

# National eligibility

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National Centre for Research and Development: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr>

### 1. Legal requirements for the eligibility of a partner or a project

#### a) Type or nature of participants

- Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)<sup>1</sup>;
- Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprises<sup>2</sup>;
- Groups of entities consisting of research organisations / enterprises (in any configuration).

Participating entities must be established as legal persons<sup>3</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>4</sup>.

#### b) Legal, administrative and financial conditions

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

1. The Act of 20 July 2018 on the Law of Higher Education and Science, published in Journal of Laws item 1571, 2024, as amended;

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in 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 Annex I to 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, in particular to enter into contracts, sue and be sued, excluding natural persons;

<sup>4</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.

2. The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1170, 2024;
3. 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 783, 2025, as amended.

c) Consortium configuration

Groups of entities consisting of research organisations / enterprises (in any configuration).

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).

d) Other conditions

For enterprises independently undertaking projects at the national level, 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 enterprises or between enterprises and research organisations.

## 2. Eligibility of the costs and funding

*a) Eligibility of costs*

A detailed information (in Polish) will be available for applicants at [COMPETITION PLATFORM](#) when the call is published.

The costs eligible for funding or state aid in the case of applied research and experimental development are the costs included in the **Cost Eligibility Guide**, which is an annex to the NCBR call announcement.

Activities related to project promotion and project management cannot be a separate package work (WP/task). Costs related to these activities may be included in the WP/tasks research.

- **For research organisations:**

1. **personnel costs**
2. **consumables**
3. **equipment**
4. **travel**
5. **other direct costs**
6. **subcontracting** - used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
7. **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 (6); It means  $7 = (1+2+3+4+5) \times 25\%$ .

- **For enterprises:**
  1. **personnel costs**
  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. **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 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.

*b) National public funding rates*

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, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Funding quota of Polish participants apply to Research and Innovation Action and Innovation Action. Organization must be registered in Poland.

	<b>Large Enterprises</b>	<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	<b>Micro/Small Enterprises</b>	<b>Research organization</b>
<b>Fundamental/Basic Research</b>	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible
<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75%)	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 100%
<b>Experimental Development</b>	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50%)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60%)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70%)	Up to 100%

*c) Additional Information to be provided at submission and other conditions.*

**National phase of application procedure**

After international evaluation has been completed and the ranking list established, Polish participants from consortia recommended for funding will be invited to submit the National Application Form (NAF). All eligible entities invited to submit the NAF are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank of the day of call opening (published on the call announcement).

The Director of the National Centre for Research and Development subsequently issues a funding decision and signs national grant agreements with Polish participants providing that they have signed Chips JU grant agreements first.

### **Partner Search Tool**

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 tool is available at: <https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/>.