

POLAND - National Funding Regulations of NCBR

Applicants will be advised to check with the respective national **Call Contact Person** the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application.

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Initial Funding Commitment	1,500,000.00 EUR

Who can apply?

- Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)¹
- Enterprises - SME and Large²
- Groups of entities comprising of enterprises and/or research organisations or mixed. Please note that group of entities counts as at least two project partners from Poland.

A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call 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.

Entities must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register (if applicable).

Entities must be established as a legal person³ and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register (if applicable).

What types of costs are eligible for funding?

The eligible costs shall be the following:

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

³ Legal person (juridical person) - an entity that is capable of having and amend legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons;



1. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);
2. **costs of subcontracting**, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;
3. **operating costs including** (depending on the type of eligible institution):

Research Organizations:

- **costs of instruments and equipment**, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;
- **costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible;
- **other operating costs** including: costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; training costs; travels costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage);

Enterprises:

- **costs of instruments and equipment**, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;
- **costs for buildings and land**, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible.

4. **additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution):

Research Organizations:

additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4 = (1+3) * 25\%$.

Enterprises:

additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, e.g. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travels costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means $4 = (1+2+3) * 20\%$.

Upper funding limits for eligible costs?

Polish applicants can submit project proposals in the following topics:

- Topic 1: Biodiversity (incl. Agriculture and Food Security)
- Topic 2: Bioeconomy and Nature-based Solutions
- Topic 3.1 Global health
- Topic 3.2 Infectious diseases
- Topic 4: EU-LAC Cooperation for energy transition.

Maximum funding per project proposal:

- up to **300 000 EUR** per project if a single applicant from Poland (a research organisation or an enterprise) applies for funding
- up to **350 000 EUR** per project if a group of entities from Poland applies for funding.

The maximum duration of a project is **36 months**.

The following types of research/development are eligible:

- Industrial/Applied research,
- Experimental development.

The state aid intensity is presented in the table below:

	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large enterprises	Research organisations
Fundamental/Basic Research	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
Industrial/Applied Research	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 100 %
Experimental development	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)	Up to 100 %

Funding quota for Polish participants may be up to 100% for universities and research organisations.

In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under 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, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.

In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of

activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separate task.

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.

Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Joint Transnational Call

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.

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Other Information:

- For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the international application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large).
- Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in international application form.
- Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit a national application form once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Sample documents are available at: <https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy>
- Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form.
- All eligible entities, invited to submit a national application form are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening 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 entities.
- Polish participants shall submit to NCBR a copy of signed international consortium agreement before signing the grant agreement with NCBR.