

ERA4Health
Call for transnational research proposals

**Increasing health equity through promoting
healthy diets and physical activity
(HealthEquity)**

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Link to electronic proposal submission

<https://ptoutline.eu/app/healthequity>

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1. Aim and ambition of ERA4Health

The Partnership “Fostering a European Research Area for Health” (ERA4Health) aims at establishing a flexible and effective coordination between funding organisations in the European Research Area (ERA) for Health and Well-being. This Partnership brings the opportunity to increase European transnational collaborative research funding by creating a funding body for joint programming in priority areas addressing European public health needs.

The general objective of ERA4Health is to reach an effective joint approach and to generate knowledge and products (e.g. preventive guidelines, medical protocols) in the identified research areas as outlined in ERA4Health Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda (SRIA)¹. To achieve this, a comprehensive network will be created which aims at strengthening and expanding the existing conducive eco-system.

In this light, ERA4Health gathers public funders of health research in the European Research Area including the European Commission that jointly identify and implement a common funding strategy in priority areas to advance health research and develop innovation.

ERA4Health has four specific objectives:

- SO1. Support relevant medical research including clinical fields and intervention areas (prevention, diagnosis, treatment);
- SO2. Improve the utilisation of existing health technologies in clinical practice;
- SO3. Build capacity, in particular in conducting IICs at European scale;
- SO4. Implement and advance the practice of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) across the breadth of the programme.

2. Rationale

Unhealthy diets and inadequate physical activity exacerbate the risk of poor physical and mental health. Socio-economically disadvantaged groups are particularly affected, leading to further health inequalities between social groups. There is a need to understand, predict and ultimately change the circumstances determining citizens’ lifestyle and health behaviours permanently. Research has shown that many current intervention strategies targeting the individual do not result in sustained improvements in dietary and physical activity behaviours.

Accordingly, there is a clear need to take a broader perspective at the surrounding environment leading to these behaviours, i.e. not only with respect to the food and built environment for physical activity, but also including the family, social, cultural, and local background, as well as digital influences. Following that, targeted innovative strategies leading to long-term behavioural changes need to be developed in order to reduce health inequalities.

¹ SRIA : ec-research-partnerships-era-for-health.pdf (europa.eu)

3. Aim of the call

The aim of this call is to develop novel strategies and targeted approaches to identify, understand, and modify determinants and mechanisms of diet-related behaviour and physical activity as well as sedentary behaviour, which have the potential to break through the cycles maintaining unhealthy behaviours and lifestyles and to reduce health inequalities.

Research should be targeted at socio-economically disadvantaged groups and their setting, including the family, social, cultural, and local background, as well as digital influences. The applicants need to clearly define and justify their selection of target group(s). In addition, the strategy how these target groups will be reached needs to be innovative and outlined in detail.

Proposals should comprise holistic and multi-disciplinary research, that must include several approaches tackling different aspects, such as:

- Mapping the current situation of the vulnerable groups with respect to food and built environment for physical activity;
- Developing and testing innovative interventions/ targeted strategies, that
 - o may target the food environment and/or the built environment for physical activity and/or
 - o may address illiteracy by increasing knowledge with respect to food, lifestyle and adequate use of digital media and/or
 - o may be focussed on different settings, including but not limited to day-care, schools, workspace, retirement homes, neighbourhood, and/or
 - o may use a life course approach.
- Evaluating existing interventions, e.g. to identify barriers in the implementation;
- Assessing the efficiency of policies and fiscal approaches (e.g. taxes and subsidies) that were implemented to enhance healthy diets and physical activity;
- Expanding the theoretical basis on the systemic barriers to change, e.g. political, economic and/or cultural barriers to increase the effect of interventions.

The research results should have a clear potential to be translated into policy recommendations or actions.

Beyond that, the following points should be taken into account:

- Involvement of citizens/stakeholders:
 - o It is strongly recommended to involve stakeholders in the projects, e.g. political representatives (local/regional/national), citizens and/or citizen representatives, local communities, schools, municipalities, local/ national NGOs, consumer organisations.
 - o Involvement of stakeholders should start as early in the process as suitable for the research, ideally already in the conception stage.
 - o The type of stakeholders and level of involvement depends on the design, e.g. for new interventions it should be co-creation; applicants should well explain their reasons behind (not) involving certain stakeholders.

- Stakeholders can be directly involved in the project as funded partner (depending on the respective national regulations for funding of stakeholders; see Annex I), collaborator, or as part of an advisory board.
- Dissemination activities only are NOT sufficient in terms of co-creation/participation of stakeholders.
- Proposals should consider potential moderators of effects such as age, sex, gender, ethnic or other (socio-)demographic features/differences in the respective research approaches.
- Proposals should make use of existing cohorts, if applicable. Otherwise, it should be explained why existing cohorts are not used.
- The way policies (social domain) determine health should be in accordance with a HiAP (Health in All Policies) perspective.

Please note that **additional conditions might apply at national level** (see Annex I).

4. Impact of the call

This call contributes to the aims and ambitions of the ERA4health Partnership by addressing European public health needs with the establishment of transnational, collaborative and multi-disciplinary research networks. It follows the ambition of ERA4health that the health and well-being of every citizen must guide policy development.

The expected results have the potential to improve the health and well-being of socio-economically disadvantaged groups through targeted approaches for a long-term behaviour change in the areas of healthy diet and physical activity. Different areas of public action will be targeted following the “Health in all policies” approach. The research results should be translated into policy recommendations or actions, empowering governments and local communities and other policymakers to improve the food environment and built environment for physical activity.

Moreover, the coordination of the transnational research networks will also contribute to important research-related activities such as harmonisation of protocols, establishment and sharing of data and guidelines or/and sharing of research facilities and capacities.

5. General conditions for application

The duration of the projects will be 36 months.

Proposals **must clearly demonstrate the potential health impact and/or policy impact** as well as **the added-value of transnational collaboration** i.e. through sharing of resources (models, registries, diagnosis, etc.), harmonisation of data, sharing of specific know-how and/or innovative technologies.

Proposals should follow the principles of Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI). All consortia should demonstrate a commitment for investigating and addressing the social, ethical, political, environmental or cultural dimensions of the proposed research. For further information please refer to the "Guide for applicants".

Research supported by ERA4Health must respect fundamental ethical principles. Applicants have to describe any potential ethical aspects of the work to be carried out, and how the project will fulfil

applicable requirements in institutional, national and European Union legislation (including the ethical standards and guidelines of Horizon Europe).

The individual project partners of the joint applications should be complementary and the proposed work should contain novel, innovative and ambitious ideas with a high implementation potential to be of benefit for citizens.

6. Participating countries and respective funding organisations

The following participating funding organisations have agreed to fund this call for transnational research projects:

Country	Funding organisation	Contribution
Belgium	Fund for Scientific Research-FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)	300.000 €
Belgium	The Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)	700.000 €
Denmark	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)	1.000.000 €
France	French Research Funding Agency (ANR)	1.000.000 €
Germany	Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF)/DLR Project Management Agency (DLR-PT)	2.000.000 €
Ireland	Health Research Board (HRB)	370.000 €
Italy	Italian Ministry of Universities and Research (MUR)	1.000.000 €
Italy	Italian Ministry of Health (IT-MoH)	700.000 €
Latvia	Latvian Council of Science (LCS)	400.000 €
Lithuania	Research Council of Lithuania (LMT)	200.000 €
Poland	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)	1.250.000 €
Portugal	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)	250.000 €
Romania	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)	1.000.000 €
Slovakia	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)	240.000 €
Spain	Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII)	400.000 €
Spain	Andalusian Regional Ministry of Health and Consumers Affairs (CSCJA)	250.000 €
Taiwan	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)	810.000 €
The Netherlands	The Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development (ZonMW)	1.250.000 €
Türkiye	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TUBITAK)	400.000 €

Table 1: Participating funding organisations

Please note: Project partners will be funded by their relevant national/regional funding organisations. **Eligible costs and funding rules may vary** between the respective funding organisations (see Annex I).

7. Application

7.1 Eligibility Criteria

Joint research proposals may be submitted by applicants belonging to one of the following categories (according to national/regional regulations; certain categories may not be eligible for funding by a specific funding organisation, please see Annex I):

- **A. Academia** – research teams working in universities, other higher education institutions or research institutes;
- **B. Clinical/public health sector** – research teams working in hospitals/public health and/or other health care settings and health organisations;
- **C. Enterprises** – private companies of all sizes;
- and **D. Operational stakeholders** – e.g. citizens and/or citizen representatives, local communities, schools, municipalities, local/national NGOS, consumer organisations. In line with the concept of RRI, operational stakeholders should be in a position to provide useful knowledge to the consortium, ensure the consortium's research is useful and translatable to their (or other) organizational contexts, and/or influence decision making or create change within their organisations. Operational stakeholders should be engaged in the research process from conception of the study to dissemination.

The number of participants and their research contribution should be appropriate for the aims of the transnational research project and be reasonably balanced in terms of international participation. Each transnational collaborative project should represent the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate an added value from working together.

Only transnational projects will be funded. The following conditions apply to the composition of consortia:

- A minimum of three eligible and a maximum of five eligible partners from at least three different countries participating in the call (see list above).
- The maximum number of eligible partners can be increased up to six or seven (see table 2) if they include one or two partners, respectively, from the following participating, potentially underrepresented countries: Latvia; Lithuania; Slovakia; Türkiye
- No more than two eligible partners from the same country participating in the call will be accepted within one consortium.
- A maximum of two collaborators per consortium. Collaborators are self-funded partners that do not request funds for this Joint Transnational Call from one of the participating funding organisations, i.e. partners from non-funding countries, or partners that are not fundable according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations.

The following conditions apply for collaborators:

- Clear added value for the research project. This should be demonstrated in the application.
- Secure own funding for participation with clear evidence in the proposal that this is already in place.
- A letter of commitment of the collaborator(s) needs to be included as an annex to the proposal.
- A collaborator cannot be work package leader.

Number of partners requesting funding (eligible partners)	3 - 5	6	7
Partners from potentially underrepresented countries	No constraints	At least 1	At least 2
Maximum number of collaborators	2	2	2

Table 2: Possible composition of a research consortium

Each project partner will be represented by one principal investigator. From the principal investigators each project consortium must nominate **a project coordinator** (NOT a collaborator). The project coordinator will represent the consortium externally and towards the JCS and Call Steering Committee (CSC, i.e. the funding organisations' representatives) and will be responsible during the entire process for its internal scientific management such as controlling, overseeing IPR issues, reporting, and contact with the JCS.

Each principal investigator can submit

- only one proposal as project coordinator OR
- up to two proposals as mere partner,

i.e. the coordinator of a proposal cannot be partner in another proposal.

Please note that this rule may be subject to national/regional regulations. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact their national/regional contact points to check their national/regional eligibility rules before submission (see Annex I).

The partner search tool of the European Commission² can be used to offer you support or look for a partner.

7.2 Financial and legal modalities

Project partners will be funded by their relevant national/regional funding organisations. Eligible costs and funding rules vary between the respective funding organisations (see Annex I). Each project partner must be involved in the budgeting of their planned tasks.

For information on the specific funding rules and eligibility criteria of the national/regional funding organization

- **Carefully read Annex I and the national/regional announcements of the call.**
- **In addition, applicants are strongly advised to contact their funding organisation before submitting an application; please note that for some countries/regions it might be mandatory.**

Please note that if a partner is found to be non-eligible at any step of the process by one of the funding organisations, the entire proposal could be rejected without further review.

² <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/how-to-participate/partner-search>

7.3 Submission of joint proposals

There will be a one-step submission and evaluation procedure for joint applications (followed by a rebuttal stage). One joint proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational consortium and must be submitted to the JCS by uploading it on the electronic submission system (<https://ptoutline.eu/app/healthequity>) by the project coordinator. The application process will have the following timeline:

13 January 2023	Publication of the Call, Opening of submission system
26 January 2023	Webinar for applicants on the call specifics
14 March 2023, 15:00 CET	Deadline for proposal submission
16 - 25 August 2023, 15:00 CEST	Rebuttal stage
End of October	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
December 2023 - May 2024	Expected project start (subject to national procedures)

Table 3 : Timeline application process

The proposal template will be available on the [ERA4Health website](#). Information on how to submit proposals electronically is available in the document "Guidelines for applicants". Proposals submitted without using the relevant template will be declared non-eligible.

If applicable, a proposal should be submitted together with a legal/ ethical approval document according to the concerned country's/region's regulations.

For applicants from specific countries/regions it might be mandatory to submit an additional national/regional proposal and/or other information, in some cases before the deadline of this call, directly to the national/regional funding organisations. Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to check their funding organisations specific regulations. See Annex I for more details.

The CSC will take all lawful steps to ensure confidentiality of the information and documents obtained during the evaluation and selection procedure of the joint call.

7.4 Further information

For additional information, please contact the JCS, or your national/regional funding organisation (see "Annex I" or [ERA4Health website](#)).

8. Evaluation and decision

8.1 Eligibility check and evaluation procedure

The JCS will check all proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (date of submission; number and category of participating countries; inclusion of all necessary information in English; appropriate limits on length). In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the national/regional funding organisations, which will perform a check for compliance with national/regional regulations.

Each proposal passing the eligibility check (JCS and country/region) will be provided to three reviewers for evaluation (see evaluation criteria below). The reviewers will perform the assessment of the proposal and complete a written evaluation form with scores and comments for each evaluation

criterion. During a Peer Review Panel (PRP) meeting, the reviewers will discuss the proposals and produce a ranking list of proposals recommended for funding.

Before the PRP meeting, each coordinator will be provided with the reviewers' assessments and will have the opportunity to respond to the reviewers' questions and comments (see section 8.4 "Rebuttal").

8.2 Evaluation Criteria

Proposals not relevant to the call topic and objectives will not be funded, independently of their scientific quality.

1. Excellence

- a. Scientific quality of the proposal:
 - Significance of the research question;
 - Clarity of the objectives;
 - Clear definition and justification of the target group(s);
 - Clear and innovative strategy to reach the target group(s);
 - Credibility and clarity of the proposed approach and methodology;
 - Ethical considerations on the proposed research;
 - Expected progress beyond the state-of-the-art;
 - Scientific quality of the project consortium: international competitiveness of participants in their field(s), previous work and expertise of the participants, benefit of the transnational collaboration;
- b. Novelty of proposed research.

2. Impact

- a. Potential impact of the expected results for future public health policies or actions, for other health relevant applications
- b. Added-value of transnational collaboration: sharing of resources (data models, databases, etc.), harmonization of data, sharing of specific know-how etc.
- c. Effectiveness of the proposed measures to exploit the project results and disseminate them in a tailored manner to the different audiences (e.g. the respective target group(s), policy makers).

3. Quality and efficiency of the proposed research and its implementation

- a. Feasibility of the proposed research and likelihood of successful completion and implementation
- b. Coherence and effectiveness of the work plan (including appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, resources and timeframe).
- c. Complementarity of the participants in the consortium.
- d. Involvement of stakeholders in the project
- e. Adequacy of the budget: appropriate distribution of resources in relation to project activities.
- f. Appropriateness of the management structures and procedures, including risk management, contacts to policy makers
- g. Sustainability of the research capacities initiated by the project (e.g. FAIR³ data management).

Evaluation scores will be awarded for the three main criteria. Each criterion will be scored out of five.

³ FAIR is the abbreviation of: findable, accessible, interoperable and reusable.

8.3 Scoring system

5 = Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.

4 = Very good. The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but small improvements are possible.

3 = Good. The proposal addresses the criterion in question well, but certain improvements are necessary

2 = Fair. The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses that need corrections.

1 = Poor. The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.

0 = Failure. The proposal fails to address the criterion in question or cannot be judged because of missing or incomplete information.

A proposal is considered fundable if the score for each individual criterion is at least 3 points and the overall score at least 10 points.

8.4 Rebuttal stage

Before the PRP members meet to discuss the proposals in a PRP meeting, each coordinator is provided with the reviewers' assessments. This stage allows applicants to comment on factual errors or misunderstandings that may have occurred in the review process and to reply to reviewers' questions. However, issues not related to reviewers' comments or questions cannot be addressed and the work plan cannot be modified at this stage.

The applicants will have up to 10 days (see table 3) for this optional response to the reviewers' comments. Answers sent after the notified deadline, or not related with reviewers' comments or questions will be disregarded.

8.5 PRP meeting

The JCS will give the PRP members access to proposals, reviews and rebuttals, taking into consideration potential conflicts of interest. The PRP will meet to discuss the proposals and, after consideration of the evaluation criteria, external reviews, rebuttals, and their own reviews and discussions, the PRP will assign final scores, make a classification of the proposals, and rank proposals recommended for funding. The final evaluation report prepared by the PRP members for a given proposal will be sent to the respective project coordinators.

8.6 Ethical clearance

After the PRP meeting, members of the ERA4Health Ethics and RRI Advisory Board will remotely evaluate the proposals, which are recommended for funding by the PRP and selected for funding by the CSC, for alignment with ethical norms and regulations. If necessary, tasks that need to be performed and documents that need to be submitted by the consortium will be listed. The Ethics experts may put forward additional conditions that need to be fulfilled by applicants. Only those proposals approved by both the scientific evaluation and ethical clearance, will be funded.

8.7 Decision

A final decision, based on the ranking list established by the PRP, available funding and the ethics evaluation results, will be taken by the national/regional funding organisations.

Project coordinators having submitted an eligible proposal will be informed about the funding recommendation regarding their proposal by the JCS. The project coordinators are responsible to communicate this information to their project partners.

Applicants can appeal against the evaluation outcome if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures. This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation and/or eligibility checks. The redress will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts. Details of the redress procedure will be provided together with the funding recommendation.

9. Responsibilities, Reporting requirements and Dissemination

9.1 Consortium Agreement

It will be the responsibility of the project coordinator to draw up a Consortium Agreement (CA) suitable to the project partners in order to manage the delivery of the project activities, finances, intellectual property rights (IPR) and to avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project. The project consortium is strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date, and in any case the CA should be signed in the first 6 months of the project. Please note that national regulations may apply concerning the requirement for a CA (e.g. certain funding organisations may need the signed CA to release some funds). Further instructions will be provided by the JCS to the coordinators of the projects selected for funding.

9.2 Open Science

Importantly, all funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational ERA4Health-funded projects are published with Open Access. All research projects funded by ERA4Health are eligible to publish on **Open Research Europe (ORE)**, the [Open Access publishing Platform of the EC⁴](#) at no cost.

The new research data resulting from the project should be treated according to the [FAIR⁵](#) principles, and deposited and shared, according to the national rules of the countries involved. To make research data findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable (FAIR), a Data Management strategy for the proposed projects is mandatory. Projects selected to receive funding in the current call, will be requested to present a more detailed Data Management Plan (DMP) before month 6 from the official start of the project and an update of the DMP will be asked at the end of the projects.

9.3 Progress report

The project coordinator is required to submit an annual scientific progress report on behalf of the consortium to the JCS in March of each year, detailing how the project is progressing in relation to planned objectives. Furthermore, a final scientific report must be sent to the JCS within a period of two

⁴<https://open-research-europe.ec.europa.eu/>

⁵<https://www.nature.com/articles/sdata201618>

months after the project has ended. In addition to the reports, information related to some indicators related to the project may be collected on a platform/survey.

National funding organisations may also request financial and/or scientific annual progress reports and/or a final report on the project from the partners from their respective country.

In addition, the coordinators of each consortium may be asked to participate in a kick-off meeting and present two progress updates - one mid-term and one final status symposium. An appropriate travel budget should be included and justified in the financial plan for the proposal. In case some of the events are organised as an online conference, all partners of the consortia will be encouraged to participate.

9.4 Communication

The project coordinator will represent the consortium externally and will be responsible for all communication with the relevant ERA4Health bodies. The coordinator must promptly inform the JCS in case of ANY significant changes in the work programme or the consortium's composition. The JCS will inform the relevant funding organisations, who will decide upon the proper action to be taken.

Project coordinators, upon notification, are required to deliver an abstract of their project suitable for communication and dissemination purposes.

For the effective contribution of the project to the objectives of the ERA4Health, the project coordinator should be available to participate in meetings/workshops with the aim of:

- exchanging project results;
- developing a joint strategy to coordinate and facilitate integration of the planned activities of ERA4Health;
- communicating results across ERA4Health.

Importantly, all funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational ERA4Health funded projects include proper acknowledgement of the ERA4Health partnership and the respective funding partner organisations.

"This project received funding from [name of funding organisations, or an acknowledgment as requested by your national/regional funding organisations] under the umbrella of the Partnership Fostering a European Research Area for Health (ERA4Health) (GA N° 101095426 of the EU Horizon Europe Research and Innovation Programme)."

9.5 Support for Early Career Scientists

All project coordinators and other principal investigators are asked to encourage the Early Career Scientists (ECS) that will be involved in the research projects to actively engage in an upcoming ERA4Health Early Career Network (ECN) by including travel costs for Early Career Scientists and by allowing to dedicate a small amount of their working time to the ECN. In addition, the research consortia are invited to include training activities for Early Career Scientists into their proposals. Examples of training activities are mobility and lab visits of ECSs between partners of the consortium or implementation of summer school(s).

10. Confidentiality

The ERA4Health JCS takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information provided in the application is treated confidentially.

The proposals will be handled confidentially by the JCS and by the national/regional funding organisations. In selecting the international experts for the PRP, the JCS shall endeavour to avoid any possible conflicts of interest (Col).

Each expert will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest. In case of a Col the reviewer will be withdrawn from evaluating the respective proposal.

11. General Data Protection Regulation

The following Data Privacy Notice applies:

By submitting an application, the applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their personal data⁶, in accordance with article 6.1 (e) and (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679) and for the purposes of:

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- administering any subsequent funding award;
- managing the Funding Organisations relationship with them;
- analysing and evaluating the call;
- providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses on the funded projects;
- and complying with audits that may be initiated by the Funding Organisations and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may share applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may link the data that funding recipients provide in the application with national, bibliographic or external research funding data which are available through public subscription-based databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other national / open datasets.

⁶ Last name, first name of the researchers, date of birth, professional contact information, degree(s), position (current and previous), fields of activity, place of work, organisation, address(es), curriculum vitae, ORCID number, name and reference of projects, project proposals (scientific document, administrative and financial appendix).

ANNEX I

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
National contact person	Dr. Agnès Roba; +32 2 504 9236 Dr. Florence Quist; +32 2 504 9351 international@frs-fnrs.be
Funding commitment	300.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	300.000 € / project
Eligibility of partners	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Applicants can participate in a maximum of 2 projects either as: - a partner in both projects - a partner in one project and a coordinator in the other project
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations . Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call. “Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the ERA4Health JTC1 call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application.
Submission of other information at the national level	As described in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	As described in the PINT-MULTI regulations .
Further guidance	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact person	Toon Monbaliu (FO) europe@fwo.be +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters (SBO) europe@fwo.be +32 (0)2 550 15 95
Funding commitment	700.000 EUR
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2-3
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (overhead included).
Eligibility of partners	The FWO integrates two of its <u>national/regional funding channels</u> within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake. The eligibility of research institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant and respective chosen funding channels regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website: - <u>FWO Research Projects (FO)</u> - <u>Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</u>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above), and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel). The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR, which allows for the funding of at least 2 projects. For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) entail the same approach: a structural overhead rate should be applied on the total project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for ‘FO’ projects, and a 17% overhead rate for ‘SBO’ projects. Some practical examples: • FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. • SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No national project submission is required. However, when the FWO SBO project route is chosen, the researchers are asked to provide proactively, and before the proposal submission deadline (preferably one week in advance), a concise – but to the point – valorisation plan to the FWO (no fixed format, max. two A4-pages), which:

	i) clarifies the economic and/or societal valorisation context within, and added value for Flanders (and also internationally preferably); ii) mentions the involved – and specific - actors from Flanders. This document can be sent towards the europe@fwo.be email address. Failure to comply with this requirement can lead to ineligibility.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	• No additional, national scientific reporting is required: the ERA4Health ‘HealthEquity’ call reporting requirements suffice in this regard. • Financial reporting is similar to the national/regional framework. One additional feature: at the end of the project the FWO will ask for a cost statement, in the light of its own reporting requirements.
Additional eligibility rules	• Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘regular/national’ project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call (and only once if they act as coordinator in one of the proposals). • Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. • The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply in this context. • The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. Linked to this, and when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this framework. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project are not eligible. • It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact persons mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.

Country	Denmark
Funding organisation	Innovation Fund Denmark (IFD)
National contact person	Steen Bennike Mortensen +45 61 90 50 26 Steen.Bennike.Mortensen@innofond.dk Paola Barrientos Quiroga +45 61905086 paola.barrientos.quiroga@innofond.dk
Funding commitment	1 000 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	Flexible.
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding budget for a Danish partner is € 300,000. If two or more Danish partners participate in a project, the maximum funding budget is € 500,000. Investment rates and conditions vary depending on applicant type (e.g. Enterprise or Public organisation). Please consult the Danish Rules and Guidelines for International Projects (Chapter: Investment rates) to apply for the correct rate.
Eligibility of partners	IFD can fund all types of Danish partners actively participating in the projects.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible cost-categories for Danish partners: Salary, Travel, Subcontracting, Materials, Communication and knowledge sharing, 'Other expenses' and overhead. The budget should not contain VAT or other turnover tax unless this has been specifically agreed in writing with IFD.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Each Danish participant in a project will after the call deadline be allocated a national e-grant file number and an invitation to upload a pdf-version of the proposal with annexes on e-grant. IFD will not be able to conduct our national eligibility check without the application uploaded on e-grant. If the application is not uploaded, it can lead to the rejection of the project.
Submission of other information at the national level	If funded, Danish partners must individually report on progress according to our national funding conditions.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Enterprises will be required to upload financial statements etc. on e-grant after the call deadline.
Further guidance	All Danish applicants should consult the Danish Rules and Guidelines for International Projects .

Country	France
Funding organisation	French Research funding Agency
National contact person	Dr. Martine Batoux Phone number: +33 1 73 54 81 40 Era4healthcall@agencerecherche.fr
Funding commitment	1 000 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	3-4
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	ANR funding will be limited to 250 000 € per French applicant. For a French team taking over the coordination of the project, the maximum budget can be increased up to 300 000 €. Minimum amount per partner: 15 000 €. Maximum amount per project: 400 000 €.
Eligibility of partners	ANR may finance fundamental research, industrial research and experimental developments. Funded Partners must have their primary establishment in France and/or in the EU with a secondary establishment in France. Within this framework, research institutions such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, Hospitals as well as most Foundations, Associations and Enterprises can apply. Entities leading research are entitled to apply (eg: EPST, EPIC, Universities, Hospitals as well as most Foundations, Associations and Enterprises...). This list is not comprehensive and funding rates vary. Please fill the form related to economical activities to identify your funding rate and consult the ANR Funding regulations for more details: http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF Please note that companies with economic difficulties are excluded from ANR subventions. 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.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Standard ANR funding rules apply for eligible costs, unless stated otherwise in the Annex « <i>Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR</i> ». These rules are specified in ANR's "ANR Funding regulations" along with the an explanatory note available at: https://anr.fr/fileadmin/documents/2017/ANR-RF-Fiche-COUTS.pdf Eligible costs (e.g.: personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, additional overheads and other operating expenses incurred directly as a result of the research project such as, for instance: travel costs) and funding

	rates vary based on the type of research and research partner. Please note that expenses related to permanent staff stipends are not eligible for the Beneficiaries “à coût marginal”.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No additional documents should be submitted to ANR during the submission phase.
Submission of other information at the national level	When a project is selected for funding, administrative and financial data of the partners funded by ANR must be entered by the applicant on the ANR platform.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	The ANR funded partners must communicate to ANR the required Scientific reports, Consortium Agreement, Data management plans according to the funding contract and as required to the project coordinator by ERA4Health. Financial reports must be communicated to ANR according to the provisions of ANR Funding regulations. If applicable, Declarations of Due Diligence for the financed projects (Nagoya Protocol) must also be transmitted to ANR in due time.
Further guidance	ANR does not allow double application nor double funding and will not finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other calls. See Annex « <i>Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR</i> » for additional ANR rules at https://anr.fr/fileadmin/aap-ERA4Health-healthequity-2023-annexe-fr.pdf The above-mentioned terms and conditions are only summarized translations of those entailed in the ANR Funding regulations and in the Annex. In case of inconsistencies, the terms of the ANR Funding regulations and the Annex shall prevail. Please consult these documents for more details.

Country	Germany
Funding organisation	Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) represented by the Programme Management Agency in the German Aerospace Centre (DLR-PT)
National contact person	Name : Dr. Svenja Finck Dr. Bärbel Edelmann-Stephan Phone: +49 228 3821 1877 +49 228 3821 1639 E-mail: era4health@dlr.de Address: DLR PT, on behalf of the BMBF Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 53227 Bonn Germany
Funding commitment	2.0 M€
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	5 - 6
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 350.000€ per consortium (overhead costs included). Only one German partner per consortium is allowed. The applicants are not allowed to participate in more than one research proposal.
Eligibility of partners	Eligible applicants are researchers or research groups from German universities, German university hospitals, German non-university research institutes and industry/SMEs registered in Germany (subject to certain conditions). For specific conditions see also link to German version of the call below.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The following costs are eligible for funding (details see German version of the call): - Research costs (e.g. personnel, consumables) - Travel & networking costs - Communication & dissemination costs - Overhead costs ("Projektpauschale") Overheads are eligible according to standard BMBF regulations. Funding rates for universities, university hospitals and non-university research institutes can be up to 100% of their costs. Industry can be funded with a maximum of 80% of their cost.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation

Submission of other information at the national level	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	On request in case of a positive funding recommendation
Further guidance	See also German version of the call: https://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de/de/15779.php

Country	Ireland
Funding organisation	Health Research Board
National contact person	Dr Siobhán Hackett Dr Amanda Daly Email: eujointprogrammes@hrb.ie
Funding commitment	€370,000 This may be raised to €500,000 for coordinators (with the additional €130,000 for coordination-specific activities).
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1–2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Max. €370,000 for partners Max. €500,000 for coordinators (with the additional €130,000 for coordination-specific activities).
Eligibility of partners	Lead applicants (Principal Investigators) based in Ireland must be from a recognised HRB Host Institution (Policy on Approval of HRB Host Institutions). Partners classed as ‘Enterprise’ cannot be in receipt of HRB funding. Please see HRB’s dedicated scheme page on HRB’s funding page for Guidance and FAQ specific to applicants based in Ireland.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding available is inclusive of overheads and pension contributions • Salary related costs • Small equipment costs (€10,000) • Travel • Direct running costs, including patient-related costs and costs to support interventional studies • FAIR data management costs • Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs For more information please see HRB’s guidance on the dedicated scheme page on HRB’s funding page .
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No additional requirements
Submission of other information at the national level	Applicants will have to complete HRB’s Budget and Deliverables templates. These will be supplied after submission.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	HRB grant holders are required to submit grant reports as outlined in their grant contracts and the most recent HRB General Terms and Conditions for Research Awards . These include Annual and Final reports.
Further guidance	All Irish partners who are undertaking feasibility and/or interventional studies must adhere to the HRB Clinical Trial and Interventions Research Governance Policy. All applicants should contact the HRB in advance to ensure that they understand these conditions.

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Italian Ministry of Health (IT-MoH) www.salute.gov.it
National contact person	- Gaetano Guglielmi – Head Office 3 – Health Research g.guglielmi@sanita.it - Anna Ceccarelli – NCP and Programme Officer a.ceccarelli-esterno@sanita.it - Chiara Ciccarelli – NCP and Programme Officer c.ciccarelli@sanita.it
Funding commitment	700.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Max. 400K € per project
Eligibility of partners	Only IRCCS (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico) researchers are eligible to apply. Not fundable: Universities, other research Institutes, companies. No more than two Italian PIs (Principal Investigators) are eligible to apply for the same project. Simultaneous PI participation in different 2023 JTCs funded by the Ministry of Health is not allowed.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Direct Costs: - Personnel (only temporary contracts, max 50%); - Consumables; - Animals; - Equipment (only on hire); - Travel (max 10%); - Documentation (Max 1%) Indirect Costs: - Overhead (max 10%, included in the total); Other indirect costs are not eligible. Transfer of eligible funds abroad is not allowed. Subcontracts are allowed only upon approval, by presenting via Workflow – code ER, a request together with the National pre-eligibility form, the latest 20 days before the deadline of the pre-proposal submission.

	Italian PAOs can be funded as a sub-contractor of an IRCCS if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC. The maximum cost eligible for a sub-contract is 25.000 Euros (from the IRCCS Budget). Italian PAOs can still participate in Consortia as “Collaborators” with their own funds.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicant prior to the submission of the proposals. To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return to the IT-MoH a pre-submission eligibility check form through their IRCCS, using WFR System-> ER communication code, before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent written notification of their eligibility status. Changes in acronyms and budgets provided in the pre-submission eligibility check are not allowed. The pre-eligibility form can be downloaded here: http://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_listaFile_itemName_0_file.pdf
Submission of other information at the national level	-
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health (Ricerca Corrente).
Further guidance	Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be requested to the national contact persons.

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR)
National contact person	Aldo Covello Aldo.covello@mur.gov.it Maria Bianco Maria.bianco@mur.gov.it
Funding commitment	Euro 1.000.000 Out of which an amount of EUR 400,000 will be allocated on projects with a young researcher (younger than 40 years) as Principal Investigator for the Italian partners.
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	250.000 Euro
Eligibility of partners	The following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises including foundations and non-economic entities, universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014. Operational stakeholders – e.g. citizens and/or citizen representatives, local communities, schools, municipalities, local/national NGOS, consumer organisations may be included in the proposals as subcontractors. Any participant, in order to be eligible, must comply with the eligibility criteria listed in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and Overheads. Overheads (“Spese generali”) shall be calculated as a percentage of the personnel costs and cannot be higher than 50% of them. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs are to be included in the overheads. All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic Research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of costs). The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rates listed hereafter: Basic research: 70% Industrial Research: 50%

	Experimental Development: 25%
Submission of the proposal at the national level	YES
Submission of other information at the national level	In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit a national additional application to MUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it This national additional application must be submitted by the same deadline established in the international joint call for proposal submission. Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the deadline will be considered not eligible for funding. More information on the national documentation to be submitted to MUR is available at the web page dedicated to the partnership ERA4Health: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/era4health.aspx It is strongly recommended to contact the National Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation. The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources. Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR. The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, which will be published on the MUR website, and in the applicable Italian laws. 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
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	YES
Further guidance	National website: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/era4health.aspx National submission platform: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it

	Relevant Document: - Decreto legge n. 83/2012 - Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 - Decreto Ministeriale n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 - Avviso integrativo nazionale
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Country	Latvia
Funding organisation	Latvian Council of Science
National contact person	Maija Bundule E-mail: Maija.Bundule@lzp.gov.lv Tel: +371- 26514481 Uldis Berkis E-mail: Uldis.Berkis@lzp.gov.lv Tel.: +371-29472349
Funding commitment	LCS funding – 0,4M + partnership funding
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	300.000 Euros per partner, not exceeding 100.000 EUR per year Funding rates under R651/2014 shall be respected
Eligibility of partners	1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities And must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014) 2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, in this case this is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor's approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	1. Personnel costs incl. taxes; 2. Consumables; 3. Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; 4. Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks);

	5. Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment (e.g. electrodes); 6. Travels (according to travel plan); Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of other information at the national level	To receive funding by LCS, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented. Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request. Final audit according to the LCS regulations.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Annual or in some cases half-annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory.
Further guidance	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers (http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibaistarptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma) These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected. LCS cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities. LCS is funding only research.

Country	Lithuania
Funding organisation	Research Council of Lithuania (Lietuvos mokslo taryba), LMT
National contact person	Živilė Ruželė E-mail: zivile.ruzele@lmt.lt ; Tel. +37067614383
Funding commitment	200 000 Eur
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Within a single project proposal, the maximum funding can be up to EUR 100 000 for a consortium partner or up to EUR 150 000 for a coordinator/2 eligible LT partners in the consortium
Eligibility of partners	- <u>Lithuanian research and education institutions:</u> Universities, Research centres (which is listed in the Register of Ministry of Education, Science and sports of Republic of Lithuania) - Public health care institutions: University hospitals, other public hospitals. <u>Any private or public legal entity can be a partner of the main applicant.</u>
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Direct costs: personnel, travel, purchase (assets, services, consumables), subcontracting. Overheads (indirect costs): up to 20 % from direct costs.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Not required
Submission of other information at the national level	If proposal is granted Lithuanian partner must submit the detailed budget for the project implementation prior to the grant agreement signature.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Quarterly and yearly financial reports and two (2) scientific reports (mid-term and final) are required.
Further guidance	Please contact National contact person

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)
National contact person	Dr Marcin Chmielewski T: +48 22 39 07 109 M: +48 571 226 666 marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl Mateusz Skutnik T: +48 22 39 07 148 M: +48 515 339 175 mateusz.skutnik@ncbr.gov.pl Department of International Cooperation, ul. Chmielna 69, 00-801 Warszawa, Poland
Funding commitment	1 250 000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	3
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	400 000 € per project
Eligibility of partners	Following entities are eligible to apply: • Micro, Small, Medium and Large enterprise; • Research organisation; • Group of entities (within the meaning of art. 37 section 1, point 1a of The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 2279, 2022;). Entity must be registered in Poland; • For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large); • A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the competition is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities; • Please note that group of entities counts as at least two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to call text for details).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The eligible costs shall be the following: 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. operating costs including costs of instruments, equipment, technical knowledge, patents, costs for buildings and land, costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity.

	3. cost of contractual research, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national expert panel. 4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs are exactly 25% of eligible project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (3); It means $4 = (1+2) \cdot 25\%$. Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation, under the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on criteria and rules on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020. <table><tr><th></th><th>Large Enterprises</th><th>Medium Enterprises</th><th>Small Enterprises</th><th>Research organizations</th></tr><tr><td>Fundamental/Basic Research</td><td>Not eligible</td><td>Not eligible</td><td>Not eligible</td><td>Not eligible</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial/Applied Research</td><td>Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)</td><td>Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)</td><td>Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr><tr><td>Experimental development</td><td>Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)</td><td>Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)</td><td>Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr></table> Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.		Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Research organizations	Fundamental/Basic Research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Industrial/Applied Research	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 100 %	Experimental development	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %
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Experimental development	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %																	
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Project Consortium Agreement is required for the signature of national agreement																				
Submission of other information at the national level	-																				
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Annual scientific reports are obligatory.																				
Further guidance	Sample documents are available at: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy We encourage you to learn about and use our "PartFinder" (Partner Search Tool), which allows you to match science and industry entities from around the World with each other. The search engine is available at: https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/																				

Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT)
National contact person	Andréia Feijão Rita Cavaleiro era4health@fct.pt
Funding commitment	250.000 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1-2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum 250k€ for PT coordination and maximum 150k€ for PT participation. Note: if more than one Portuguese institution participates in each consortium, the budget must be shared.
Eligibility of partners	To be eligible the organisations must be registered in Portugal. Eligible partners as beneficiary institutions are: a) Non-entrepreneurial entities of the R&I system, namely: i. Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units; ii. State or international laboratories with head office in Portugal; iii. Non-profit private institutions whose main object is R&D activity; iv. Other non-profit public and private institutions developing or participating in scientific research activities. b) Companies of any type and under any legal form if included in SR&TD projects led by nonentrepreneurial entities from the R&I system. 1.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, travel, overheads.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Yes, but only for full proposals selected for funding.
Submission of other information at the national level	Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the proposal , Portuguese teams must send to the National Contact Point from FCT (era4health@fct.pt) a statement of commitment duly signed by the Researcher in charge and by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization, dated and stamped.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	For purposes of follow-up and final assessment, beneficiaries submit annual scientific progress report(s) and one final scientific report through the FCT, I.P. portal, preferentially in English.
Further guidance	The information provided above is a summary only. Portuguese institutions must follow FCT's Legislation, Regulations and Norms . Therefore, it's necessary the consultation of the detailed and complete information in the "Regulation on Projects Funded Solely by National Funds" at:

<https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcrypDoctId=b1RGC1TDzxnjhOY9V/qLLg==>

Please find more details also at the FCT webpage:

<https://www.fct.pt/concursos/healthequity-concurso-da-parceria-europeia-era4health>

The dedication (FTE) in transnational projects is not considered for the 100% (FTE) dedication to national projects.

Country	Romania
Funding organisation	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)
National contact person	Mihaela Manole: Mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro ; 0040.21.302.38.63 Nicoleta Dumitrache: nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro ; 0040.21.302.38.86
Funding commitment	1.000.000 eur
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	4-5
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	250.000 euro for all Romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is the Coordinator; 200.000 for all Romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is not the Coordinator; (please read: https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020)
Eligibility of partners	Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others, with research and innovation within their activities. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation. One proposal/principal investigator or partner responsible.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure ; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	No
Submission of other information at the national level	No

Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Only funded projects
Further guidance	https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020

Country	Slovakia
Funding organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
National contact person	Katarina Bibova bibova@up.upsav.sk
Funding commitment	240.000€
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Up to 120.000€ per project
Eligibility of partners	Only research Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%). 1. The Slovak principal investigator must have a job contract for more than 50% working hours in the SAS organization for which the project proposal or participation in the project proposal is submitted. 2. Other researchers, except for doctoral students, must have a working relationship with the SAS organization. 3. Each researcher of the Slovak partner research team of a project consortium (other than the Slovak Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with the Slovak Principal Investigator, lasting until the end of the project or beyond.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Total eligible costs = Permanent salaries + Other costs (DC + IC) • Permanent salaries 45 000 € (36 months) • Other costs: 75 000 € (36 months) Direct costs (DC): Personnel (max. 15% of DC), Consumables, Equipment (max. 40% of DC) and Travel costs Indirect costs (IC, Overheads): max. 20 % of DC. Limitations and specifications are available: (Financial rules for awarding SAS grants for international research projects)
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required once the international evaluation has taken place and the ranking list has been endorsed by the Joint Call Steering Committee (CSC). The Slovak partner will be informed about recommendation for funding by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the national proposal form (MVTs form). The Presidium of SAS makes the final decision concerning the approval of funding (according to internal rules of SAS).

Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Annual financial report within 1 month after the end of each calendar year during the duration of the funded project
Further guidance	

Country	Spain
Funding organisation	Institute of Health Carlos III (Instituto de Salud Carlos III- ISCIII)
National contact person	Cándida Sánchez Barco email: cbarco@isciii.es Tel: (+34) 91 822 20 63
Funding commitment	National Programme: Acción Estratégica en Salud (AES 2023) 400.000 € (pending of approval of Spanish State Budget)
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2-3
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding from ISCIII per awarded Spanish project partner: • Up to 180,000 € per partner (overheads included) • Up to 260,000 € per coordinator (overheads included) Overheads according to AES 2023 : 25% Projects' duration: from 24 months to 36 months The level of funding will take into account the evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the primary health care and the financial resources available.
Eligibility of partners	The participation of the Spanish primary health care is crucial to the success of this call so for that: • The participation in the consortium of at least one Spanish primary health care center is mandatory in this call. Proposals without a Spanish primary health care center will not be eligible. • Therefore, only projects with at least one Principal Investigator (PI) belonging to an (assigned/affiliated) primary care center participates will be eligible for funding. • In the event that the corresponding primary care center forms an integral part of an Accredited Health Research Institute (IIS) and the PI belongs to (assigned/affiliated) the IIS, the eligible institution will be the Institute. In this case, additional groups from the same IIS might participate in the same proposal, taking into account the maximum number of entities by country considered in the eligibility criteria requirements described in the call text.

	Eligible Institutions: • Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Accredited according to the RD 279/2016 (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th). See the list of IIS in this link. • Hospitals or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted). • CIBER Team members applying to the call must be from at least two groups belonging to CIBER in two different home institutions and one of these two should be a Hospital, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) or Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Please contact Cristina Rodríguez (cristina.rodriguez@ciberisciii.es) for more information related to CIBER's eligibility. • Private health entities and institutions, Public Research Institutions (OPIs) as defined in article 47 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 202/2021, of 30 March, public Universities and private Universities with proven R&D activity capacity, other public R&D centres. • Applicants from ISCIII. Eligibility criteria from AESI 2023 apply. • Spanish Primary health care will be eligible Institutions even if they apply independently. • Please be careful that in AES2023 some specific Institutions may be declared as ineligible to receive funds by ISCIII in this call.
Eligibility of PI and team members	• Principal Investigators (PI) can only participate in one project proposal per call. • Principal Investigators (PIs) belonging to an Accredited Health Research Institutes (IIS) should apply only from the IIS. • The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institutions in the call. • PIs that has an ongoing International Collaboration (PCIN) project of the same initiative and purpose that this call and that the project has an ending date after the 31st December 2023 will not be able to apply for this call. This incompatibility will affect only to the PI.

	And this incompatibility will not apply in the case that the PI participate as coordinator in the new application or in the ongoing project. For additional incompatibilities please review AES2023. Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI): • Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, EIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR, RFIR). • Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts). • Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell” or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts). • Researchers contracted by a RICORs and platforms funded by ISCIII.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• Personnel costs: - It will be eligible personnel costs for contracts with the needed professional category (superior technician, BSc (grado), MSc (máster), PhD (doctor) for the project development accordingly to the published salary tables in AES2023 / ISCIII’s webpage. - Contracts for PhD students will be done in the framework of National Subprogramme for Training (scholarships are not eligible). - Personnel costs will be eligible with a maximum of 36 PM in total for the personnel contracts altogether. - The hiring of permanent personnel already belonging to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible expenses. • Other eligible costs: Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), publication and dissemination of results and other costs as included in AES 2023 that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Overheads, according to AES 2023 (25%) • Double funding of the same concept is not allowed.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	• National applications will be required by ISCIII. Due to administrative and legal regulations, the Institute of Health Carlos III establishes the 31st October 2023 as the national deadline for the decision on fundable project consortia which includes Spanish partners to be funded by ISCIII, which must present their National application in the period stated in AES 2023 (<i>1-15 November 2023, tentative</i>).

	Any concerned applicant in a proposal for which no final decision has been made by the deadline of 31.10.2023, could be declared not fundable by ISCIII.
Submission of other information at the national level	As specified by AES 2023.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	As specified by ISCIII's instructions (please check ISCIII's webpage).
Requirements on data and repositories	• Researchers funded by ISCIII must make public the human genomic data, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project and will use open access repositories. Researchers must also make public all the necessary information for the interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, data instruments survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood: association of complete genomes (GWAS), matrixes of de polymorphism of a single nucleotide (SNP) and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. The researchers whose projects are funded by ISCIII are recommended to store their scientific data at the "ELIXIR Core Data Resources", or if non-European repositories or data bases are to be used they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). • ISCIII may not fund any project that may require a repository and/or a data base without a plan ensuring sustainability and decommissioning after the end of funding.
Requirements for clinical studies	Spanish groups that participate in a proposal performing a clinical study, must include in their team a member from their scientific node of the EU Clinical Trials Network (SCReN or ECRIN-ERIC) or if it does not exist, a member from the personnel of their Clinical Research Supporting Platform of their institutions (UIC). In the proposals that performs a clinical study, it has to be specified in the proposal who is exactly the mandatory member of these dedicated Units.
Acknowledgements	Any publication, data base, product or event protected with IPR or not, resulting from the granted project must acknowledge "Award no. XX by Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) through AES 2023 and within the ERA4Health Partnership" even after the end of the project, including other specific acknowledgments that could be requested by ISCIII to the granted project. For more information please see ISCIII's ROR here .

Country	Spain
Funding organisation	Consejería de Salud y Consumo de la Junta de Andalucía (CSCJA)
National contact person	Alicia Milano Curto Tel: 955040450 email convocatorias.fps@juntadeandalucia.es
Funding commitment	250.000,00 €
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	1-2
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	125.000€, 250.000€ if coordinator (including 21% indirect costs)
Eligibility of partners	• Eligible organisation must be Andalusian Non-profit entities registered as Agent of the Andalusian Knowledge System (Registro de Agentes del Sistema Andaluz del Conocimiento) with research and innovation activity in Biomedicine and Health Sciences, ie: Research managing foundations of the Andalusian Public Health System • Principal investigators must be linked through a civil servant, statutory or labour relationship with the applicant or performing centre. For Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS), the link may be with any of the public or private law entities that are part of the IIS provided that the entity meets all the specific requirements determined in each action, and, in any case, be personnel assigned to the IIS. • More than one partner from Andalusia may participate in the same project • A PI can only participate in one application per call. • For receiving regional funding, the final funding decision issued by the corresponding program's decision-making body must be accredited • The duration of the projects shall be determined by the corresponding JTC. In any case, this period shall be stated in the award resolution.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	a) Goods and services: consumables, bibliographic material, equipment rentals, software licenses and external services. b) Personnel costs: specifically hired for the project, including salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses derived. c) Travel, accommodation and subsistence according to the maximum amounts of compensation for service established in Decree 54/1989, of March 21, on compensation for service of the Junta de Andalucía, exclusively for people who are part of the research group or hired under the funded project. Exceptionally, any expense outside these amounts, or for people other than those listed before, must be authorised by the granting body. d) From the project' second year onwards: Registration fees for congresses

	or conferences for the presentation and dissemination of the results e) Publication costs f) Other expenses duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project. g) Indirect costs 21% h) Subcontracting costs: cannot exceed 50% of the funding and need prior authorization from the granting body. Nor Scientific aspects nor the management of the project should be subcontracted. The following are not considered eligible expenses - Equipment or Equipment repair and maintenance - Items or amounts that, after analysis, are not considered justified - Amounts paid to persons participating in the project, with the exception of expenses necessary for special attention to patients that involve compensation for their participation in the project not derived from an employment relationship. The sum of the funding or income received for the same purpose may in no case exceed the cost of the funded activity. Transfer between categories. Under 25%
Submission of the proposal at the national level	• Regional applications must be submitted to the General Secretariat of Public Health and R&D&I in Health exclusively by telematic means. • The deadline for the submission of regional applications will be established in the regional call and will be informed through the website of the Regional Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs.
Submission of other information at the national level	The following documents must be provided: - Certificate of registration in the corresponding public registry - National ID (DNI) of the person legally representing the applicant entity - Fiscal Identification Code (CIF) of the applicant entity - Documentation accrediting the representation or power of attorney of the legal representative. - Certificate of being up to date in the fulfilment of the obligations with the Social Security and tax obligations. - Statutes - Documentation accrediting duly compliance with the obligation to submit the accounts to Protectorado de las Fundaciones Andaluzas For projects involving invasive procedures on human beings, their biological material and/or clinical data, a favourable report or a document accrediting the request for its evaluation by the Biomedical Research Ethics Committee has to be provided
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Beneficiaries must submit financial and scientific reports to Consejería de Salud y Consumo de la Junta de Andalucía
Further guidance	The projects must respect the fundamental principles established in national and international declarations, protocols and conventions on research ethics, as well as respect the requirements established in national and regional legislation in the field of biomedical research, development

	and innovation, personal data protection and bioethics. When the results are not susceptible to protection of industrial or intellectual property rights, the scientific publications resulting from the funding granted must be made available in open access, in accordance with article 37 of Law 14/2011, of June 1.
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Country	Taiwan
Funding organisation	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC)
National contact person	Dr. Ching-Mei Tang Email: cmtom@nstc.gov.tw Tel: +886-2-2737-7557
Funding commitment	810,000€
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	2-3
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	-The maximum amount per year per project is €90,000.00 (about NTD3,000,000). -The decision regarding the exact amount of the grant is dependent on the result of the NSTC's internal reviews. -The number of grants of every principle investigator must comply with NSTC's regulation of the max number of two international cooperation projects granted by NSTC for the same duration.
Eligibility of partners	All research institutes, universities, hospitals, public organisations in Taiwan endorsed by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) as eligible institutions
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Including personnel, consumables, hosting expenses for foreign researchers, and travel expenses for international destinations-joint research & overseas studies, for more information please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Submission of the proposal at the national level	-Taiwanese project partners shall submit a proposal to the NSTC for national financing after the project has been selected and approved for funding through the ERA4Health evaluation and selection process. -The proposals are required to be submitted to NSTC for funding as soon as possible as the internal process of the NSTC generally takes 6 months.
Submission of other information at the national level	please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
Further guidance	please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch

Country	The Netherlands
Funding organisation	ZonMw
National contact person	Dr Rob Diemel, ERA4Health@zonmw.nl , +31 70 349 5252
Funding commitment	€1.250.000
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum €250.000 (= total amount for all Dutch partners per consortium project)
Eligibility of partners	In this National Annex an Applicant is defined as a researcher from the Netherlands applying for funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium). Applicants may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request funding) if they have an employment relationship with the following organisation: - Dutch research organisations, that satisfy the definition of a research organisation as referred to in EU state aid legislation may receive the research grant (<i>Framework for state aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01)</i>). ZonMw only accepts applicants belonging to category A Academia as eligible for funding. Applicants belonging to categories B,C and D are not eligible for funding (yet, collaboration with stakeholders from category D is possible by assignment only). See paragraph 7.1 of the call text. Please note: - In this call ZonMw can only fund applicants from hospitals if they are marked as research organisation by ZonMw, for example University Medical Centres. - An applicant may only request ZonMw funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call. - PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. - To increase the impact of research ZonMw allows collaboration of Dutch partners within projects. Collaboration may involve a contribution in kind or in cash and is only possible for Dutch research organisations as defined above. - Dutch eligible applicants can hire third parties, to execute part of the project activities, by assignment. This can be the case for financing of stakeholders and other collaborators as described in category D (described in paragraph 7.1 of the call text. ZonMw does not consider this to be a form of collaboration. This must be set out in a written agreement between the applicant and the relevant third party/ies (at arm's length) stipulating that results need to be transferred to the applicant in advance. In addition, this

	means that the applicant must provide clarity in the application and budget about the costs to be incurred (including VAT). When entering into an assignment, the applicant must comply with the tendering rules that may be applicable. An application for funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs of research projects executed by research organisations are: (see the ZonMw grant terms and conditions from 1st July 2013): - Staff costs - A bench fee - Material costs as indicated in the grant award letter. The budget projection should be consistent with the plan of action set out in the application. The budget projection should also include costs of target group participation and implementation of knowledge. The budget projection for the full project proposal should clearly indicate which organisations will be deployed in which role, and for how many hours. This will make the contributions of all participating parties clear No interim changes will be made to the amount awarded in the letter (which includes indexation). After the grant has been awarded, changes may if required be made in terms of the type of researcher to be appointed or the equipment to be purchased, after approval. The grant amount will be finalised after receipt and approval of a final report and final accounts. Personnel costs are funded in accordance with the VSNU/NFU salary tables on ZonMw's website. It is recommended to use the salary tables already in the full proposal stage in the preparation of the budget for the Dutch partners. In case of an assignment with a third party, the budget must make it clear which parties will be hired, or, if this is not yet known, which activities are forecast as being performed by third parties, plus the related costs that will be incurred (including VAT). Note, that the majority of the research activities must be performed by the Dutch research organization (as defined above) and only a non-significant part (up to 25 percent) of the budget may be allocated to third parties by assignment under market conditions. For more information and the conditions of hire/terms of contract, see the ZonMw web page https://www.zonmw.nl/en/research-and-results/co-financing/grants-and-collaborationscontributions-from-third-parties/.
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Once consortium proposals are selected for funding, the Dutch partner(s) in that proposal will be notified. This notification will include a description how to link the proposal to the ZonMw registration system AIMS.

	The Dutch consortium partners in awarded consortia have to comply with ZonMw procedures for granted projects (e.g. uploading via AIMS - including the ZonMw budget format, and mid-term reporting).
Submission of other information at the national level	For each granted project that includes a project partner from the Netherlands, a signed Consortium Agreement including a description of the handling of Intellectual Property Rights should be mailed to ERA4Health@zonmw.nl within 6 months from the start of the project.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of ZonMw (The General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw). A midterm scientific report will be required for the Dutch partner(s) of the consortium project, 1,5 year after the start of the project.
Further guidance	The General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the Grant from ZonMw. Any arrangements made regarding the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from ZonMw must comply with the General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw amended on 1 April 2022 and the European legislation on state aid. For further guidance about conditions and finances: https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/subsidies/voorwaarden-en-financien/ Current information about ERA4Health can be found at https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/onderzoek-resultaten/translationeel-onderzoek/programmas/programma-detail/era4health/ and https://era4health.eu/

Country	Türkiye	
Funding organisation	The scientific and technological research council of Türkiye (TUBITAK)	
National contact person	Şükran Alpdemir sukran.alpdemir@tubitak.gov.tr	
Funding commitment	400 000 Euros	
Anticipated number of fundable proposals	Around 4 proposals	
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	2 500 000 Turkish Liras (TL) (around 120 000 Euros) per project, 1 500 000 TL for public institutions and 2 500 000 TL for private companies with 60% funding of the eligible costs for large companies and 75% funding of the eligible costs for SMEs	
Eligibility of partners	The funding is granted to Principal Investigators from universities, public or private sector. The PI is subject to eligibility check. The eligibility check is done according to the TUBITAK 1071 Programme regulations and the published national call document. Eligibility of PIs or other research team members: Project Manager, Researchers and Advisors: - University personnel should have a PhD degree. - Those working in a public institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate degree. - Except advisors, the project manager and researchers should reside and work in Türkiye. - A researcher should have a contribution of at least 10% of the project workload. - An advisor is allowed if the project requires special expertise on a specific subject. The number of advisors in a project is limited to the number of specific subjects in the project. The role of advisor in the project should be explained in detail in the project proposal. NOTE: University rectors and vice rectors, deans, head of academy/institute, surgeons general, general secretaries, general managers, state department heads and members of the executive committee/advisory board of TÜBİTAK groups cannot be the project manager in any project if they are working in those positions as of the application date. However, they can be researchers in at most two projects. Applications are not accepted from foundations, associations and their economic enterprises, cooperatives, unions, sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships.	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel Up to 3-year (36 months), full-time or part-time contracts	The relevant terms in the TÜBİTAK 1509 - International Industry R&D Projects Support Programme Implementation Principles document are valid for legal entities from the private sector.

	(only for additional personnel)	Other personnel costs, including scholarships for university students are included in the 1071 Programme regulations and the published national call document.
	Small Equipment	Eligible, must be used for the project
	Travel and Allowance	Eligible, up to 160,000 TL per organization (app 8000 €)
	Consumables	Eligible
	Subcontracting and other services	Eligible
	Overheads	Not eligible, calculated as extra
	Only project meetings and short study visits are eligible, long-term capacity building activities are not eligible for funding from TUBITAK.	
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Yes	
Submission of other information at the national level	Yes	
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes	
Further guidance	Participants from Türkiye should also submit their proposals to TUBITAK electronically via (https://uidbpbs.tubitak.gov.tr/). The applications should be completed via e-signature.	