

TRANSCAN-4: Sustained collaboration of funders to support translational cancer research

Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2026 (JTC-2026)

"Translational Research on Cancer Metabolism: Multidisciplinary Approaches for Diagnosis and Treatment"

Pre-proposal Application Form

Please note:

- Proposals that do not meet the regional/national eligibility criteria and requirements **will be declined without further review**.
- Incomplete proposals (proposals missing any sections), proposals using a different format (font type, font size) or exceeding length limitations (length, number of figures, etc.) of any sections **will be rejected without further review**.
- Regarding information about the proposal structure refer to the "Guidelines for Applicants".
- In case of inconsistency between the information registered in the submission tool and the information included in the PDF of this application form, the information registered in the submission tool shall prevail.
- All fields must be completed using "Arial font, size 11" characters, single-spaced.
- Once completed, the pre-proposal must be converted in a PDF document (formatted in DIN-A4) before being uploaded to the submission website.

CHECKLIST FOR THE COORDINATOR

To ensure eligibility of your proposal please collect the required information (help provided through the “Call Text”, “Guidelines for Applicants” and your regional/national contact points) and tick all the sections below before starting to complete this application form.

General conditions

- The project proposal addresses at least one of the aims/sub-aims of the call.
- I am aware of the regional/national requirements of the corresponding funding organisations.

Composition of the consortium

- The project consortium involves at least three (3) eligible partners from at least three (3) different countries whose funders participate in JTC-2026.
- The project coordinator is eligible to be funded by one of the participating funding organisations.
- The project proposal involves no more than six (6) partners. The maximum number of partners can be increased up to seven (7) if certain criteria are met (see call text).
- The project consortium does not include more than two partners from the same country participating in the call (see the JTC-2026 “Guidelines for Applicants” for specific regional/national regulations).
- If a research group with its own funding is part of the consortium, the respective partner is indicated as a full partner in this proposal template, provided that they demonstrate that their financial and human resources have already been secured and will be available at the start of the project (in case of invitation to submit a full proposal this will need to be proven by a written confirmation).
- The proposal clearly indicates that the consortium involves at least one early-career researcher (ECR) as principal investigator.

Ethical standards

- The proposal complies with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity as set out, for instance, in the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity; in particular, this includes avoiding fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct).

Eligibility of consortium partners

- I have checked that no partner of this consortium is a member of the TRANSCAN-4 Network Steering Committee (NSC), Scientific Evaluation Committee (SEC), Call Steering Committee (CSC) or Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).
- I have checked that partners involved in the project proposal and requesting budget are eligible to receive funding from their funding organisation.
- (If applicable) Belgian (Flemish) partners requesting funds from the Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO) have submitted the requested regional additional document in parallel in time.
- (If applicable) Italian partners requesting funds from the Italian Ministry of Health (IT-MoH) have submitted the requested national additional documents in parallel in time.
- (If applicable) Lombardy institutions requesting funds from “Fondazione Regionale per la Ricerca Biomedica”, FRRB, have submitted the requested regional document in parallel in time.
- (If applicable) Tuscany institutions requesting funds from the Tuscany Region, TuscReg, have submitted the requested regional document in parallel in time.
- (If applicable) Spanish partners requesting funds from the National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII) and The Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (AECC-FC) provided the requested national additional application form via email prior to proposal submission.
- (If applicable) Israeli partners requesting funds from the Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) provided the requested national additional application form via email prior to proposal submission and received approval for submission.
- Turkish partners requesting funds from The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK), have applied via <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/> in parallel to the 1st stage submission.

1a. Project title (maximum 150 characters including spaces):
1b. Project acronym (maximum 10 characters):
2. Project duration (months):
3. Project coordinator (research partner 1 in the consortium, indicating whether or not the coordinator is an ECR):

Name	
Country	
Position	
Institution/Department	
Address	
Phone + Fax	
E-mail address	
Type of entity (tick as appropriate)	<input type="checkbox"/> Academia (universities or other higher education or research institutions) <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical or Public Health Sector (hospitals/public health and/or other health care settings and health organisations) <input type="checkbox"/> For-profit Private Organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Nonprofit Private Organisation

4. Other research partners (please indicate which PIs participate as ECR):

No.	Country	Name of research partner (principal investigator)	Institution, department & full address	Phone & Fax	Email address	Type of entity			
						Academia	Clinical or Public Health	For-profit Private	Nonprofit Private
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									

5. Total requested funding: €

6. Keywords:

Please indicate three to seven keywords by using the [MeSH](#) vocabulary representing: the scientific content (type of cancer; specific aim(s) and topic(s), see "Call Text", Chapter 2: Aim of the Call); the methodological and technological approach(es).

7. Project abstract (max 3,000 characters including spaces, equivalent to about ¾ of an A4 page):

The abstract should contain:

- Background, rationale
- Hypothesis
- Aims (primary and secondary)
- Methods
- Expected results and potential impact

8. Adherence of the proposal to the aims and sub-aims of the call. Proposals will have to cover at least one of two aims. Please indicate as appropriate.

- Aim 1: Enabling better cancer diagnostics and monitoring through metabolic markers
- Aim 2: Intercepting metabolic vulnerabilities to improve precision medicine

Has the project been submitted elsewhere?

- Yes
- No

9. Project description (maximum six A4 pages):

This part should contain (diagrams and figures can be placed where appropriate):

- a. Description of a summary of the relevant literature, the project rationale in terms of medical need, and of the present state of the art in the field(s), and description of the envisioned solution for the medical need
- b. Description of the project aims
- c. Statement of the research hypothesis(es)
- d. Preliminary data
- e. Description of the methods with specific regard to the study design, the study population(s), intervention/exposure, groups of comparison, and outcome of interest. Details are also needed regarding the study sample size as defined by *ad hoc* power calculations, and the strategic plan for statistical analysis
- f. Novelty and originality of the project
- g. Feasibility of the project: information about the experience of the research consortium partners in the field; management structure and related implementation plan; added value of the proposed transnational collaboration

- h. Information about the potential impact on early diagnosis or therapy, with reference to the development, dissemination and use of project results
- i. Ethical issues and regulatory aspects
- j. References (maximum 30 references)

10. Capacity building activities (if eligible for the funding organisation/country; maximum 2,000 characters including spaces, i.e. about half a A4 page):

Please specify whether the project will include capacity building activities. If so, please describe the nature and purpose of the planned activities (see section 2 of the "Call Text"). Indicate the capacity building budget in the financial plan below (chapters 12 and 13).

11. Brief CV for each partner (i.e. the project coordinator and each PI) including a description of the main domain of research and a list of the five most relevant publications within the last five years regarding the proposal (once converted into PDF document: max 1 page for each partner. Please highlight which PIs participate as ECR:

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A large, empty rectangular box with a thin black border, occupying the upper half of the page. It is intended for the applicant to provide details or a proposal.

12. Total financial plan: sum of year 1-3. Please describe the requested budget (grant to be covered by the funding organisation) only. (Please note that eligibility of costs is subject to regional/national rules and regulations, see Guidelines for Applicants).

Acronym:						
Partner	Coordinator	Partner 2	Partner 3	Partner 4	Partner 5	Partner 6
Name (principal investigator)						
Country						
Funding organisation						
Personnel (€)						
- Scientist						
- PhD-Student						
- Technician						
- Other						
Person months						
- Scientist						
- PhD-Student						
- Technician						
- Other						
Consumables (€)						
Equipment (€)						
Study/Clinical trial (€) ¹						
Travel (€) ²						
Capacity building (€) ³						
Other direct costs (€) ⁴						
(national) Overheads (€)						
Total requested budget (€)						

¹ If applicable: incl. clinical trial drugs/compounds, clinical trial fees and insurance.

² Travel expenses should include the participation of the coordinators and/or principal investigators in an intermediate and/or a final TRANSCAN-4 status symposium to present the results of their projects.

³ Specific budget for capacity building activities (if eligible for the funding organisation/country).

⁴ For example, subcontracting, provisions, licensing fees.

13. Individual financial plans: sum of year 1-3.

(Please note that eligibility of costs is subject to national/regional rules and regulations: for details refer to the “Guidelines for Applicants”)

13.1

Project Coordinator / Partner (nr. 1) name:		
Funding organisation		
Country		
	Requested budget	Justification
Personnel (€)		<i>Please indicate the number of PMs per type of personnel, indicating the project tasks that justify the inclusion of that number of PMs</i>
Consumables (€)		<i>Please identify the consumables to be included, and their importance within your projects' tasks and objectives</i>
Equipment (€)		<i>Please indicate and justify the equipment to be acquired in accordance to project tasks and objectives. Applicants should also check if equipment is eligible in accordance to their national regulations.</i>
Study/Clinical trial (€)		<i>Please indicate the concrete participation/work package(s) in the study/clinical trial</i>
Travel (€)		<i>Please give an estimate on the number and main reasons for the travels within the project</i>
Capacity building (€)		<i>Please indicate the type of capacity building and necessary efforts (PMs, travel etc.)</i>
Other direct costs (€)		<i>This may include subcontracting, fees, insurances, etc. Please justify each predicted expenditure with relation to project tasks and objectives</i>
Overheads (€)		<i>Please refer to your national/regional regulations before calculating overheads</i>
Total budget (€)		

13.2

Partner (nr. 2) name:		
Funding organisation		
Country		
	Requested budget	Justification
Personnel (€)		<i>Please indicate the number of PMs per type of personnel, indicating the project tasks that justify the inclusion of that number of PMs</i>
Consumables (€)		<i>Please identify the consumables to be included, and their importance within your projects' tasks and objectives</i>
Equipment (€)		<i>Please indicate and justify the equipment to be acquired in accordance to project tasks and objectives. Applicants should also check if equipment is eligible in accordance to their national regulations.</i>
Study/Clinical trial (€)		<i>Please indicate the concrete participation/work package(s) in the study/clinical trial</i>
Travel (€)		<i>Please give an estimate on the number and main reasons for the travels within the project</i>
Capacity building (€)		<i>Please indicate the type of capacity building and necessary efforts (PMs, travel etc.).</i>
Other direct costs (€)		<i>May include subcontracting, fees, insurances, etc. Please justify each predicted expenditure with relation to project tasks and objectives</i>
Overheads (€)		<i>Please refer to your national regulations before calculating overheads</i>
Total budget (€)		

13.3

Partner (nr. 3) name:		
Funding organisation		
Country		
	Requested budget	Justification
Personnel (€)		<i>Please indicate the number of PMs per type of personnel, indicating the project tasks that justify the inclusion of that number of PMs</i>
Consumables (€)		<i>Please identify the consumables to be included, and their importance within your projects' tasks and objectives</i>
Equipment (€)		<i>Please indicate and justify the equipment to be acquired in accordance to project tasks and objectives. Applicants should also check if equipment is eligible in accordance to their national regulations.</i>
Study/Clinical trial (€)		<i>Please indicate the concrete participation/work package(s) in the study/clinical trial</i>
Travel (€)		<i>Please give an estimate on the number and main reasons for the travels within the project</i>
Capacity building (€)		<i>Please indicate the type of capacity building and necessary efforts (PMs, travel etc.).</i>
Other direct costs (€)		<i>May include subcontracting, fees, insurances, etc. Please justify each predicted expenditure with relation to project tasks and objectives</i>
Overheads (€)		<i>Please refer to your national regulations before calculating overheads</i>
Total budget (€)		

Please duplicate the financial plan for each additional partner if needed.

14. Reviewers

Please note that providing the information below is optional. The Steering Committee of JTC-2026 will consider these suggestions provided that they do not interfere with the objective and thorough evaluation of the proposal.

Suggested experts for reviewing this proposal (up to five) without any conflict of interest (i.e. not working in the same institute, no co-publication in the past 5 years).

Name	Institute	Email address

Reviewers to be excluded from reviewing this proposal (up to five).

Name	Institute	Email address