

## Poland – NCBR

### Regional/National Eligibility Criteria

<b>Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju (NCBR)</b> <a href="mailto:thcs@ncbr.gov.pl">thcs@ncbr.gov.pl</a>	
<b>Funding commitment</b>	2 000 000 EUR
<b>Minimum/Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Maximum 400 000 € <u>per project</u> , regardless of the number of Polish partners in the project consortium.
<b>Eligible institutions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Enterprises<sup>1</sup> - Micro, Small, Medium and Large;</li><li>• Research organisations<sup>2</sup>;</li><li>• Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises,</li><li>• Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise,</li><li>• Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.</li></ul> <p>Entities must be established as a legal person<sup>3</sup> and must conduct its business, R&amp;D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register<sup>4</sup>.</p>
<b>Organisations excluded from funding</b>	Other than above

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<sup>1</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”);

<sup>2</sup> as defined in Article 2 (83) of 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, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons;

<sup>4</sup> if applicable.

<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p>A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the competition is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities; Please note that group of entities counts as at least two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to call text for details).</p> <p>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, under the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on criteria and rules on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws 2025, item 783.</p> <p>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);</p>
<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>	<p><b>The eligible costs shall be the following:</b></p> <p><b>A. <u>For research organisations:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>personnel costs</b></li> <li><b>consumables</b></li> <li><b>equipment</b></li> <li><b>travel</b></li> <li><b>other direct costs</b></li> <li><b>subcontracting</b> – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project</li> <li><b>additional overheads</b> – 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 <math>7 = (1+2+3+4+5) \times 25\%</math>.</li> </ol> <p><b>B. <u>For enterprises:</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>personnel costs</b></li> <li><b>equipment</b></li> <li><b>other direct costs</b> – please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details</li> <li><b>subcontracting</b> – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project</li> <li><b>additional overheads</b> – 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</li> </ol>

direct project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs; It means  $5 = (1+2+3+4) \times 20\%$ .

	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Research organizations
<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 %

**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 but can be eligible as part of R&D tasks.

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.

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

**Submission of the proposal at regional/national level**

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

Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a NAF.

If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the NAF must be submitted jointly by a consortium (group of entities) comprising Polish entities only.

All entities invited to submit NAF are obliged to use European Central Bank's exchange rate in force on the day the call is opened.

**Submission of additional information at regional/national level**

Annual scientific reports are obligatory.

<b>Further guidance</b>	<p>Sample documents are available at:  <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</a></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: <a href="https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/">https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/</a></p> <p>Relevant documents:  All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;</li> <li>• 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);</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>
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