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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 operating expenses relating to scientific research and technological development governed by the ministerial order fixing the list of revenue and expenses of scientific research and technological development functioning credit.

The allowed budget for Algerian project is limited to 80 000 € to be shared between the Algerian partners.

5. List of eligible

Costs

1. Payment of expenses, including scientific forums relating to the development of research (organisation, accommodation, food and transport expenses), expenses for studies, works and services performed for the research body, registration rights and participation in scientific forums and conferences.

2. Furniture, materials, tools and scientific equipment.
3. Supplies, including electronic, mechanical, audio-visual components, and laboratory supplies and needs.
4. Supplementary costs, including the data bank (acquisition and subscription).
5. Car Park (rental of cars and machinery for field research work).
6. Valorisation and technological development expenses.
7. Remuneration for researchers' activities, including retirement and social security contributions (Executive Decree n° 21-144 of 17 April 2021).
8. Acquisition of computer equipment (partial renewal as part of operating expenses) and acquisition of computer accessories, supplies and programmes.
9. Maintenance of scientific equipment, computers, photocopiers and printers.
10. Expenses for filing patents and intellectual property within the framework of preparing a graduation thesis "Diploma-Start-up" (Provided that the exploitation of patents is done jointly between the higher education institution and the student inventor). (Ministerial Order n° 1275 of 27 September 2022 fixing the modalities for preparing a draft graduation thesis to obtain a "diploma-start-up" by students of higher education institutions).

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
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CROATIA

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMA PROGRAMME IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA – CALL 2024

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 2024) 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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1. TOTAL BUDGET

The Republic of Croatia has financially committed to contribute to PRIMA initiative with an in-cash contribution of EUR 2.000.000,00 over a 10-year period. Therefore, the Croatian applicants will have a minimum yearly budget of EUR 200.000,00 available.

The highest ranked project proposals evaluated on merit-based criteria will be considered for funding, in accordance with the available budget.

2. NATIONAL PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

2.1. Terms and conditions of eligible entities

MSE funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner can be a consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a 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 objective 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 organizations with SME's is encouraged but not mandatory. Additionally, other legal entities from business sector, that are not SME's can apply as project partners, but must ensure their own funding for their participation in the project activities, as they are not eligible for the 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 and/or Calls will not be eligible and therefore will not be reviewed under this Call. The activities described in the submitted project proposal are expected to be original and unique, i.e. not similar to any ongoing or finished projects funded by any other financial instruments, programmes or projects.

2.2. Croatian Principal Investigator

Croatian project partner has to be represented by one Principal investigator. Principal investigator must be employed under employment contract by the Croatian institution participating in the transnational consortium. Principal investigator for Croatian project partner must hold a Ph.D. degree and should have at least 5 years of research experience. The Principal investigator is responsible for submission of all reports to the MSE.

If the Croatian project partner holds the position of the transnational consortium's coordinator, they will have to designate the Principal investigator that will be in charge of implementing the transnational project and will continually report to the PRIMA-Secretariat (PRIMA-IS).

3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Croatian project partner receiving funds under this Call will be monitored by the MSE. They have an obligation to submit annual and final, financial and narrative reports on the project progress. MSE has proscribed a form for annual and final reports that need to be adhered to.

Financial and narrative reports are to be submitted 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 the end of the project.

4. FUNDING

4.1. Maximum limit requested per partner/country/proposal

Only costs directly related to the proposed research activities are eligible for financing under this call. Activities financially 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 2024 Calls for Croatian project partners is EUR 500.000,00.

4.2. Eligible project budget and project duration

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

4.3. 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: the maximum funding rate of eligible costs is **100%**.

4.4. Thematic areas and topics to be funded

All proposed PRIMA topics and thematic areas for Section 2 will be eligible for funding by MSE for Croatian applicants.

4.5. Eligible costs categories

For Croatian applicants, general H2020 Programme rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply. These rules can be found in the Annotated Model Grant Agreement (AGA) for H2020 Programme¹. All budget items must be justified and eligible and all costs must be incurred 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 national contact points for Horizon Europe Programme for Legal and Financial aspects².

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

4.6. VAT eligibility

For Croatian applicants, the general H2020 rules apply regarding the VAT eligibility. VAT is an eligible cost for all applicants that are non-profit legal entities, if they are not entitled to tax deduction. In that case, VAT is an eligible cost for the applicant and as such is recorded in the accounts.

VAT is not an eligible cost for applicants that are for-profit organizations that are subject to VAT, and is not included in the final project cost.

4.7. Subcontracting rules

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

LINKS AND REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC (NATIONAL) REQUIREMENTS

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

Applicants are also 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

Funding Body:

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	<p>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.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	<p>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.</p> <p>The Egyptian Team must follow the National regulation “general contractual conditions “for the Academy of scientific research and technology.</p>	
Eligible Costs	<p>a- Incentives up to 25% of the total requested contribution (perEgyptian 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.</p> <p>ASRT funds these fields: farming system, Agri-food value chain</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:

The contact person for internal PRIMA communication:

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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 (RIA*32) Effective water accounting approaches under crisis conditions: climate change and external shocks.

Section 2: Thematic area 2: Farming systems

Topic 2.2.1 (RIA*33) Revitalizing agroforestry practices for sustainable land use and climate resilience in the Mediterranean region.

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 Centres)
- Proposal should include:
 - A scanned copy of the signed and stamped endorsement letter by the legal representative - the president- 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.
 - Budget table should be signed and stamped by the president of the University/research centre.

- 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. Accordingly, the proposal must be submitted in a readable PDF format (i.e., not scanned) to facilitate the plagiarism checks. 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.
- Private sector is welcomed to participate with its own fund.
- Contracting of projects are pending finalizing administrative approvals and permits from relevant authorities.

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.

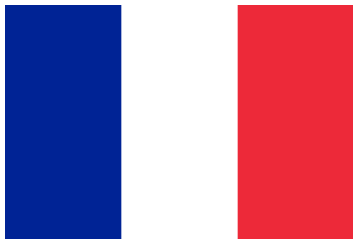
- Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: Calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate - Ministry of Higher Education - and depending on the visited country. Sometimes it's limited by the internal regulations of the PI's institution.
- Indirect cost: Costs incurred by 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.

7. **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

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The conditions of participation, including the criteria of eligibility and important recommendations are thoroughly detailed in the document entitled “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR” available on the ANR webpage for the call, in the [ANR Financial Regulations](#) and in the practical factsheets available on [the ANR website](#). Please carefully read all relevant documents before submitting your proposal.

The terms and conditions 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 submitted to an ANR call and still undergoing evaluation, or already funded by ANR. Please refer to the “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR” document for more information on similarity.

International projects may be submitted to the appraisal of the Senior Defense and Security Official (SHFDS) of the French higher education and research ministry (MESR) for clearance and may be denied eligibility as a result.

Please consult the “Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR » document for detailed information.

4. Participation criteria :

Funded Partners must have their primary establishment in France and/or in the EU with a secondary establishment in France. Please note that companies with economic difficulties are not eligible to ANR subventions.

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.

Countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call. Projects involving Partners established in these countries will be declared ineligible by the ANR. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern partners from the following countries: Russia, Belarus. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union.

French partners of a research project commit to the following:

- All the project participants will respect the obligations associated to the Nagoya's protocol regarding access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
- Respect the rules of Ethics and Scientific Integrity
- Ensure the open access to publications and Open Science Policy
- Promote Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture when relevant
- Be aware of the GDPR measures taken by ANR

5. Funding criteria :

The minimum that can be requested from ANR by a single partner is 15K€. The total requested budget by the French participants cannot exceed **310K€** if they are simple partners in the consortium. It can reach **420k€** if one of the French participants is project coordinator.

Please read carefully the text of the Call for Proposals, the "Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" and the ANR funding regulations (<https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>) before submitting a research project.

If a **private** French partner is taking part in the consortium, it is **very important** to analyse its financial situation using the **simulation tool** available on this [webpage](#) (section « Fiches pratiques »/ « Fiche pratique n°1 »).

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

6. Scientific criteria :

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

IMPORTANT : The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the "Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" annex. In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the ANR Funding regulations (<https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>) and the "Modalités de participation pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR" shall prevail.



GERMANY

National regulations for 7th PRIMA call 2024

GERMANY

FUNDING BODY DETAILS

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)
Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
Division 726
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53175 Bonn – Germany

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NATIONAL FUNDING REGULATIONS

The legally binding regulations for German applicant institutions are specified in BMBF's national funding announcement 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 base funding. 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 2024), should be considered as guidance on the expected financial volume of the project.

Scope of funding

For universities, research and scientific institutions and similar institutions the basis for assessment basis 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
The general rule applies that applicants shall 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.**

- Sofia Dimitropoulou, s.dimitropoulou [at] gsrt.gr, Tel.: +30 213 13 00 187
- Michail Gkoutoulas, m.gkoutoulas [at] gsrt.gr, Tel.: +30 213 13 00 094

Greek applicants will not be able to receive funds for section 2 for 2024 calls.



ITALY

ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES

1. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

MUR – Ministry of Universities and Research

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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 financial commitment for the call: € 7.000.000 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: 70%

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:

A) Personnel,

B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting)

C.1) Travel and subsistence

C.2) Equipment

C.3) Other goods and Services

E) Indirect Costs/Overheads (“Spese generali”) calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [E] = 25% of A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3] .

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:

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

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	+972 254 11134

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 2025, 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. It will be clarified that, the aforementioned limitations regarding changing the status of the members of the research team include the addition of a PI and/ or Associated-PI who, at the time of submission, was defined as an external consultant or were not listed in the proposal and/or research group.

More information for Israeli applicants can be found in the attached submission instructions and the MOST Procedures Regarding Scientific Projects Funded by MOST-IL (the "MOST Regulations").

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)

רשות החדשנות
Israel Innovation
Authority

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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Higher Council for Science and Technology/ Session Number 60 dated 14/9/2010

Standards and Criteria for Funding Research and Development Projects

Issued by the Higher Council for Science and Technology pursuant to Paragraph (F) of Article (6) of the Basic Law of the Higher Council for Science and Technology Number (30) of 1987 and amendments thereto

- Article (1):** These standards shall be designated as (The Standards and Criteria for Funding Research and Development Projects) and shall take effect as of their adoption by the Council.
- Article (2):** The following terms and phrases wherever they occur in these Standards possess the meanings designated for them herebelow unless the context indicates otherwise:
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| The Council | : Higher Council for Science and Technology |
| Secretary General | : Secretary General of the Council. |
| General Secretariat | : General Secretariat of the Council. |
| National institutions | : Universities, institutions and concerned scientific, research and other institutions. |
| Research priorities | : Results of the project of defining the scientific research priorities in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan for the coming decade in the General Secretariat. |
| Department | : Department of Policies and Scientific Project Management at the General Secretariat |
| Form | : Form approved by the General Secretariat of the Council. |
- Article (3):** Evaluation of the research and development projects and their priorities:
- The results of the research development project priorities in the Kingdom is regarded as a main reference for the funding of research and development projects in the Council during the years 2011-2020.
 - Upon evaluating the research and development projects submitted for purposes of securing funding from the Council, the following aspects shall be taken into consideration:

- 1- The subject matter of the research shall fall within the national priorities of the research and development approved by the Council and is the outcome of the scientific research priorities in the Kingdom, in addition to any new or emergency subjects deemed as necessitating funding.
- 2- The research component shall be clear and evident within the objectives of the Project and its implementation plan, while the project budget shall be detailed and justified in the funding request form.
- 3- The funding priorities of the research and development projects in which participates a team of specialized researchers shall be within the various axes of the project, while the largest number possible of national institutions concerned with the implementation of the project shall contribute.
- 4- The significance of the project from the applied and developmental aspects and the building of scientific capacities and the presence of success chances for the project.
- 5- Availability of human resources, facilities and equipment necessary for the implementation of the project.
- 6- Contribution of the national institutions applying for funding in the financing of the project.
- 7- Availability of allocations for funding scientific research and development in the budget of the Council.
- 8- Availability of funding from a quarter other than the Council and the quarter applying for funding.

Article (4): Mechanism for attracting research and development projects:

- a) The General Secretariat shall address the relevant national institutions and supply them with national priorities in the field of research and development in October of every year in light of which research and development projects shall be attracted for purposes of obtaining the support of the Council. Projects proposals will be accepted until the end of December of every year.
- b) The research and development projects proposals will be submitted in the standard form.
- c)

Article (5): Technical Committee;

The Secretary General shall form a technical committee of no more than five specialized persons from inside and outside the General Secretariat of the Council to study and evaluate the research and development proposals submitted to the Council.

Article (6): Mechanism of evaluating and funding the research and development projects:

- a) The Pre-Proposal shall be submitted by the principal researcher in accordance with the approved form.
- b) The Department shall study the submitted applications and classify them according to the scientific fields.
- c) The preliminary applications shall be referred to the Technical Committee for purposes of adopting the suitable decisions concerning classifying them and referring them to the evaluation stage.
- d) Formation of the specialized technical committee(s) to evaluate the Pre-proposals for research and development projects submitted to the Council.
- e) The specialized committee(s) shall study the Pre-proposals and present its recommendations to the technical committee.
- f) The Technical Committee shall adopt the suitable decisions concerning approval of the Pre-proposals, and the main researchers shall be notified of those decisions.

- g) In case of the approval of the Pre-proposal of the research project, the researcher shall be asked to submit a detailed proposal through the form approved for this purpose, through the quarter employing the principal researcher. Moreover, it is required to specify the extent and amount of the contribution of the quarter in which the principal researcher works, technically and financially.
- h) The researcher shall submit to the General Secretariat four hardcopies and an electronic copy in a CD of the detailed proposals of the research project.
- i) The Department shall examine the detailed proposals and then refer them to the technical committee.
- j) The Department shall lay down a list of the names of specialized evaluators with recognized scientific capability in the various fields of scientific knowledge from among those working in academic and research institutions and centers inside the Kingdom.
- k) The Technical Committee shall select three evaluators from the list prepared for each project.
- l) The detailed proposals and the standard evaluation form shall be sent to the evaluators accompanied by official letters, whilst giving due regard to the standards and criteria stated in Article there of these Instructions.
- m) After the receipt of the reports of the evaluators the Department shall summarize its finding in a special form including its recommendations bolstered by the reasons for its decision.
- n) The Department shall prepare a detailed report including a list of the research and development projects submitted for obtaining funding divided into three groups as follows:
 - 1- First group: Projects whose funding is recommended.
 - 2- Second group: Project whose funding is recommended in case the necessary financial allocations are available.
 - 3- Third group: Projects whose funding is not recommended due to lack of compliance with the standards and criteria.
- o) The Technical Committee shall discuss the synopses of the evaluation findings and shall recommend to the Secretary General to support the research and development projects which are in fulfillment of the conditions, and the Secretary General shall submit his recommendation to the Council for approval.
- p) After the Council approves funding the projects whose support is recommended, the concerned institutions shall be addressed for purposes of supplying the General Secretariat with the action plans for implementing the project amended according to the specified support, and the action plan shall include the phases of implementation, and the required financial resources for implementing each phase and the timetable necessary for implementation.
- q) The principal researcher undertakes to sign an undertaking including the safeguarding of the confidentiality of the data, information and results of the research project supported in accordance with the approved form.
- r) The principal researcher, the assistant researcher and the president of the university/institution to which the researcher is affiliated undertakes the following according to the standard form:
 - 1- Implement the project according to the submitted research, financial and schedule plan.
 - 2- Obtain the approval of the General Secretariat of any change arising to the plan.
 - 3- Submit a regular progress report every four months about the project and according to the proposed implementation plan.
 - 4- Submit a final technical report and a financial report concerning the expenditures at the end of the project.
 - 5- Refund the remaining sums, in case the project founders for any reason whatsoever, after submitting the financial report on expenditures.
 - 6- Notify the General Secretariat and obtain its approval beforehand, upon replacing the principal researcher or altering his work location, or the addition of a new principal researcher to work in the project.
 - 7- Notify the General Secretariat of the Council upon registering a patent for the project and/or invest it in any form whatsoever inside or abroad Jordan provided that the share of the General Secretariat

of the Council is no less than 20% of the revenues arising therefrom, and provided that the remaining percentage is divided equally between the groups of principal researchers and their establishments, and the share of each group of principal researchers and their institution shall be divided between them in accordance with the regulations and instructions in effect in that institution.

Notwithstanding what is stated in Clause (D) of this Article, and in case of submission of research proposals for the partnership program for the sake of scientific research and innovation in the Partnership for Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA), the evaluation of preliminary and final proposals will be replaced by international evaluations through PRIMA.

- Article (7):** Follow up on work progress of the research and development projects:
- a) The Department shall draw up follow up cards for the projects which the Council has approved supporting whereby it includes all the data related thereto.
 - b) The principal researcher of the project, in according with an action plan for the implementation of the project shall supply the General Secretariat via his institution, with regular reports (technical and financial) every four months concerning the work progress of the project, and the due payments for the projects will be remitted in light of those reports.
 - c) The sum of supporting the project shall be paid according to the final action plan which is approved by the General Secretariat.
 - d) The Department shall complete the approved disbursement form and have it signed by the Department Director and the Assistant Secretary General and the Secretary General and send it to the Department of Finance in the General Secretariat to proceed with the procedures of disbursement.

- Article (8):** Follow up and circulate the findings of the research and development projects:

The follow up and dissemination of the findings of the supported project will take place through the following:

- a) Upon completion of the implementation of the project the Council will be supplied with the final technical report of the project in accordance with the standard form.
- b) The Department shall send the final technical report to a number of evaluators not in excess of three individuals, who are selected for their scientific experience and capability in the field of the research project.
- c) The Department shall address the principal researcher and request the amendment of the final technical report in accordance with the comments of the evaluators concerning the previous clause (if any).
- d) After the final technical report of the project is adopted, the General Secretariat shall convene a specialized workshop to discuss the findings of the project in cooperation and coordination with the beneficiaries.
- e) The General Secretariat shall print, publish and circulate the final report of the project, after the principal researcher undertakes the final amendments in light of the findings of the specialized workshop.

- Article (9):** Financial Bonuses:

- a) The chairman and members of the Technical Committee shall be paid the sum of (75) seventy-five JOD for each project.
- b) The chairman and members of the specialized committee(s) shall be paid a financial sum of (75) Seventy-five JOD for each project.

- c) Every project evaluator shall be paid the financial sum of (80) eighty JOD, and in case the evaluation process requires for the evaluator to undertake a field visit then he shall be paid the sum of (125) one hundred and twenty-five JOD for his evaluation and the visit.

Article (10):

General Provisions:

- a) None of the projects proposals submitted for purposes of obtaining funding shall be given consideration after the deadline specified in Article Four except in the following cases in combination:
 - The project proposal shall be within the national priorities pertaining to research and development determined and approved by the Council.
 - Availability of the financial allocations in the budget of the Higher Council.
 - Availability of external funders of the project (a party other than the applicant for funding and the Council).
 - Evaluation of the project by specialists provided that the evaluation is positive.
 - Give due regard to what is provided in Article Three of these Instructions.
- b) In case more than one institution participates in the implementation of the project and a project proposal is received through one of them, it is required to supply the General Secretariat with that which guarantees for the other institutions to contribute to implement the project, financially and technically, in accordance with what is stated in the project proposal.
- c) It is impermissible for a researcher to be a principal researcher for more than two projects concurrently.
- d) It is required for the ratio of contribution of the national institution applying for funding of the project to be no less than 20% of the value of the final budget of the project.
- e) In case of not expending the full allocations of the projects in any year the sums will be allocated in the following year and shall be in the trust of the project.
- f) In case the principal researcher of the project deems it necessary to add an item in the project budget, or undertake any amendment to its items (in excess of 10% of the value of support) without any increase in the overall value of the funding it is necessary to obtain the approval of the Secretary General.
- g) In case the technical tasks of the project are completed and the final report is issued, and there is a surplus relative to the project allocations, the remaining sums shall be refunded to the General Secretariat whereby they shall be included within the research and development allocations in the budget.
- h) It is impermissible for the item particular to the cost of the manpower of the project to exceed 25% of the total funding of the project except in special cases to be determined by the Technical Committee.
- i) Any financial revenue accruing to the Council through investing or marketing a patent for any research project shall be included in the Council budget under the item of research and development allocations.

- j) Upon the researcher(s) moving to another Jordanian university or institution during the period of the implementation of the project, the project shall be transferred to a new institution, in accordance with an agreement between the two institutions in coordination with the General Secretariat.
- k) The ownership of the equipment and instruments purchased within the funded research and development projects shall devolve to the Higher Council which is entitled to dispose of them in the manner it deems appropriate and suitable.

Article (11): The Council authorizes the Secretary General to make a determination in each case where there is no stipulation in these standards.

Article (12): These Standards abrogate any previous instructions or decisions or standards which conflict with their contents.

Article (13): The Secretary General or one whom he authorizes and delegates is responsible for implementation of these standards and criteria.



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LEBANON

PRIMA – Section 2 Calls (2024) National Rules

Activities (Research and Innovation Activities (RIA) based on national rules) selected following transnational open and competitive calls for proposals organized by PRIMA Foundation and funded by the National Funding Bodies of Participating States

1. Name of the Funding Body:

National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-L)

2. Participation criteria

Eligible organizations:

CNRS-L Research Centers, Universities, Research Centers and Incubators.

The CNRS-L will fund a **maximum of two Lebanese partners per proposal.**

Duration of the Project: Maximum 3 Years

Conditions of Proposals:

- **Eligible Universities/Institutions/Departments** (*not the researcher*) can apply to more than one project.
- **An individual researcher, can apply as Project Coordinator (of the Consortium) or as a Lebanese Project Partner.**
 - Each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Project Coordinator (of the Consortium)** in only 1 project (across both Sections 1 & 2).
 - When applying to PRIMA Section 2, each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Lebanese Principle Investigator** (Project Partner) in only one project; but can be **co-investigator** in more than one project.
 - An individual researcher with a running PRIMA Project cannot apply for CNRS-L funding.
- Both the Institutions and the Principle Investigators should avoid applications within similar proposals; proposals will be considered similar if 75% of the project in terms of objectives, methodology and consortium composition are identical.
- Key researchers should be included by name (and position) in the proposal to enable evaluation of their qualifications and experience. Researchers who have not been included by name at the proposal stage should be identified by scientific expertise.
- Applications should be submitted by full time staff through their institution.
- The consortium should include one of the CNRS-L Research Centers when the topic of the proposal is also addressed by the National Centre For Geophysical Research or the National Centre For

Marine Sciences or the National Center for Remote Sensing or the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission.

Letter of Commitment:

Letters of Commitment from the hosting institution/s for co-funding signed by the president of the university/institution should be sent to the CNRS-L **before** the online deadline of submission to:

- Email to: enjeim@cnrs.edu.lb; imane.abbas@cnrs.edu.lb
- Mail (Original Hard copy) to the following address:

Attn: Afaf Abbas / National Council for Scientific Research, CNRS
59 Zahia Salmane Street, Jnah / Postal Code: 2047 8601 / Beirut, Lebanon

A template for the letter of commitment is annexed below.

The letter should indicate the commitment towards:

1. Hosting the project activities (facilities, equipment and technical functions for project implementation),
2. Commitment of staff time and effort for the project,
3. Financial (in-cash) commitment of the organization,
4. Commitment for financial reporting to the CNRS-L

For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; a new/updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L.

3. Funding Criteria

- To be eligible for CNRS-L funding, all participating institutions are required to cost share in any proposal.
- Lebanese Project Budgets can reach up to 600,000,000 LBP (cost shared between the CNRS-L and Participating Institutions). With a Maximum requested contribution from the CNRS-L of 270,000,000 LBP and a cost-share component of a minimum of 330,000,000 LBP by Participating Institution.
- ***While researchers will be required to submit their budgets in Euros (on the PRIMA Submission Platform); if accepted, CNRS-L Contracts and Funding will be provided in LBP within the limits above.***

All PRIMA applications follow a 2-stage process. Please note:

- No detailed budget is required for **Stage 1** of application; only a requested total amount for funding and cost-sharing (See Commitment Letters).
- Proposals proceeding to **Stage 2** of Application will have to submit a budget during the second phase. (Please contact the national contact point during stage 2 – see contacts below - for further details on the requested budget tables).
- Financial Reporting during and at the end of the project needs to cover the full project amount, not just the CNRS-L provided budgets (For costs claimed on CNRS-L account, original invoices have to be submitted, along with *copies* of invoices claimed on institutional cost-sharing amount).

4. List of eligible costs

For the 2024 call, flexibility will be considered on the Percentages per Budget Category; however, all expenses must be eligible as per the categories below.

Budget Lines	CNRS-L Upper Funding Limits (as Percentages)
Personnel	
<p>Indemnities for temporary research assistants (non-PhD) and technicians only. <i>Permanent staff and/or co-investigators from other institutions are not allowed to charge salaries or any additional indemnities from the present project.</i></p> <p>PhD Scholarships: Only Co-Tutelle and Co-Direction with a Partner Institution in the Project is Eligible.</p> <p>For inclusion of a PhD Student, please note that rules and rates of the CNRS-L PhD Scholarship Programme apply.</p> <p>Candidates (at least 2 candidates to be submitted) will need to undergo the selection process and receive pre-approval of the CNRS-L once the project is accepted for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fees not eligible, • PhDs indemnities must not exceed 21 millions LBP/Year for a maximum of 6-month duration in Lebanon • The other 6 months spent abroad, must be negotiated and covered by the hosting project partner. 	<p>Upper Funding Limit (NOT Including PhD): 30% of Budget</p> <p>Upper Funding Limit (Including PhD): 50% of Budget</p>
Consumables	
<p>Expenses for consumables that are necessary for project implementation (Glassware, Chemicals, Samples, etc...)</p> <p><i>General office material, printing paper, ink, CDs etc. are not included. Computer hardware and software are not considered as eligible</i></p>	<p>20% of Budget</p>
Travel and Subsistence	
<p>Travel Costs</p> <p><i>Includes ticket costs (economy class) & insurance for travel of Lebanese Partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination. Maximum number of participants per mission: 2 researchers</i></p>	<p>25% of Budget</p>
<p>Per Diem/Daily Allowance</p> <p><i>Includes daily allowance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination.</i></p>	

<p>Field Trips and Field Work (Local Travel) Rate per Day (Not per Person), Based on Distance & All Inclusive (Car, Fuel, Meals and Participants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100 KM: 1,000,000 LBP • Above 100 KM: 1,500,000 LBP 	
Other Costs	
<p>Event Costs Expenses for local dissemination of results to the scientific community and society (organization of meetings and seminars). It is noted that activities relating to product commercialization or the protection of intellectual property rights are not covered. Cannot cover travel tickets, accommodation and other expense of international participants. <i>As the call for proposals highlights the importance of innovation, we strongly encourage participants to include, if possible, stakeholders, SMEs and Enterprises in their project events for the dissemination of their results, in order to be aligned with the call's purpose</i></p>	10% of Budget
<p>International Conferences Only accepted when presenting a paper, related to the project, within the proceedings of an International Conference. (Paper needs to be submitted to the CNRS-L at reporting). Participation of Lebanese Project Coordinators, Principle Investigators or active members of the project whose name appears on oral presentations/proceedings. <i>(Temporary personnel not eligible; neither are BA/MA students)</i></p>	<p>10% of Budget</p> <p><u>Lebanese Project Partners:</u> Participation in only 1 Conference</p> <p><u>Lebanese Consortium Coordinator:</u> Participation in 2 Conferences.</p>
<p>Subcontracting Temporary expert/researcher (particularly for external expertise necessary for project implementation).</p>	10% of Budget
<p>Documentation Printing of publications, publication of articles in technical and scientific journals</p>	5% of Budget
<p>Other Costs</p>	5% of Budget
<p>Durable Equipment</p>	Not Eligible for CNRS-L Funding; or Calculations of Cost-Share
<p>Operating Costs</p>	
<p>Shipping Costs</p>	
<p>Communication Costs</p>	
<p>Indirect Costs/Overheads</p>	

For any additional information, CNRS rules on Grant Research Programme and PhD Scholarship Programme will be applied. (www.cnrs.edu.lb)

5. PRIMA National Contact points

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CNRS-Lebanon

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(Please Print on Official Letter Head of Your Organization/Institution)

Commitment Letter

On behalf of the (Name of University/Institutions); we submit to the National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-Lebanon), within the PRIMA Section 2 Call (2024) and within the following Research Topic: (Specify research topic as per PRIMA Section 2 Call for Proposals)

Title of the Proposal:

Acronym of the Proposal:

Lebanese Principle Investigator:

Consortium Partners & Countries:

- Lead Applicant (Partner 1):
- Partner 2:
- Partner 3:
- Partner 4:

(Please add/delete as necessary)

(In the case of more than one Lebanese Partners - a maximum of 2 - please complete the figures below as relevant to your institution only; kindly ensuring that all other Lebanese partners within this proposal submit their respective commitment letters.)

(Your Institution's) TOTAL Budget for the proposal: ---,---.00 LBP

Requested Contribution from the CNRS-L to (**Your Institution**): ---,---.00 LBP

Committed Contribution from (**Your Institution**): ---,---.00 LBP

In light of the above, the (Name of University/Institution) commits:

- a) To host the project activities, including placing all necessary equipment, facilities and technical functions for project implementation.
- b) Commit staff-time and efforts for the project (noting that no permanent staff salaries of indemnities can be charged to the project).
- c) To fund in real-cost (in-cash contribution) the amount stipulated above.
- d) To submit to CNRS-L financial and administrative reports as per a grant agreement to be signed by partner institutions and the CNRS-L (for accepted projects only).

Name of Authorized Signatory

Signature & Date

NB: In the case that the project does not pass the external evaluation (administrative and/or scientific) and/or the selection process of the PRIMA; no financial commitment will be incurred by either the Lebanese Partner Institution above, or the CNRS-L.

For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; an updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L.



LUXEMBOURG

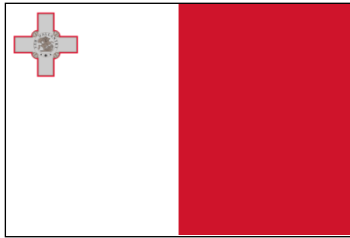
✓ **Funding body**

Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

✓ **National Contact Point details**

Dr. Helena Burg ; +352 261925 55

helena.burg@fnr.lu



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:

Dr. Annalisa Cartabia

The Malta Council for Science & Technology Villa Bighi, Kalkara KKR 1320,

Malta

Email – annalisa.cartabia@gov.mt ; prima.mcst@gov.mt

Tel - +356 23602152

2. Definitions

Eligible undertakings refer to undertakings planning to carry out Fundamental Research, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects and must either be:

- i. a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership *en nom collectif*, *en commandite* or a limited liability company; or
- ii. be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act,
- iii. professional body;
- iv. NGOs;
- v. 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.

‘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:

- i. 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
- ii. employs at least one person that is based in Malta and is liable to pay income tax in Malta.

Public Entity refers to 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 National Application Form, accompanied by the relevant declarations duly completed as Annexes to the National Application Form via prima.mcst@gov.mt by the pre-proposal submission deadline. The National Application Form and relevant documentation can be downloaded from the [MCST's website](#).

In addition, Eligible Undertakings are required to provide the Memorandum & Articles of Association [*or other constitutive document/s*]. Eligible Undertakings that are Professional Bodies or NGOs are still required to provide constitutive documents, and may be requested to provide

other documents, including but not limited to, a Statute/Deed (Authenticated) and Voluntary Organisation (VO) certificates.

Successful applicants that are invited to submit a full proposal do not need to resubmit a National Application Form in Stage 2. However, additional documents will need to be submitted to MCST, based on the preferred State Aid regulation chosen (more information in the National Rules for Participation). In Stage 2, eligible Undertakings, including professional Bodies or NGOs, are also required to provide audited financial statements for the last three (3) fiscal years. Where unavailable, applicants are to provide management accounts including (i) a detailed profit and loss, and (ii) a balance sheet for the current year. Eligible undertakings that are Start-Ups are required to provide financial projections for three (3) years signed by an independent certified public accountant, including (i) an income statement, (ii) a cash flow statement, and (iii) a statement of financial position.

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

Any applicants that are non-compliant with respect to Grant Agreement obligations, or outside approved project timelines, on other active projects funded by the Council, may be immediately deemed ineligible at application stage. Similarly, should applicants become non-compliant during the call process, they will not be awarded funding under this programme.

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 (Malta-based or otherwise) which will have been at any time declared as non-compliant or defaulting on any other contract or agreement entered with the Council and remained in default, shall be automatically declared as inadmissible.

The Council reserves the right not to proceed with signing any Grant Agreement if the Council deems that doing so would be too high an exposure risk.

Funding under this Call is made available on the basis that the applicant has not benefited from any other grant or financial incentive of whatever nature, applied for and/or utilised for the same scope by the Council and/or other funding agencies as that for which funding is requested under this scheme. In the case where the application covers work that is part of a larger project, the applicant must submit a table as an appendix to the Application Form that shows a comprehensive list of the items of work and the source of funding for each item.

4. Grant Value

The National Budget for this Call is of **€500,000**.

The maximum amount that national partner/s can jointly request per project is €500,000.

Successful project submissions will receive periodic financing that will be regulated through a Grant Agreement establishing the terms and conditions governing the financing 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 Grant Agreement.
- To compile Periodic Reports and Final Reports including 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 Funding, Management, and Progress Monitoring, Dissemination and 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/](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-Ma).
- ✓ **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-Ma 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)
<i>Dépenses du personnel</i>			
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			
<i>Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures</i>			
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			
<i>Entretien et réparation</i>			
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques			
<i>Transport et Déplacement</i>			
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			
<i>Autres Dépenses</i>			
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.

The following are individual beneficiaries:

- Non-entrepreneurial entities of the R&I system, namely:
 - Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units;
 - State Laboratories, Associated Laboratories or international with head office in Portugal;
 - Non-profit private institutions whose main object is R&D activity, including Collaborative Laboratories (CoLab) and Technology and Innovation Centers (CTI);
 - Other non-profit public and private institutions developing or participating in scientific research activities.
- Companies of any type and under any legal form.

The information contained in this section does not exempt you from consulting Article 3º of the "Regulation of projects financed exclusively by national funds".

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://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcrypDoctId=EnXMgCkyRYAuezFSMwDt+w==>

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=jQmhaKPLGnKR+hwRwFdP3w==>

The declaration must 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).

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

Maximum funding available to this call: 1.035.000,00 €;
Expectable number of funded projects: 4-10;

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:

- o All thematic areas and topics to be funded.

All areas and topics in equal terms.

✓ Funding criteria:

- o Eligible direct and indirect costs, please consult Article 8º from the above mentioned National Regulation.

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

In PT

<https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcryptDoctId=EnXMgCkyRYAuezFSMwDt+w==>

Links to the call page at FCT website: in Portuguese <https://www.fct.pt/concursos/prima-seccao-2-2024> and in English <https://www.fct.pt/en/concursos/prima-seccao-2-2024>

FCT PRIMA page: In Portuguese <https://www.fct.pt/internacional/espaco-europeu-de-investigacao/prima-parceria-para-a-investigacao-e-inovacao-na-regiao-mediterranica/>

In English <https://www.fct.pt/en/internacional/espaco-europeu-de-investigacao/prima-parceria-para-a-investigacao-e-inovacao-na-regiao-mediterranica/>



SLOVENIA

Country/Region	Slovenia
Funding organisation, address and country	Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency – ARIS, Bleiweisova cesta 30, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
National contact Point - the contact person for PRIMA communication:	mag. Peter Volasko, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, peter.volasko@gov.si
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	Lucija Učakar Petrovčič, Department for International Cooperation and Popularization of Science, Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency, lucija.ucakar-petrovcic@aris-rs.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	<p>Researchers holding a PhD degree who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meet the requirements for a head of a basic or applicative research project, - are registered at Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency (ARIS) and - are employed at Slovenian higher education or research institutions or will be employed at the research institution <p>Higher education or research institutions of the applicant need to be registered at ARIS research organizations records. Business sector entities may apply; however, they need to ensure their own funding for participation. Eligible entities may participate</p>
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) of research projects. Total sum of research hours is calculated by dividing total grant sum 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.</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 ARIS as the proposed budget is recommended to be examined by ARIS prior to official submission. Additionally, names and research organizations of all Slovenian participants should be forwarded to ARIS 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.aris-rs.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>https://www.uradni-list.si/glasilo-uradni-list-rs/vsebina/2022-01-3558?sop=2022-01-3558</p> <p>https://www.uradni-list.si/_pdf/2023/Ur/u2023079.pdf</p> <p>http://www.aris-rs.si/sl/akti/kriteriji-vodja-jan23.asp</p>
Other	



SPAIN AEI

✓ **Funding Body:**

Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)- State Research Agency

✓ **National Contact Points:**

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+34 916038728

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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)” 2025.
- Applicants are encouraged to consult the [PCI 2023-2](#) 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 (see [PCI2023-1](#) as an example) 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 2028).

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 organization respectively.

Please be aware that PIs will be declared ineligible if they submit, as PIs or as coordinators, more than one preproposal to this transnational call, if they have submitted any proposal to another international call which may be funded through Spanish PCI calls in the same or in consecutive years, or if they have obtained a PCI project in the previous year. Financing of two PCI projects, with the same PCI, and in the same or consecutive years, is not allowed.

It is very important to check the eligibility before sending the preproposal to avoid unwanted situations and damages to third parties

✓ **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).
- The **following funding limits** for direct costs are considered eligibility criteria. The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application **must be rounded to the thousands**. Indirect costs (overheads) must be added to direct costs: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs). Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.
- If a Spanish partner eligible for the AEI is NOT coordinator of the transnational project: max **€140.000**
- If two Spanish entities eligible for the AEI participate in the same proposal as partners, the maximum amount for both is **€200.000**.
- If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. **€220.000**
- If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another entity eligible for the AEI in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. **€260.000**
- Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.

Maximum funding per project	Maximum DC (€)	IC (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000
Two AEI applicants	200.000	50.000	250.000
One AEI applicant - coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI applicants- one coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

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 (25 % 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 ([PRIMA | CDTI](#)) 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 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 [PRIMA | CDTI](#)

CDTI funding conditions (Proyectos de Cooperación Tecnológica Internacional) <https://www.cdti.es/ayudas/proyectos-de-i-d>

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 plus the tax exemption report acceptable by the Spanish Minister of Treasury. The non-refundable tranche of the loan (a grant) may amount to a maximum of 30% 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.

For further information, please contact the NCP or visit CDTI website:

<https://www.cdti.es/>



**Tunisian
Republic**

Ministry of Higher Education
and Scientific Research

TUNISIA

1. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Address: Avenue Ouled Haffouz -1030 – Tunis

Country: Tunisia

2. Participation criteria

Funding recipients

- Only Tunisian public research institutions are eligible to participate in this call.
- The Tunisian consortium must include at least one research laboratory as a primary entity.
- The project coordinator and the Principal Investigator (PI) should hold the title of professor or associate professor (Maître de Conférences) and must be eligible for funding from the MHESR.
- The Tunisian consortium must include a minimum of five (5) permanent researchers, with at least two being professors or associate professors.
- Researchers currently serving as Coordinators or PIs for an ongoing project in PRIMA SECTION 2 are not eligible for this call.
- A researcher can participate in a maximum of two proposals as a team member, and only once as the Principal Investigator (PI) of a project.
- The same proposal cannot be submitted to both Section 1 and Section 2 of PRIMA calls.
- The national submission is not required.

Funding criteria

- All the topics of the PRIMA AWP 2024 are eligible for Tunisian partners for funding.
- MHESR has reserved up to:
 - 30 000 €/year/project if the Tunisian partner is PI
 - 45 000€/year /project if the 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 conditions for the execution and financing of the projects, upon completion of the selection process, will be defined in the grant award agreements. The coordinator or the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.
- The Tunisian coordinators or the PI(s) should send their annual and final reports to the MHESR without any prior notification.

3. 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 2024 calls for proposals, the following expenses would be eligible:

- Travel and daily allowances,
- Small equipment, logistics, and consumables,
- service Contracts and research contracts (only for non-permanent staff),
- Organization and participation in scientific events and meetings.
- Publication and filing fees (required for scientific publications and patent filing),
- Expenses for conducting analyses and processing samples.

The acquisition of computer and office equipment is an ineligible expense

4. National Contact Points for Section 2:

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

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TÜRKİYE

TÜRKİYE-TÜBİTAK

Funding Rules for PRIMA Section 2 Calls

CONTACT

Country	TÜRKİYE
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FUNDING CONTRIBUTION AND BUDGET CAPS

Funding Contribution to the Call (in €)	1.000.000 €
Minimum or maximum funding per awarded project or Partner	For budgetary limits, please refer to the 2024 National Call Document for PRIMA Section 2 Projects.

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

<p>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>	<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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