Poland

Funding Organisation	**Narodowe Centrum Badan i Rozwoju / National Centre for Research and Development, (NCBR) -** www.ncbr.gov.pl
Initial funding pre-commitment	1.100.000 €
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Eligible institutions	The following entities are eligible to apply: • Enterprises - SME and Large[1] • Research organisation[2], • Group of enterprises composed of two enterprises, • Group of entities composed of one research organisation and one enterprise, • Group of entities composed of two research organisations
Additional eligibility criteria	No limitations concerning the scope of the call. All topics to be funded. 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).

[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 Article 2(83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, and in Article 37(1) of the Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1170 as amended), in conjunction with Article 7(1)(1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 8) Act of 20 July 2018 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended).

	Participating entities must be established under Polish law either as a legal person[3] or as a sole trader[4] and must conduct business, R&D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register[5]. 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). 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). All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia: • The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1170); • 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 (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 783 as amended), 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 (Polish Journal of Laws 2010 No. 178, item 1200 as amended); NCBR may enter into a project contract provided that the participating entity: 1) is not excluded from applying for funding on the basis of:

[3] Legal person - an entity other than a natural person that has the legal capacity to hold and to exercise legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, in particular to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued.

[4] Sole trader (sole proprietor, self-employed person) – a natural person conducting economic activity in their own name and on their own account, including as a partner in a civil law partnership (spółka cywilna).

[5] If applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

	a) Article 207(4) of Act of 27 August 2009 on Public Finance (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1483 as amended); b) Article 12(1)(1) of the Act of 15 June 2012 on the consequences of entrusting work to foreigners staying illegally in the territory of the Republic of Poland (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1567 as amended); c) Article 9(1)(2a) of the Act of 28 October 2002 on the liability of collective entities for acts prohibited under penalty (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1822 as amended); 2) is not an entity subject to an obligation to repay aid because the European Commission has declared such aid unlawful and incompatible with the internal market, 3) is not in arrears with payments of public dues or with social security and health insurance contributions, 4) is not an undertaking in difficulty[6] within the meaning of EU state aid rules and is not under receivership, 5) is not subject to exclusion from applying for funding due to sanctions. In justified cases, the composition of group of entities may be changed before the funding decision is issued by NCBR. Any changes must meet the call's eligibility criteria and be approved in advance by the international project consortium, the call secretariat, NCBR, and any other funding institutions involved. Changes must also respect the principle of equal treatment of applicants. In light of the European Commission's ongoing work on a regulation intended to replace Regulation (EU) No 651/2014, the National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) informs applicants that the conditions governing the provision of support set out in this documentation may be amended following the entry into force of the new regulation
Eligible costs	Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner: • up to 350.000 EUR for one Polish partner in the project • up to 400.000 EUR for all Polish partners in the project. The eligible costs shall be the following: ***For research organisations:*** 1. **personnel** 2. **consumables** 3. **equipment** 4. **travel**

[6] The definition of an undertaking in difficulty is set out in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014

5. **other direct costs** - please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more de-tails
6. **subcontracting** – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category 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)x25%.

For enterprises:

1. **personnel**
2. **equipment**
3. **other direct costs**: please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more de-tails
4. **subcontracting** – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project
5. **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)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 quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for 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 the provisions 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 (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 783 as amended). In any case Industrial Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding.

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Maximum funding percentages:

	Large Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Small Enterprises	Universities and research organizations
Basic Research	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible

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<tr><td>Industrial/Applied Research</td><td>Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)</td><td>Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr>
<tr><td>Experimental development</td><td>Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)</td><td>Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)</td><td>Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr>
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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 by 15 percentage points for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations.
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Polish participants shall submit to NCBR a copy of signed international consortium agreement before signing the grant agreement with NCBR.
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<u>National Application Form (NAF)</u>
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
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/
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	Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage: **https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa/**