

POLAND, NCBR

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Poland
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Funding commitment	1.200.000 EUR
Overheads	Research Organisations: 25% of eligible project costs (excluding subcontracting) Enterprises: 20% of all eligible direct project costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1 - 3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Maximum 300 000 € per project, if there is one polish partner in international consortium. 350 000 € per project if there is more than one polish partner in international consortium.

<p>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</p>	<p>Following entities are eligible to apply:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enterprises¹ - SME and Large, 2. Research organisations² (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations), 3. Groups of enterprises composed of two enterprises optionally additionally with PAO³, 4. Groups of entities composed of one research organisation and one enterprise optionally additionally with PAO, 5. Group of entities composed of two research organisations optionally additionally with PAO. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entities must be established as a legal person⁴ and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register⁵. • 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. • 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). • Please note that group of entities counts as two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to the call text for details). • Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish full proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF). • 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.
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¹ As defined in Article 1, 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");

² As defined in Article 2 paragraph 83 Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

³ Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAOs) are nonprofit entities (not enterprises or research organisations) that have legal personality and operate on the territory of the Republic of Poland. PAOs shall be included in the register maintained by the Patient Ombudsman available on the <https://www.gov.pl/web/rpp/wykaz-organizacji> website. PAOs focus on medical conditions or potential medical conditions, and their mission is to help people affected by these conditions or to support their families. If a PAO meets the definition of an enterprise, state aid regulations shall apply.

⁴ 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;

⁵ If applicable

<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>For research organisations:</u> (including PAOs as associations without economic activities, NGOs) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel 2. consumables 3. equipment 4. travel 5. other direct costs (including subcontracting (6) used exclusively for the research activity; subcontracting costs 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 $7 = [(1+2+3+4+5)-6] \times 25\%$. • <u>For enterprises:</u> (including PAOs as associations implementing economic activities) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel 2. equipment 3. other direct costs (including subcontracting used exclusively for the research activity; subcontracting costs shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project) 4. 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 $4 = (1+2+3) \times 20\%$. <p>For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p>
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Funding rates
Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/ Applied Research	Experimental development
Large Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)
Medium Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)
Small Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)
Universities, public research organisations	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
(PAO) Associations without economic activities, NGOs	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
(PAO) Associations implementing economic activities	Depending on the size of PAO funding rates for small, medium or large enterprise will be applied.		

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.

Early career researcher eligibility criteria	Please refer to call text.

Conditions for PAO funding	<p>PAOs shall be listed on the list maintained by the Patient Ombudsman available on the https://www.gov.pl/web/rpp/wykaz-organizacji</p> <p>PAOs focus on medical conditions or potential medical conditions, and have a mission to help people affected by these conditions or to support their families.</p> <p>PAO may apply for funding only as a part of group of entities composed of at least two enterprises, at least two research organisations or at least one research organisation and one enterprise from Poland. The leader of the group of entities is research organisation or enterprise.</p>
Submission requirements at the national level	<p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Additionally, Project Consortium Agreement is required for the signature of national agreement.</p> <p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science; •The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development; •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); •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.
Further guidance	<p>Sample documents are available at: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</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: https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/</p> <p>Please refer to call text.</p>