

European Partnership for BrainHealth 2026

Poland (National Centre for Research and Development - NCBR)

Please note that funder-specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding organisation	Contact person (incl. email and phone number)	Eligible institutions	Eligible costs	Anticipated amount of funding for his call	Anticipated no. of funded projects	Max. funding awarded to one partner	Specific national submission and reporting requirements
National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) http://www.ncbr.gov.pl	Jolanta Drożdż jolanta.drozdz@ncbr.gov.pl Tel. +48 22 39 07 106	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprise¹ - micro, small, medium or large; Research organisation²; Group of entities composed of two enterprises, Group of entities composed of one research organisation and one enterprise, Group of entities composed of two research organisations. 	The eligible costs shall be the following: ➤ For research organisations: 1. personnel 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. overhead – 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	1 500 000 €	4-7 (all within available funding for the call)	300 000 € per single partner 400 000 € per group of entities (to be shared between the partners) In case Ukrainian researcher is part of the research team, the amount of funding for project may be increased by	National application is required once the project is recommended for funding. Signed Consortium Agreement (CA) among all project partners is obligatory to sign a funding contract with NCBR. Annual scientific

¹ 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 as defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

			<p>subcontracting (6); It means 7 = $(1+2+3+4+5) \times 25\%$.</p> <p>► For enterprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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. overhead – 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 = $(1+2+3+4) \times 20\%$. <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: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr</p>		<p>the amount needed to cover costs of their employment, but must not exceed 40.000€, that is max. up to 340 000 € for single applicant or max. 440 000 € for group of entities.</p> <p>The additional amount of funding shall be spent on personnel costs (costs of employment of Ukrainian researcher) or equipment or consumables or travel and overhead needed to perform their work.</p>	<p>reports are obligatory.</p> <p>The added value of participation of Ukrainian researcher must be scientifically justified and described in the proposal.</p>
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Participating entities must be established as legal persons³ and must conduct business, R&D activity or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register⁴.

For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the pre-proposal application form the KRS (National Court Register) number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large);

For a group of entities to participate as an Applicant in the call, it must formally exist on the date the pre-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).

A Ukrainian researcher:

1. has Ukrainian citizenship, holds at least a Master (Magister) or Specialist (Specjalist) degree obtained in Ukraine (or an equivalent degree obtained outside Ukraine). As a result of the armed conflict on the territory of Ukraine, the researcher is either :
 - a) a resident in Poland who arrived in Poland no earlier than 24 February 2022; or
 - b) a resident in Ukraine unable to continue their academic career or work in research and development (R&D)
2. is employed by a Polish Applicant under the relevant contract. Both the Polish Applicant as well as the Ukrainian researcher, undertake to comply with Polish employment law.
3. contributes to research works in the project, i.e. industrial research and/or experimental development. The added value of their participation in the project must be scientifically justified and described in both the proposal and the national application.

The Polish Applicant shall provide documentary evidence confirming that all eligibility criteria of Ukrainian researcher are met. Such evidence shall include, but not be limited to: proof of Ukrainian citizenship, academic qualifications, residence status and date of arrival, proof of employment under relevant contract with the Polish Applicant, and documentation demonstrating the researcher's contribution to the project. The evidence shall be submitted on NCBR request in due time.

Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for universities and research organisations. For enterprises, the quota will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account company size and the type of research and development activity, pursuant to 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 (Journal of Laws 2020, item 1456).

³ 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;

⁴ if applicable.

In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding. Other activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) shall not be included into separate tasks.

	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities and research organizations
Fundamental/Basic Research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible
Industrial Research	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 %
Experimental development	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 %

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.

Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.

After international evaluation of full proposals and the selection of projects to be funded, Polish participants will be invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF). The NAFs will be examined for the appropriateness of funding requested. 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. If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish partners. Document templates are available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy-w-lsi>

Relevant documents:

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 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.
- The Regulation of the Minister of Funds and Regional Policy of 1 December 2023, amending the Regulation on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development.

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/>