

## Poland

Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju (NCBR)



## General

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# Budget

Anticipated amount of funding for this call: 900 000 EUR

Maximum amount per partner and/or proposal/project (indicate what applies):

- 300 000 € per project<sup>1</sup>
- All costs associated with proposals must be covered by the funding available for each project. No additional funding will be available to cover any additional costs associated with projects (e.g., services and facilities costs, ship-time costs).

Name of & link to the funding programmes: More details in the national call announcement.

# Eligibility and national funding modalities

## **Eligible Institutions / Eligible applicants:**

1. Enterprises<sup>2</sup> - SME and Large,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The maximum amount per the project is 300 000 € and it will be allocated to all Polish partners, regardless of their number.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</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");



- 2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)<sup>3</sup>,
- 3. Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises,
- 4. Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise,
- 5. Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.

Participating entities must be established as legal persons<sup>4</sup> and conduct business, R&D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register<sup>5</sup>.

For a group of entities to participate as an Applicant in the call, it must formally exist on the date the proposal is submitted. This existence must be evidenced by an agreement made by the members - at least conditionally - to create the group of entities (consortium).

Maximum project duration: 36 months

### **Eligible costs:**

The eligible costs shall be the following:

- For research organisations:
- 1. personnel costs
- 2. consumables
- 3. equipment
- 4. travel
- 5. **subcontracting** used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
- 6. **additional 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 (5); It means 6 = (1+2+3+4)x25%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Legal person - an entity that is capable of having and amending legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, in particular to enter into contracts, sue and be sued, excluding natural persons;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> if applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.



- For enterprises:
- 1. personnel costs
- 2. equipment
- 3. **subcontracting** used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
- 4. **additional 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 means45 = (1+2+3)x20%.

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

### **Funding rates:**

Research organisations: all types of research may be funded. Basic research must not exceed 10% of value of national requested budget. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.

Enterprises: Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.

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.

Type of Organization Type of Activity	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Research Organizations
Fundamental/	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to
Basic Research				100%
<b>Industrial Research</b>	50+20+5/15/25	50+10+5/15/25	50+5/15/25	Up to
	(max. 80%)	(max. 80%)	(max. 75%)	100 %
Experimental	25+20+5/15/25	25+10+5/15/25	25+5/15/25	Up to
development	(max. 70%)	(max. 60%)	(max. 50%)	100 %



If an enterprise applies individually at the national level (i.e. there is no Polish group of entities or group of enterprises), the state aid intensity for industrial research and experimental development shall not be increased on the basis of "effective cooperation" between enterprises or between enterprises and research organisations.

## Other issues

## **National Regulations:**

- For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the proposal application form in table for Project partner: the KRS<sup>6</sup> number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large).
- Polish applicants shall declare the TRL<sup>7</sup> of their research in the proposals.

All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:

- 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;
- 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.

#### **National additional application:**

Participants from Poland will be informed and invited to submit a national application once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been established.

Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF).

All eligible entities invited to submit Polish full proposal are obliged to use European Central Bank's exchange rate in force on the day the call is opened. If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application must be submitted jointly by a consortium (group of entities) comprising Polish entities only.

Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Polish National Court Register

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Technology Readiness Level