Eligible expenditures are listed in the “FNR INTER Application Guidelines” available at <https://www.fnr.lu/international-cooperation/prima/>

Please note, Luxembourg-based researchers applying for bi- and multilateral projects where the FNR provides funding (e.g. in PRIMA) must always submit call documents to the FNR as well (via its online submission tool as an INTER-PRIMA proposal).

Important note

The FNR attaches great importance to the impact of research outputs on science, industry, policy making and society in general. To maximise the possibilities for impact of research outputs, results from FNR-(co)funded research are expected to be disseminated via high-quality, peer-reviewed publications that are made freely available ([FNR Policy on Open Access](#)).



MALTA

1. Funding body and National contact point details

Funding party details:

Malta Council for Science and Technology for and on behalf of the Foundation for Science and Technology (MCST), Villa Bighi, Kalkara, KKR 1320, Malta

National contact point details:

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2. Definitions

Eligible undertakings are defined as undertakings planning to carry out Fundamental Research, Industrial Research or Experimental Development projects are eligible to apply for assistance under this Call. In order to be eligible, applicants must additionally satisfy the following criteria. They must be either: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership *en nom collectif*, *en commandite* or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, c) professional body; d) self-employed; e) NGOs; f) Non-profit making entities (including Foundations).

‘Professional Body’ may be an organisation, an association, a chamber, society, institute or a group of professional persons not being enrolled or registered in terms of The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta) or not being otherwise recognised in terms of Law, and which is generally recognised and acknowledged by the professional persons it seeks to represent as their representative Body. For the purposes of this Definition, a professional person is one who has undergone a period of study at a university or a recognised institution of higher learning and has obtained the formal qualification entitling the person to practise the respective profession; and who provides a specialised service to the public, based primarily on a fiduciary relationship between herself/himself and the party to whom s/he provides such service on his own personal credibility and responsibility.

‘Self-employed’ as registered with Jobsplus.

‘NGO’ means any Voluntary or Non-Governmental Organisation set up in accordance with The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta).

‘Non-profit making’ is an entity where (a) the statute of the entity contains an express exclusion of the purpose to make profits; and (b) there is express provision in the statute defining the purposes of the entity which do not include the promotion of private interests, other than a private interest which is a social purpose; and (c) no part of the income, capital or property is available directly or indirectly to any promoter, founder, member, administrator, donor or any other private interest. Provided that if a promoter, founder, member, administrator or donor is another enrolled non-profit making organisation, the limitation in paragraph (c) shall not apply provided the availability of such income, capital or property is subject to conditions which are consistent with the general purposes of the grantor entity: Provided further that an organisation shall continue to be deemed as non-profit making notwithstanding that: (i) it obtains a pecuniary gain from its activities when such gain is not received or credited to its members but is exclusively utilised for its established purposes; (ii) it buys or sells or otherwise deals in goods or services where such activities are exclusively related to its principal purposes; (iii) it is established for the general entertainment, pastime, education or other similar benefit only of its members; or (iv) it is established for the promotion of the social role, ethics, education and values of a trade or profession provided it does not promote the private interests of its members.

Operating base in Malta means if the legal entity:

- a. owns, leases, or has been given the right of use by a third party, an adequate premise from where to conduct an eligible economic activity in the region of Malta;
- and
- b. employs at least one person that is based in Malta and is liable to pay income tax in Malta.

Public Entity is any Ministry, Department, Entity, Authority, Public Commission, Public Sector Foundation or a similar organisation that does not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU and that exercises public power, or else acts in its own capacity as public authority, where the activity in question forms part of the essential function of the State or is connected with those functions by its nature, its aim and the rules to which it is subject. However, the classification of a particular entity as an undertaking depends entirely on the nature of its activities, and the overriding criterion of consideration is whether it carries out an economic activity or not, e.g., an entity that is formally part of the public administration may nevertheless have to be regarded as an undertaking within the meaning of Article 107(1) of the Treaty. Thus, an entity that carries out both economic and non-economic activities is to be regarded as an undertaking only with regards to the former. In this case, if the economic activity can be separated from the exercise of public powers, then that entity acts as an undertaking in relation to that activity and the financing, the costs and the revenues of that economic activity shall be accounted for separately from the other non-commercial activities.

If an economic activity cannot be separated from the exercise of public power, the activities exercised by that entity as a whole, remain connected with the exercise of those public powers and therefore fall outside the notion of an undertaking.

3. National eligibility criteria

Any **Eligible Undertaking** with an operating base in Malta, and any **Public Entity** or **Public Research and Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation** registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, may apply for a PRIMA funded project and will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the full version of the National Rules for Participation as well as the PRIMA Guide for Applicants.

Eligible Applicants will be required to provide a complete Application form, accompanied by the

relevant declarations duly completed as Annexes to the Application Form via prima.mcst@gov.mt

by the pre-proposal submission deadline. This Application Form can be downloaded from [MCST's website](#).

Eligible undertakings need to also provide the following documents:

- Memorandum & Articles of Association or other constitutive documents;
- Audited financial statements for last three (3) fiscal years.

In the event that the Applicant is a start-up, and the above documents are not available, the Applicant shall provide the financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor, including:

- An income statement,
- A cash flow statement, and
- A statement of financial position.

Other forms of documentation can be requested depending on the nature of the Eligible Undertaking.

In the event that the review of these documents may result in too high an exposure risk to MCST, the Applicant will no longer be entitled to participate in the project.

Applicants who have other funded projects with MCST and are in default, and/or have gone beyond the timelines of the project, are not eligible to participate.

Any application submitted by or including the participation of any legal person or legal entity having, in totality or in majority ownership, the same shareholders, partners or persons holding and / or exercising a controlling power in any other legal entity which will have been at any time prior to such application declared as non-compliant or defaulting on any other contract or agreement entered into with MCST, shall be automatically declared as inadmissible.

The proposal should be novel and should not correspond with on-going or completed projects, funded by other instruments, programmes or projects.

4. Grant Value

The total maximum National Budget for this Call is €500,000. Each project proposal cannot request more than €500,000, independent of the number of national partners.

Funding for successful project submissions will be based on a periodic cash advance and will be regulated through a contractual agreement establishing the terms and conditions governing the financing of the project.

Funding under this Call is made available on the basis that an Applicant does not benefit from any other grant or financial incentive in respect of the expenses related to the execution of the project.

5. Project Contact Point

Each national Applicant shall appoint a Project Contact Point. The Project Contact Point shall have the following responsibilities:

- To ensure compliance with their obligations in terms of the Contractual Agreement;
- To compile Periodic Reports and Final Reports and ensure their timely submissions and effective execution of the project;

- To ensure the submission of all required financial reporting as per the Contractual obligations for the partner;
- To execute the project activities according to set timeframes and deliverables.

6. Funding Criteria

More information on the Eligible costs according to Non-State Aid and State Aid Regulations can be found in the full detailed version of the National Rules available on the MCST's website.

7. Co-financing

Please consult the full detailed version of the National Rules available on the MCST's website for co-financing rates that are dictated according to the State Aid rules adopted in the Call.

8. Post Selection Process

Once a project is approved for funding, individual Grant Agreements will be signed between the Applicant and the MCST. This agreement will regulate the transfer of funds to national beneficiaries and establish the legal ground for project funding.

More information on Project Monitoring, Dissemination, Externalisation, and Reporting can be found in the full detailed National Rules. Applicants would need to provide MCST, with technical and financial reports on a periodical basis. The method adopted will be similar to what is undertaken by MCST for other National Programmes.

9. Full detailed PRIMA National Rules for Participation

The full version of the PRIMA National Rules for Participation will be uploaded on the Malta Council for Science and Technology website – <http://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/>



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المملكة المغربية
وزارة التعليم العالي
والبحث العلمي والبتكار

Royaume du Maroc
Ministère de l'Enseignement Supérieur,
de la Recherche Scientifique et de l'Innovation

National Regulations of Morocco PRIMA Program

✓ **Funding agency**

Ministry of Higher Education, Scientific Research and Innovation – Morocco (MHESRI-M).

✓ **National Contact Point details:**

- Anas CHOKAIRI
Tel: 05 37 21 76 53 / 06 72 21 03 57
E-mail: chokairi.anas@gmail.com

✓ **National criteria (See table in French in annex 1):**

- Entities eligible for funding:
 - ✓ Public universities;
 - ✓ Universities from the Public-private partnership in collaboration with public universities;
 - ✓ Non-university institutions in partnership with public universities;
 - ✓ Public research institutions in partnership with public universities.
- The maximum budget granted for each Moroccan partner is **100.000 €** with a ceiling of **200.000 €** per project;
- If the coordination of the project is assured by a Moroccan institution, a maximum additional budget of **50.000 €** will be granted to the coordinator of the project if it is justified;

- No levy by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects;
 - Permanent staff cannot receive research allowances. The remuneration of the non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD) participating in the project can be financed (Comply with the joint decision of 14 January 2016 concerning the management of the own resources of public institutions of higher education and scientific research);
 - Costs requested for Research allowances, travel and mission expenses cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team;
 - The budget requested for the first payment cannot exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team;
 - The second payment will be made only after validation of the mid-term report.
- ✓ **Scientific criteria:**
- MHESRI-M supports all the topics of PRIMA call.
- ✓ **Funding criteria (See table in French in annex 1):**
- Eligible costs:
 - ✓ Personnel costs: Non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD),
 - ✓ Equipment and research consumables costs,
 - ✓ Travel and subsistence costs,
 - ✓ Other specific costs.
 - Non-eligible costs.
 - ✓ Permanent staff cannot receive research allowances.
 - ✓ No levy by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects.

Règles nationales du Maroc

Programme PRIMA

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	Premier versement (DH)	Deuxième versement (DH)
Dépenses du personnel			
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)			
Taxes postales et frais d'affranchissement			
Taxes et redevances pour l'utilisation des lignes de réseaux spécifiques			
Taxes et redevances de télécommunications			
Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures			
Achat de fournitures de bureau, de papeterie et d'imprimés			
Achat de fournitures informatiques			
Achat de matériels informatiques			
Achat de matériels scientifiques			
Achat de matériels et mobilier de bureau			
Achat de réactifs, kits et produits chimiques			
Entretien et réparation			
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques			
Transport et Déplacement			
Indemnités de déplacement à l'intérieur du Royaume			
Indemnités Kilométriques			
Frais de transport au Maroc et à l'étranger			
Frais de transport des missionnaires et chercheurs étrangers			
Frais de mission à l'étranger			
Frais de séjour des missionnaires étrangers au Maroc			
Autres Dépenses			
Frais de documentation, d'impression et de publication			
Achat de matières premières et de petit outillage			
Frais de réalisation de maquettes et de prototype			
Frais de démonstration et de publicité			
Frais d'étude, d'analyse et de sous-traitance			
Frais de participation aux séminaires			
Frais d'organisation de séminaires			
Frais de dépôt et de gestion des brevets, de licence et/ou de droit auteur			
Total			

NB :

- ✓ Le budget maximum accordé pour chaque partenaire marocain est de **100.000 €** avec un plafond de **200.000 €** par projet.
- ✓ Si la coordination du projet de recherche est assurée par un organisme marocain, un budget supplémentaire maximum de **50.000 €** sera accordé au coordonnateur du projet s'il est justifié.
- ✓ Aucun prélèvement par les organismes de recherche n'est autorisé sur la subvention accordée aux projets de recherche.

- ✓ Le personnel permanent ne peut percevoir des indemnités de recherche. Pourront être financées les rémunérations du personnel non statutaire (Doctorants, Post-doctorants et CDD) participants au projet (Se conformer à la décision conjointe, du 14 janvier 2016, relative à la gestion des ressources propres des établissements publics d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche scientifique et technique)
- ✓ Les indemnités de recherche ainsi que les frais de déplacements et de missions ne peuvent dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le budget demandé pour la première tranche ne peut dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le déblocage du budget de la deuxième tranche ne se fera qu'après validation du rapport à mi-parcours.
- ✓ Peuvent bénéficier des financements :
- ✓ Les universités publiques;
- ✓ Les universités dans le cadre du partenariat public-privé en partenariat avec les universités publiques;
- ✓ Les établissements ne relevant pas des universités en partenariat avec les universités publiques;
- ✓ Les établissements publics de recherche en partenariat avec les universités publiques.



PORTUGAL FCT

✓ Funding body details

Portugal, Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)

✓ Contact Point details

- Maria Maia, maria.maia@fct.pt, tel. +351 21 391 15 43

✓ Criteria:

- Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.

Non-entrepreneurial entities of the R&I system, namely:

- Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units;
- State or international laboratories with head office in Portugal;
- Non-profit private institutions whose main object is R&D activity;
- Other non-profit public and private institutions developing or participating in scientific research activities.

Companies of any type and under any legal form if included in SR&TD projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the R&I system.

Please refer to **Article 3 (Beneficiaries)** and **Article 6 (Criteria of the projects eligibility)** of the applicable regulation for further details, as well as to its remainder:

In PT <https://former.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.pt>

In EN <https://former.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en>

All entities requesting FCT's funds under this call for proposals have to submit their individual **Statement of Commitment**, downloadable here:

<https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcrypDoctId=iwLM50CZLnN8YaL8ILVA9A==>

This declaration has to be e-mailed to FCT's contact person, dully filled, signed and stamped, until 10 work days after the call's deadline (pre-proposal phase).

- Maximum limit requested per partner / per funding agency / per proposal

Maximum funding available to this call: 1.125.000,00 €;

Expectable number of funded projects: 5-11;

Maximum amount that can be requested by entities requesting funds from FCT altogether in a consortium coordinated by an entity requesting funds from FCT: 250.000,00 €;

Maximum amount that can be requested by entities requesting funds from FCT altogether in a consortium NOT coordinated by an entity requesting funds from FCT: 100.000,00 €.

✓ Scientific criteria:

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded.

All areas and topics in equal terms.

✓ Funding criteria:

- Eligible costs:

- Expenses with human resources dedicated or related to the development of R&D activities related to the project execution in all mandatory components by the applicable labor legislation, including charges with grant holders directly supported by the beneficiaries;
- Expenses with missions in the country and abroad, and directly attributable to the project;
- Acquisition of scientific and technical tools and equipment, indispensable to the project if used within the project during their useful life time;
- Amortization of scientific and technical tools and equipment indispensable to the project and of which the useful lifetime falls within the execution period, but does not end within that period;
- Subcontracts directly related to the project scientific tasks' execution;
- Expenses related to the national and foreign record of patents, copyrights, usefulness models and drawings, national models or brands when related to other forms of intellectual protection, namely rates, researchers to the status of the technique and consulting expenses;
- Expenses with the demonstration, promotion and disclosure of project's outputs, namely dissemination fees within the fulfilment and pursuant to national policies of open access;
- Adaptation of buildings and facilities when indispensable to the project execution for environmental and safety reasons;
- Acquisition of other goods and services directly related to the project execution, including costs with consultants that do not establish subcontracts;
- In-kind contributions;
- Indirect costs.

Article 8 (Eligible Expenses), Paragraph 1 is the one applicable to projects expected for this call for proposals. Such projects correspond to **Article 2 (Projects Typology), a)** of the same regulation: **Scientific research and technological development projects (SR&TD). Article 7 (Form of support and funding rate)** shall be duly observed as well.

Please refer to these articles and the remainder of the regulation for further details:

In PT <https://former.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.pt>

In EN <https://former.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en>

Links and references to find specific requirements: In PT

<https://former.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/artigo185/prima.phtml.pt> (link being updated)



SLOVENIA

Country/Region	Slovenia
Funding organisation, address and country	Slovenian Research Agency – SRA, Bleiweisova cesta 30, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
National contact Point - the contact person for PRIMA communication: PRIMA contact point at the FB- the contact point to be contacted by national applicants for the information regarding the budgetary issues and national participation rules	mag. Peter Volasko, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, peter.volasko@gov.si Lucija Učakar Petrovčič, Department for International Cooperation and Popularization of Science, Slovenian Research Agency, lucija.ucakar-petrovcic@arrs.si
Funding commitment	Up to 1.000.000,00 EUR (for the 10 year period)
Anticipated number of projects with Slovenian partners	2 (the best evaluated project with Slovenian participation)
Maximum funding per awarded project	80.000,00 EUR
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Researchers holding a PhD degree who: - meet the requirements for a head of a basic or applicative research project, - are registered at Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) and - are employed at Slovenian higher education or research institutions or will be employed at the research institution Higher education or research institutions of the applicant need to be registered at ARRS research organisations records. Business sector entities may apply, however they need to ensure their own funding for participation. Eligible entities may participate in PRIMA consortium as Main Applicant or Co-Applicants.
Eligibility of costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Personnel costs ➤ Social security, health, pension and other contributions according to national legislation, ➤ Material costs (Travel and meeting costs, Consumables, Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, Other costs) ➤ Depreciation costs

	<p>Slovenian teams will be financed as per price category (A, B, C, D, E of F) of research projects. Total sum of research hours is calculated by dividing total grantsum by the value of research full time equivalent for chosen price category of the project (A, B, C or D).</p> <p>Overhead is calculated up to 25 % of all eligible costs calculated at the level of chosen project category (without subcontracting costs) being a consistent part of the total grant sum. The calculation of overhead thus lowers individual category of eligible costs in a proportional manner.</p> <p>Overhead costs are used for covering the running costs of the institution which are related to implementation of the PRIMA project.</p>
Submission of the proposal at the national level	<p>All Slovenian applicants at the Outline and Full Proposal stage are invited to contact ARRS as the proposed budget is recommended to be examined by ARRS prior to official submission. Additionally, names and research organisations of all Slovenian participants should be forwarded to ARRS with planned budgets for each year of the project (max 3 years).</p>
Submission of financial and progress reports at the national level	<p>Yes, financial reporting carried out on an annual basis according to national rules.</p>
Information available at	<p>http://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/23/prav-sof-ocen-sprem-razisk-dej-jan23.asp</p> <p>https://www.uradni-list.si/glasilo-uradni-list-rs/vsebina/2022-01-0700/uredba-o-financiranju-znanstvenoraziskovalne-dejavnosti-iz-proracuna-republike-slovenije</p> <p>http://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-maj22.asp</p>
Other	



SPAIN AEI

✓ Funding Body:

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)- State Research Agency

✓ National Contact Points:

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Juan Climent

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✓ Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:

- The projects granted by the AEI must be aligned with the main objectives described in the [Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación](#), and will be funded through the instrument “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)” 2024.
- Applicants are encouraged to consult the [PCI 2022-2](#) call text 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.
- Submission of proposals at the national level will be required at a later stage.

✓ National eligibility criteria

- The eligible beneficiaries are 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](#).

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.

- Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must:
 - Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call [and the PCI requirements document](#)
 - Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.

- Spanish PIs must have a contractual relation with the beneficiary covering the expected total length of the project (2024 – end 2027).

Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives):

- PIs will not be eligible for funding if applying in more than one proposal of this transnational call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and in PCI calls of consecutive years.
- PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.

Important: The applicants shall include the PI's full name and identification number as they appear in their DNI in the application form, as well as the full name of their institution in the original language and the CIF. The DNI and the CIF may be included in the same text box as their Family name and Legal full name of the research organisation respectively.

✓ **Scientific criteria**

- **Research and innovation activities** in all PRIMA topics are eligible. Mere diffusion, communication or other activities will not be eligible for funding.
- Spanish investigators are strongly encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. Spanish Industrial partners can apply to CDTI (participant in the PRIMA calls) for funding.

✓ **Duration of Project Implementation:**

Preferably 36 months

✓ **Maximum Funding per Project:**

Important:

The following funding limits of **direct costs** are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible

- Maximum of two Spanish entities eligible for the AEI are allowed per proposal (industrial partners do not count for this maximum).
- If a Spanish partner is NOT coordinator of the transnational project, the maximum grant is **€170.000**.
- If two Spanish entities eligible for the AEI participate in the same proposal as partners, the maximum amount for both is **€215.000**.
- If a Spanish partner IS the coordinator of the transnational project, the maximum grant is **€250.000**.
- If two Spanish partners (eligible for AEI) participate in the same proposal and one of them coordinates the transnational project, the maximum grant for both is **€295.000**.
- **Indirect costs (overheads) must be added** to direct costs: 21% of direct costs (example: €170.000 DC+ €35.700 IC=€205.700 € total requested amount)

Centers 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 centers).

The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of industry and stakeholders and the financial resources available.

✓ **Eligible Costs:**

- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (PI contract excluded). 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, including the subcontracting costs).

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

Further requirements:

In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.

Important and mandatory acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge funding by the AEI: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by the Agencia Estatal de Investigación through the PCI (year) call”.

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

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](#)).



SPAIN CDTI

✓ Funding Body:

CDTI (Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación)

CDTI (Centre for the Technological and Innovation)

www.cdti.es

✓ National Contact Points:

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✓ Submission of the proposal at national level

In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted to PRIMA Foundation, the Spanish enterprises are requested to submit further documentation to CDTI, through the CDTI Electronic Submission tool: <https://sede.cdti.gob.es/AreaPublica/home.aspx?lang=es>

Applicants will need to login in that platform. New users must, in the first place, be validated by CDTI. Afterwards, they will need to create an application in the category of ‘Proyectos de Cooperación Tecnológica Internacional (PCTI)’ and the subcategory “Proyecto Prima”.

In this application, they will need to fill in an online form and upload the International Proposal submitted to PRIMA Foundation. This national application will need to be submitted within a week after the deadline established for the International Submission of the 1st Phase Section 2.

Please visit CDTI’s website (<https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=871&MN=2>) to check the specific date and any other further information or contact the Spanish National Contact Point.

Any participant who does not submit its national documents duly signed and in due time, as specified in the web platform, will be considered non-eligible for funding.

✓ National eligibility criteria:

o Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.

The eligible institutions must be enterprises (being Large companies or SME), established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.

Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other non-profit private institutions should check whether they meet the eligibility terms of AEI-MCI, or alternatively, they could participate under subcontracting by Spanish companies (provided that, the

entity or respective researcher is not requesting funding from AEI-MCI simultaneously for the same activities).

- o Project Budget: There is not a maximum amount per proposal, but the minimum eligible budget per company amounts to €175,000 EUR (this amount applies to the project budget per partner, not the requested funding).
- o Project duration: 12-36 months.

✓ **Scientific criteria:**

- o Thematic areas and topics to be funded.

Eligible activities: technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. The Spanish part of the proposed work plan must be developed in Spain.

CDTI could support the topics according to PRIMA 2021 Annual Work Plan.

- o Eligible costs:

- Personnel costs.
- Instrument and equipment costs, to the extent and during the period in which they are used for the project.
- Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, costs for consulting services intended exclusively for the research activity.
- Other costs: materials, supplies and similar products, exclusively used for the research project. Audit costs for the national reporting of the project (when applicable).
- Additional general expenses (indirect costs, as a percentage of personnel costs).

– **Applicants must check the detailed description of the eligible costs that will be published at CDTI website.**

CDTI Prima section <https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=871&MN=2>

CDTI funding conditions (Proyectos de Cooperación Tecnológica Internacional)

https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2&r=1366*768

- o non-eligible costs.

Please note that management, dissemination, operational, coordination and travel costs are not eligible for funding.

✓ **Additional Info**

The funding instrument will consist of a “Partially Refundable Loan”, with a financial cover of up to 85% of the total approved budget, provided that the maximum intensity allowed by EU State aid rules are not exceeded.

CDTI’s Partially Refundable Loan comprises a non-refundable tranche (NRT) and a refundable one. The non-refundable tranche of the loan (a grant) may amount to a maximum of 33% of the financial cover, depending on the characteristics of the project, the size of the beneficiary and the source of the funds. The refundable tranche shall bear a fixed interest rate equal to the one-year Euribor. The financial conditions are set beforehand, on the date of the project’s approval by the Executive Board of CDTI. The refundable tranche shall be repaid within 10 or 15 years, to be counted from the centre of gravity of the project. This center of gravity is calculated in accordance with the project duration and the milestones. The first reimbursement shall be paid 3 years after the centre of gravity of the project, and at least 2 years from the date of its completion. The refundable tranche will accrue interests every six months from the time of its disposal.

✓ * If the Euribor reaches negative values, CDTI will consider its value as zero.

✓ A NRT due to the international nature of projects (up to 33% of the loan).

For further information, please contact the NCP or visit CDTI website: <https://www.cdti.es/>



TUNISIA

Name of the Funding Party, address and country

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Address: Avenue Ouled Haffouz -1030 – Tunis

Country: Tunisia

1. Participation criteria

Funding recipients

- This call is open to Tunisian public research institutions:
 - Institutes or research centers;
 - Research laboratories/units based at the universities.
- The Tunisian Principal Investigator (PI) of the research and innovation project should be a:
 - Professor;
 - Associate Professor,
 - Assistant professor.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving:
 - at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MHESR funding such as technical centers,
 - SMEs, NGO, These organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR.
- A coordinator cannot submit more than one proposal to PRIMA calls (section 1 and section 2) per year.
- The same proposal cannot be submitted to section 1 and section 2 of PRIMA.
- Researchers who have already PRIMA section 2 ongoing two projects as PI are not authorized to get funding under this call.

Funding criteria

- The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more research structures.
- All the topics of the PRIMA AWP 2023 are eligible for Tunisian partners for funding.

- MHESR has reserved up to **30 000 €/year/project, 45 000€/year /project if a Tunisian partner is coordinator.**

If several Tunisian partners are in the same project, the budget will be shared between them.

- The duration of the project should not exceed **3 years.**
- The Tunisian coordinators or the PI should send their annual and final reports to the MHESR without any prior notification.

2. List of eligible costs

Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget

For 2023 calls for proposals, the following expenses would be eligible:

- Travel and daily allowances,
- Other operating expenses directly related to the project,
- Small equipment, logistics and consumables (computer and office equipment are not eligible for funding),
- Contract services (non-permanent staff),
- Organization and participation in the scientific events and meetings.
- Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents),
- Expenses for carrying out analyzes and processing samples

The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements, where the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.

The national submission is not required.

3. National Contact Points:

The contact persons for internal communication and to be contacted by national applicants for information during the call are:

Section 1

Myriam SKANDAJI KALLEL

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TÜRKİYE

TÜRKİYE-TÜBİTAK

Funding Rules for PRIMA Section 2 Calls

CONTACT

Country	TÜRKİYE
Funding Organization	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)
Funding Organization Contact Points	<p>Ayşe SAYIN ÜKE (Main Contact) +90 312 298 1795 / ayse.sayin@tubitak.gov.tr</p> <p>Ebru İMAMOĞLU (1071 Programme-Person in charge) +90 312 298 1804 / ebru.imamoğlu@tubitak.gov.tr</p>

FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding Contribution to the Call (in €)	1.000.000 €
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project or Partner (TBC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Max. 2.500.000 TRY per project (excluding Project Incentive Premium and Overhead costs), Per partner; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organizations: Max. 1.500.000 TRY (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs) For private companies: Max. 2.500.000 TRY

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY RULES

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Higher education institutions, Training and research hospitals, Public institutions and organizations, SMEs and large enterprises established in Türkiye
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Additional specific eligibility rules	TÜBİTAK “1071 Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” will be implemented.

	Please follow the rules that will be specified in the national call announcement.
INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:	For detailed information, national call announcement should be followed. (https://tubitak.gov.tr/).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Submission of the pre- and full proposal at national level and / or requirement in terms of national official paperwork(s) to complete and sign at national level	<p>In the scope of 1071 Support Programme applicants should follow the announcements regarding the call under the official website of TUBITAK (https://tubitak.gov.tr/).</p> <p>Project coordinator, researchers and advisors must be registered to “Researcher Information System (ARBİS)” and their info must be updated. (https://arbis.tubitak.gov.tr)</p>										
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