

## Poland

Funding Organisation	<b>Narodowe Centrum Badan i Rozwoju / National Centre for Research and Development, (NCBR) - <a href="http://www.ncbr.gov.pl">www.ncbr.gov.pl</a></b>
Initial funding pre-commitment	1.100.000 €
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Eligible institutions	<p>Following entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprises - SME and Large<sup>1</sup>,</li> <li>• Research organisation<sup>2</sup> (research and knowledge-dissemination organisation),</li> <li>• Group of enterprises composed of two enterprises,</li> <li>• Group of entities composed of one research organisation and one enterprise,</li> <li>• Group of entities composed of two research organisations</li> </ul>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Entities must be established as a legal person<sup>3</sup> and must conduct its business, R&amp;D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register<sup>4</sup>.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, an agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</li> <li>• 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).</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> As defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014");

<sup>2</sup> As defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

<sup>3</sup> Legal person - an entity that is capable of having and amending legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons;

<sup>4</sup> if applicable

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals.</li> <li>• Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF) with required attachments.</li> <li>• The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call.</li> <li>• If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities.</li> </ul> <p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation);</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development.</li> </ul>
Eligible costs	<p>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner – up to 350.000 EUR for one Polish partner in the project up to 400.000 EUR for all Polish partners in the project.</p> <p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <p><b><u>For research organisations:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>personnel</b></li> <li>2. <b>consumables</b></li> <li>3. <b>equipment</b></li> <li>4. <b>travel</b></li> <li>5. <b>other direct costs</b> - please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details</li> </ol>

6. **subcontracting** – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
7. **overheads** – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs should account 25% of all eligible direct costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (6); It means  $7 = (1+2+3+4+5) \times 25\%$

**For enterprises:**

1. **personnel**
2. **equipment**
3. **other direct costs:** please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details
4. **subcontracting** – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
5. **overheads** – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs for enterprises include costs related to consumables, travel and other direct costs. Additional overheads costs should account 20% of eligible direct project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs; It means  $5 = (1+2+3+4) \times 20\%$ .

*For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.*

Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, please check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.

Funding quota for Polish participants may be up to 100% for universities and research organisations. In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under Section 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.

In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separate task.

For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations.

### Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
<b>Large Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)
<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)
<b>Small Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)
<b>Universities, public research organisations</b>	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
<b>Public authorities</b>	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
<b>Associations without economic activities, NGOs</b>	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible

Funding of public-private partnerships allowed

Yes

Further guidance	<p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Sample documents are available at: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</a>.</p> <p>Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF).</p> <p>All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish full proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.</p> <p>If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities.</p> <p>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: <a href="https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/">https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/</a></p>
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