National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)

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National/regional regulation

Indicative budget	2,000,000 €	
Maximum funding per project	• up to 300.000,00 EUR for one Polish partner in the project; • up to 400.000,00 EUR for all Polish partners in the project.	
Project duration	Min. no limitation	Max. 36 months
Project types to be funded:		
	Exploratory Research	Accelerating Innovation
	yes	yes
Topics to be funded:		
Topic 1	Topic 2	Topic 3
yes	yes	yes

Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national/regional priorities	Basic research activities may account for no more than 10% of eligible project costs.
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa

Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Universities of applied sciences	Research institutes	Non-profit legal entities	SMEs	Large enterprises	Public bodies	Other
yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	no

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information:

Available funding

Total amount for the Call: 2 000 000 EUR

Maximum amount per proposal:

- up to 300.000,00 EUR for one Polish partner in the project;
- up to 400.000,00 EUR for all Polish partners in the project.

Eligible applicants

1. Enterprises - micro, small, medium or large, 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;

2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations), 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, 8) Act of 20 July 2018 of the Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended);

3. Groups of entities:

- comprising of at least two enterprises,

- comprising of at least one enterprise and one research organisation,

- comprising of at least two research organisations.

Entities must be established under Polish law either as a legal person[1] or as a sole trader[2] and must conduct business, R&D or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register[3].

To participate in the call as an Applicant, a group of entities must formally exist on the date of pre-proposal submission. Its existence must be evidenced by an agreement among the members, concluded at least conditionally, to establish the group of entities (consortium).

Eligible costs

For research organisations:

1. personnel costs;
2. travel;
3. consumables/equipment;
4. other direct costs;
5. subcontracts – used exclusively for research activities; these costs shall not exceed 70% of all eligible project costs;
6. additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. These 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 subcontracts costs (6); It means 6 = (1 + 2 + 3 + 4) x 25%.

All types of research may be funded for research organisations. Basic research must not exceed

[1] 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.
[2] 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).
[3] If applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law (e.g. KRS or CEIDG).

10% of value of national requested budget.

Eligible costs

For enterprises:

1. personnel costs;
2. equipment;
3. other direct costs: please refer to cost eligibility guide (Przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details;
4. subcontracts – used exclusively for research activities; these costs shall not exceed 70% of all eligible project costs;
5. additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. These 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) x 20%.

Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded for enterprises.

For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check the last version of the cost eligibility guide (Przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr.

Funding rates

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).

The maximum funding rates for projects are as follows:

Type of Organization / Type of Activity	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Research Organizations
Fundamental/ Basic Research	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100%
Industrial Research	50+20+5/15/25 (max. 80%)	50+10+5/15/25 (max. 80%)	50+5/15/25 (max. 75%)	Up to 100 %
Experimental development	25+20+5/15/25 (max. 70%)	25+10+5/15/25 (max. 60%)	25+5/15/25 (max. 50%)	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 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.

TRL

Polish applicants shall declare the type of project and TRL: Exploratory Research project (TRL 3-5, if applicable, including basic research at TRL 1-2) or Accelerating Innovation project (TRL 6-8, if applicable) in the pre-proposal and full proposal stage.

OTHER

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).

In justified cases, the composition of a group of Polish entities may be changed before the funding decision is issued by NCBR. Any changes must comply with 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. Such changes must also comply with the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

National stage

After the international evaluation of full proposals, the establishment of the ranking list and the selection of projects for funding, Polish participants will be informed of the results and invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF), together with the required attachments. The templates 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 (NAF).

The NAFs will be assessed with regard to the appropriateness of the requested funding. Polish participants are required to use the European Central Bank exchange rate applicable on the call opening date.

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

Compliance with national regulations

All proposals must comply with applicable national regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:

- 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.

NCBR may enter into a project contract provided that the participating entity:

1) is not excluded from applying for funding on the basis of:

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 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 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 that the conditions governing the provision of support set out in this documentation may be amended following the entry into force of the new European Commission regulation.

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/

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

https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy