Basic information about the participation rules for partners in the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO programme

INNOGLOBO AI

<u>NOTE:</u> The information provided below is only a brief guide to the most essential aspects of Foreign Partners' participation in the projects selected for funding in the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO programme.

For all details about the terms of the call, see the document in Polish entitled "Rules for the participation of Polish applicants in the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO programme", including appendices thereto.

1. Participation in the call is open exclusively to international consortia comprising Polish entities and at least one foreign Partner.
2. There are no limitations as to the legal structure of the Foreign Partner(s) which form the international consortium implementing the project.
3. Foreign Partners implementing the project in an international consortium may originate from all the countries with which Poland maintains diplomatic relations[1].
4. NCBR may provide funding for project implementation only to entities which conduct business or research & development activities[2] on the territory of the Republic of Poland (as confirmed with an entry in the relevant register[3]).
5. The entities referred to in point 4 may include only research organisations[4], businesses[5] or consortia[6] composed of any configuration of entities indicated in this point.
6. One of the conditions for projects to receive funding is that the Polish applicant enters into an international consortium agreement with the Foreign Partner(s) in cooperation with whom the project will be implemented.
7. The subjects raised in funding applications for projects must be in line with fit into at least one of the following thematic areas:
   - AI technology development (including edge computing, data analysis and processing)
   - AI in biotechnology, healthcare and demographic challenges, including population ageing
   - AI in cybersecurity
   - AI for industry, including robotization, automation and autonomous systems

[1] https://www.gov.pl/web/dyplomacja/podmioty-z-ktorymi-polska-utrzymuje-stosunki-dyplomatyczne and from Taiwan.
[2] Within the meaning of Article 2 (84, 85 or 86) of Commission Regulation 651/2014.
[3] Where registration is required under applicable law.
[4] The entity referred to in Article 7 (1) (1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 8) of the Higher Education and Science Act, as an organisation engaging in research and knowledge dissemination, as referred to in Article 2 (83) of Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
[5] An enterprise within the meaning of Article 1 of Annex I of Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
[6] A group of entities within the meaning of Article 37 (1) (1a) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development.

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8. Project funding must be provided exclusively for the Polish applicant to implement: industrial research[7] and/or development work[8].
9. The projects which qualify for funding may take from 24 to 36 months.
10. The NCBR budget allocated for funding the participation of Polish entities in the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO Programme is PLN 25 million.
11. The minimum amount of funding for work packages implemented by the Polish applicant within a single project is PLN 300,000.
12. The maximum amount of funding for work packages implemented by the Polish applicant within a single project is PLN 2 million.
13. The share of financial resources contributed by all the Foreign Partners forming the international consortium which implements an international project should be a minimum of 30% and a maximum of 70% of the total international consortium budget allocated to the project.
14. Each Foreign Partner willing to participate in project implementation within the international consortium is required to secure funding for the implementation of their respective portions of the project, including to provide the Polish applicant, before the applicant submits the funding application, with a declaration that they have secured funding for project implementation. This declaration should be written in English and obligatory contain the following information:
    1) the full name of the Foreign Partner submitting this declaration - the name must be consistent with the partner's name indicated in the international application for INNOGLOBO 6th Call;
    2) the Foreign Partner's full address;
    3) the Foreign Partner's legal form;
    4) the full title of the international project - the title must be consistent with the title indicated in the international application in INNOGLOBO 6th Call;
    5) the acronym of the international project - the acronym must be consistent with the acronym indicated in the international application in INNOGLOBO 6th Call;
    6) the estimated cost, in euros, of the tasks planned to be carried out by the Foreign Partner as part of the international project (hereinafter "tasks") - the cost must be consistent with the cost in euros specified in the international application in INNOGLOBO 6th Call;
    7) the manner in which the Foreign Partner will secure funding for these tasks, in the case where the project submitted to INNOGLOBO 6th Call receives funding from the Polish side - the options approved in the call for proposals are:
        a) a declaration that the Foreign Partner is applying for funding from a foreign R&D funding agency that cooperates with the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) under INNOGLOBO 6th Call – should be provided the full name of the foreign R&D funding agency, or

[7] Research within the meaning of Article 2 (85) of Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.
[8] Development work within the meaning of Article 2 of Annex I of Commission Regulation (EU) 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.

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b) a declaration that the Foreign Partner has obtained funding from a foreign R&D funding agency other than the one indicated in point a) - should be provided the full name of the foreign R&D funding agency and attach the agency's declaration confirming the award of funding, or
c) a declaration that the Foreign Partner has funds to carry out the tasks planned in the project (these are considered the partner's "own funds"), or
d) a declaration that the Foreign Partner has obtained a credit/loan to cover the costs of the tasks planned for implementation in the project - confirmation of receiving the credit/loan must be attached.

8) the signature of the person authorized to represent the Foreign Partner - the declaration must be signed using a Qualified Electronic Signature or, alternatively, with a handwritten signature;
9) the date the Foreign Partner signed the declaration.

15. The call for proposals procedure comprises a single phase which starts on 5 November 2026 and ends on 12 February 2027.
16. Polish applicants submit international application for project financing according to the "Rules for the participation of Polish applicants in the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO programme". The international application should be submitted to the NCBR via the electronic system – Application Generator in LSI 1.0.
17. Application evaluation by NCBR includes the following stages:
    1) formal evaluation – to check application eligibility;
    2) expert evaluation – the scientific and technical evaluation of the project carried out by Polish external experts;
    3) international arrangements conducted jointly by the NCBR with a foreign R&D funding agency cooperating with the NCBR under the 6th Call of the INNOGLOBO Programme (if applicable);
    4) establish of ranking lists, containing applications that were evaluated positively and negatively. The list of positively evaluated proposals will also include those, containing applications that received a positive final evaluation but were not recommended for funding due to a lack of available funds in the call budget.
18. Based on the ranking list, NCBR's Director issues a decision under which NCBR awards funding for project implementation.
19. It is expected that Polish applicants will receive the funding decision no later than 31 August 2027.
20. Should each of the Foreign Partners forming the international consortium decide to withdraw from the project or forfeit their project funding security, the Director of NCBR may issue a decision to void the decision on the award of funding for project implementation.
21. For more information on the 6th Call and the INNOGLOBO Programme and the programme itself, please visit: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr-en/other-initiatives.
22. Questions concerning the call terms and conditions should be directed to: innoglobo@ncbr.gov.pl.

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