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Guidelines for Applicants

"Resolving unsolved cases in rare genetic and non-genetic diseases"

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1. Application Process

1.1 Registration

Research consortia who intend to submit a transnational project proposal should register via the electronic proposal system: https://funding.erdera.org.

1.2 Pre- and Full Proposals

There will be a two-stage submission procedure for joint applications: a pre- and full proposal stage. In both cases, one joint proposal document (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational proposal and must be submitted by the coordinator to the JCS via the electronic submission system: https://funding.erdera.org. Proposals must be prepared using the templates provided in the electronic system or ERDERA's website. Proposals not conforming to template instructions will be rejected.

You will not need to submit a paper version of your proposal; however, both the electronic pre-proposals and full proposals need to be signed by all the consortium's partners (scanned copy of the signature page will be accepted).

Joint pre-proposals (in English) must be received by the JCS in an electronic version no later than February 12th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Central European Time (CET).

Full proposals (in English) must be received by the JCS in an electronic version no later than July 08th, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. Central European Summer Time (CEST).

1.3 Aspects to be considered to build the proposal

Carefully read the "Call Text" and this "Guidelines for Applicants" document, including the call aim, evaluation criteria and national eligibility criteria and requirements.

Proposals not conforming to the following may be rejected without review:

- Proposal is within the scope of the call (Section 4 of the call text);
- Proposal fulfils the eligibility criteria of the call (Section 5 of the call text);
- All consortium's members follow the specific national eligibility criteria and requirements for each funding partner (Annex 1) and ensure that they fulfil these criteria;
- All consortium's members must contact their national representative and enquire about the eligibility criteria with their respective funding organisations in advance of submitting an application (see Annex 1);
- Preparing of your proposal in advance of the deadline and entering the requested information on the submission site as soon as possible to avoid possible overload on the submission deadlines. Late submission due to last-minute technical difficulties will not be accepted.

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1.3.1 General recommendations

- Preliminary data should be described in a manner that would allow a skilled peer to replicate the data, including positive and negative controls, and suitable values for statistical analysis. All data points should be included in the analysis and presented with error bars where relevant;
- Risk management should be considered including the identification of possible bottlenecks and go/no go contingencies;
- Implementation of the research outcomes into clinical practice and healthcare systems; development of clinical decision support systems; multidisciplinary teams, including clinical specialist, geneticist, and other healthcare professionals;
- Enabling interdisciplinary collaborations by engaging a range of other relevant research disciplines such as ELSA (ethical, legal and societal aspect), health economics research and bioinformatics/health informatics/data research, connected to the proposed research topic.

1.3.2 ERDERA Support Services

Through its support services, ERDERA will offer know-how and support on specific aspect of research to applicants. It will involve multiple disciplines beyond science, such as regulatory science, health technology assessment (HTA), data and innovation management.

- Mentoring in the translational research process from the application stage (full proposal). Mentors will guide the project team through the expected and predicted translational bottlenecks and help in identifying specific gaps that may require adjustment of the proposal content and, eventually, additional expertise. This shepherding support will continue once the projects are financed.
- Ethics Advisory Group to ensure alignment on ethical and regulatory strategies and to jointly address requests for support at the full proposal stage and during the project.

1.3.3 Data Services Hub

The ERDERA Data Services Hub (DSH) offers a platform for collaboratively creating and evolving the partnership's Data Hub and the Virtual Platform (VP https://erdera.org/erdera-virtual-platform/). Data generated by or newly collected for the project must be made ready for reuse in accordance with the Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable (FAIR) Guiding Principles. Applying ERDERA's FAIR stewardship services will lead to a contribution to ERDERA's Data Hub and Virtual Platform: collective outcomes of the partnership. The service model is one of co-creation: rare disease projects that commit to providing data services to the partnership do so by committing time of project members to join the ERDERA team that is developing the Data Hub and VP. Projects are advised to include time in their timeline to plan the collaboration, including its scope and requirements, to collaboratively work on the integration of the project's data services into the Data Hub and VP. The FAIR data principles are guiding for the integration. Henceforth, among the outcomes of the collaboration are the FAIR implementation choices that were made for the project, published for reuse as "FAIR Implementation Profiles". The co-creation is supervised from the ERDERA DSH which overlooks the overall technical architecture and development process.

For projects that allocated budget but do not have that expertise in their consortium, the DSH may advise funded projects on groups to contact for bringing in the technical expertise and/or FAIR data

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stewardship required to implement a data service for the Data Hub. This applies to projects that allocated the budget but do not have that expertise in their consortium.

In these cases, effort and budget must be earmarked in the project for FAIR data stewardship and a milestone should be included to mark the contribution to ERDERA's DSH and VP. A management plan encompassing the implementation of FAIR Data Principles, is not necessary if FAIR expertise is not present in the consortium. This can be developed when the project starts, aided by ERDERA's stewardship services. The commitment of effort and budget is necessary and FAIR expertise can be added during the run time of the project.

A FAIR data management plan is expected to include the identification and use of appropriate data repository services, exchange formats, access protocols and policies, ontology-based data and metadata models for describing the project's datasets, data elements and access conditions in machine actionable terms. These steps establish interoperability with other sources connected to the ERDERA Data Hub.

Note that some countries involved in ERDERA JTC 2026 may request a DMP at the national level.

1.3.4 Patient Advocacy Organisations and Patients' group list

Consortia should include and actively engage at least one patient partner, i.e. a patient representative from an organized group (preferably from a patient advocacy organisation (PAO)) from the start when preparing their proposals. For information on any PAOs or patients' group dedicated to undiagnosed PLWRD, please see:

- EURORDIS;
- National alliances;
- Undiagnosed diseases Network;
- Association Sans Diagnostic et Unique;
- SWAN UK;
- NORD.

1.4 Widening for the Inclusion of Underrepresented or Undersubscribed Countries

1.4.1 Definition of widening

For proposals invited to the full proposal stage, there will be a widening step to provide the opportunity to add partners to the consortium (up to a maximum total of 8, see section 5.4 "Consortium Makeup" of the Call Text). This step will allow for the addition of partners from participating countries that are usually underrepresented in the call, as well as those strongly undersubscribed. This inclusion will not be considered as a fundamental change between pre- and full proposal. Inclusion of new research partners is not mandatory. The new partners included should bring an added value and expertise to the projects.

1.4.2 Process

A list of countries eligible for this widening procedure will be published on the ERDERA website after completion of the 1st stage of evaluation and sent to the coordinators that are invited to write a full proposal.

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The relevant national funding agencies may produce a list of research partners that could provide additional expertise to projects. For this, the title, pre-proposal abstract, and keywords will be shared with potentially interested research teams. The JCS will then provide this list to the coordinators of projects invited to the full proposal stage and give them the option of adding them to the existing consortium. The coordinator/partners of projects invited to the 2nd stage of evaluation can also inquire themselves about suitable partners from among listed countries. The new prospective partner must then contact their national funding agency to confirm their eligibility. The new prospective partner willing to join more than one research consortium should first make sure that they will fulfil their national/regional rules. Secondly, the new prospective partner must ensure to be able to complete their tasks in the different research consortia that they intend to join.

In all cases, the decision on whether to involve a new research partner will be made by the project consortium, upon approval of the funding agencies. The rules concerning the maximum number of partners in a consortium and the maximum of two research teams per country must still be respected. For this purpose, national funding agencies from underrepresented or undersubscribed countries may indicate that only research partners that were already involved in pre-proposals and eligible are allowed to make use of this widening step.

2. Project Description

Applicants will describe and justify the following elements. Please refer to the proposal submission template for further details.

The elements marked with a "*" will have to be submitted only for full proposals. Full proposal elements listed below are indicative and intended to facilitate the preparation of stage 2 proposals. They might differ marginally in the final full proposal template, which will be communicated to selected pre-proposals after stage 1".

Introduction and background

- Need for research rationale: description of the unmet need that is addressed by the proposed work, rationale of the rare diseases chosen.
- Present state of the art, recent insight from literature.
- Preliminary results obtained by the consortium members.

Project description Objectives and hypothesis

Highlight of the objectives and main hypothesis(es) for the proposed research plan

Soundness and pertinence

- Innovative aspects, originality, novelty.
- * information about other ongoing development work and why the approach should be supported.

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Workplan and Methodology (highlighting feasibility) - Research strategy.

- Justification and description of methodology;
- Statistical power (if applicable): appropriate statistical methods description, sample size calculation, name and affiliation of the responsible biostatistics'/bioinformatics' expert;
- Description of the aims/work packages: synopsis and timeframe, including project coordination and management;
- Responsibilities and workloads: For each research partner and collaborator: competence and experience in the field(s) of the proposal (previous work in the field, specific expertise); responsibilities in each work package;
- *Quality monitoring: risk management, contingency plans (identification of possible bottlenecks and go/no go steps).

Impact

- Results: description of expected results and their implementation.
- Impact: description of the potential impact of the expected results on the addressed unmet need.
- Benefits: description of individual and collective benefits that could be expected.

Added value of the consortium

- Competence, experience and complementarity of all the participants, benefit of transnational collaboration

Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAOs) engagement/involvement

Role of PAOs and patient partners within the consortium (active and meaningful participation in all stages of the proposal). (For more details see Patients in research – EJP RD – European Joint Programme on Rare Diseases).

Results of previous EJP RD or E-Rare funded project (if applicable)

If the application builds on results obtained in a project or by a consortium funded in previous EJP RD or E-Rare calls, please include a description of the scientific results achieved in that project so far.

*Valorization, translation in practice

- Effective measures to exploit and disseminate the project results, to communicate the project, and to manage research data.
  - Present / future position regarding intellectual property rights, both within and outside the consortium
  - Scientific communication (e.g., articles, presentations, etc.): description of plan, tools and responsibilities for communication.
  - PAO/Public communication: description of plan, tools and responsibilities for communication with PAOs, patients, general public.
- Innovative potential: relevant application for rare diseases care.
- Translatability: opportunities to exploit the methodology and/or expected results for other rare and non-rare diseases.

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- Sustainability: description of plan for sustainability of infrastructures or resources initiated by the project, follow-on funding and/or draft study plans past the grant end, linkages with other existing research infrastructures.

*Ethical, regulatory and legal issues, data management

Ethical, regulatory and legal issues management plan description, including:

- the recruitment of participants (e.g., direct/indirect incentives for participation, the risks and benefits for the participants, etc.);
- the material collection (e.g., sensitive or personal data);
- ensuring the wellbeing of the children involved, and;
- ensuring consent.

See HEU Guidance "How to complete your ethics self-assessment"

GDPR management: plan description, name and affiliation of the Data Protection Officer (DPO).

Data management strategy:

Plan description to make research data that are generated in the project findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable for humans and machines (FAIR), i.e., enabling reuse by enhancing machines to automatically find and use the data on behalf of users outside of the project consortium and beyond the lifetime of the project. For the proposal it is minimally required that one or more individuals in the consortium are designated to spend part of their time on executing a FAIR implementation plan (the 'local' data steward role). The amount of time is proportionate to the complexity of the data that will be generated (e.g., the number of columns in tabular output). An acceptable strategy is to plan for developing and executing the plan in collaboration with a FAIR expert group. In that case, it is not required to include a detailed FAIR implementation plan in the proposal. The expertise of the FAIR group should include experience in FAIR data stewardship and understanding of the technical specifications of the *Rare Disease Virtual Platform (VP)*. It is possible to indicate that a FAIR expert partner will be found through the ERDERA helpdesk.

Work packages, timeline and budget

- *Justification of requested budget: rational distribution of resources in relation to project activities, partner responsibilities and timeframe; please also specify cofunding from other sources necessary for the project, when applicable.
- Diagram which compiles the work plan, timeline, sequencing of work packages, contribution of the partners to each work package and their interactions (e.g., Gantt chart, Pert or similar)

Responsibilities and workloads

- *For each research partner and collaborator: ongoing or submitted research grants.
- *Management plan: operating and coordination methods.

PAOs and/or Patient partner engagement/involvement

The Research Proposal must clearly indicate how the PAO/patient partner(s) will be actively and meaningfully involved in the project activities in all stages of the proposal (For more details see the Guide on Patients in research).

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EU Research Infrastructures:

The use of existing European health research infrastructures and/or IRDiRC-recognised resources is strongly encouraged where appropriate. Their utilisation represents an important aspect of the collaborative development of the ERDERA Data Hub and Virtual Platform.
This refers in particular to research infrastructures established as European Research Infrastructure Consortia (ERICs) or those listed on the European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures (ESFRI) roadmap.
Projects are therefore invited to identify relevant European research data infrastructures that could be leveraged and to explain how these will be mobilised within the ERDERA Data Hub, especially for ensuring long-term data curation and preservation, where necessary, and in full alignment with EU and IRDiRC's recommandations.

Relevant pre-identified research infrastructures & resources:
BBMRI Biobanking and Biomolecular Resources Research Infrastructure

ELIXIR The European Life Sciences Infrastructure for Biological Information, the ELIXIR Research Data Management Kit (RDMkit)and about the rare disease data

INFRAFRONTIER European Infrastructure for Phenotyping, Archiving and Distribution of Mouse Models

INSTRUCT Integrated Structural Biology Infrastructure for Europe

EU-OPENSCREEN European high-capacity screening network

EATRIS European Infrastructure for Translational Medicine for regulatory, drug development, gene therapy development expertise and facilities

EATRIS Patient Engagement Resource Centre

Rd-Connect An integrated platform connecting databases, registries, biobanks and clinical bioinformatics for rare disease research

IRDiRC recognized resources

Matchmaker Exchange Federated platform to facilitate the matching of cases with similar phenotypic and genotypic profiles

Orphanet Rare Disease Ontology

Human Phenotype Ontology

Recommendations for Improving the Quality of Rare Disease Registries

EJPRD IMT – Innovation Management Toolbox Reference library of resources in rare disease translational medicine

The Rare Disease Virtual Platform (VP) of the European Joint Programme Rare Diseases – (EJP RD) is a continuously evolving network of resources that commit to implementing a core set of community-agreed specifications. This encompasses specifications that make resources Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable for automated applications across the network. In ERDERA, data generating projects are expected to contribute to the evolution of the VP. The VP subsumes the ERDERA Data Hub.

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Rare Diseases Clinical Trials Toolbox (see sections: Data Management Plan and Data Management)

The EJP RD's Resource Finder provides scientific partners with a vast number of existing research data and services grouped into categories and represented as 11 `nodes´ in the mindmap.

3. Early Career Researchers (ECRs)

3.1 Definition

ECRs are defined as per the regulations of the European Research Council criteria for starting grants. In short, the researcher must have been awarded their first doctoral degree (PhD) two to seven years prior to the pre-proposal submission deadline. Extensions to this period are allowed (with documentation) in the case of reasonably justified career breaks: absence for maternal, paternal or long-term sick leave, and compulsory military service.

For medical doctors (or applicants holding a degree in medicine), an MD is not by itself considered equivalent to a PhD award. To be considered an ECR, these applicants must provide the certificates of both a medical doctor degree and a PhD, or proof of an appointment that requires doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship or professorship appointment). MD applicants that do not hold a PhD must have been awarded their MD four to nine years prior to the pre-proposal submission deadline.

3.2 Eligibility of ECRs

The following information must be provided by Early Career Researchers so that their eligibility can be performed according to central or respective regional/national regulations. This information must be indicated in the pre- and full proposal forms.

Medical doctors with PhD

- PhD: indicate date of your PhD certificate

Medical doctors without PhD

- End of studies: indicate date of your certificate
- Appointment: indicate dates of the appointment that requires doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship or professorship appointment)

Other Early Career Scientists with PhD

- PhD: indicate date of your PhD certificate

Other Early Career Scientists without PhD

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- End of studies: indicate date of your certificate
- Appointment: indicate dates of the appointment that requires doctoral equivalency (e.g. post-doctoral fellowship or professorship appointment)

Reasons for Extensions, if applicable

- Clinical Training: indicate dates (start and end) of clinical training (year and month) up to 4 years;
- Parental leave: Women: number of children (1.5 years are given per child; in case of longer maternal leave, please indicate the exact dates); Men: indicate exact dates of paternal leave (per child)
- Career Break: indicate dates (year and month) of other career breaks: long-term sick leave, compulsory military service, career's leave

4. Financial and Legal Issues

4.1 Funding Model and Call Governance

The ERDERA JTC 2026 Funding Partners have agreed to launch a joint call using the "virtual common pot" funding mode. This means that national/regional funding will be made available through national/regional funding organisations according to national/regional funding regulations.

ANR (France) is acting as Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) to assist the Call Steering Committee (CSC), and the national/regional funding bodies during the implementation of the call.

4.2 Funding Contracts

Each project (or research consortium) includes several partners (including a project coordinator) as beneficiaries. Each partner will have a separate funding contract/letter of grant with their respective national/regional funding organisations, and according to their regulations.

Changes in the composition of research consortia or budget cannot occur within the contract/letter of grant without thorough justification. Minor changes will be handled by the relevant national/regional funding agency. In case of major changes, an independent expert may be consulted to help with the final decision of the funding organisations. Research partners must inform the JCS and the respective funding bodies of any vent that might affect the implementation of the project.

4.3 Project Start and Consortium Agreement

Consortium members of projects selected for funding must fix a common project start date, which will be the reference date for yearly and final reports and extensions. This common project start date must appear in the Consortium Agreement (CA).

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The project consortium partners must sign a CA for cooperation. For reference see the DESCA 2020 Model Consortium Agreement. It is recommended that the CA is signed by all relevant parties before the official project start date. Please note that national/regional regulations may apply concerning the requirement for a CA (please contact your national/regional contact point or check Annex 1). This consortium agreement must be made available upon request or per national/regional to the relevant ERDERA JTC 2026 funding organisations.

The purpose of the CA shall be:

- to underpin the collaboration and provide research partners with mutual assurance on project management structures and procedures, and their rights and obligations towards one another, and;
- to assure the CSC that the research consortium has a satisfactory decision-making capability and can work together in a synergistic manner.

The following subjects should be addressed by the CA (at minimum):

- purpose of and definitions used in the CA
- names of organisations involved
- common start date of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of the research consortium coordinator and the research partners: person in charge, their obligations and key tasks, conditions for their change
- deliverables (transnational reports and, if relevant, requirements for national reports where coordination is required)
- resources and funding
- confidentiality and publishing
- intellectual property rights (how this issue will be handled between research partners)
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes
- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract)
- exploitation of results
- risk management and management of contingency issues
- data reuse: access to project-generated data for reuse outside of the consortium and beyond the runtime of the project (aka FAIR data publishing).

4.4 Ownership of Intellectual Property Rights

Results and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) resulting from projects funded through the ERDERA JTC 2026 will be owned by the beneficiaries' organisations according to national/regional rules on IPR. In the case of joint development of intellectual property, consortium partners will resolve this issue internally using their consortium agreement and relevant legal guidelines and considering their relative contributions.

The results of the research project and IPR created should be actively exploited and made available for use, whether for commercial gain or not, in order for public benefit to be obtained from the knowledge created.

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The funding organisations shall have the right to use documents, information and results submitted by the research partners and/or to use the information and results for their own purposes, provided that the owner's rights are kept and taking care to specify their origin.

4.5 IRDiRC Policies and Guidelines

The project partners are expected to follow IRDiRC policies and guidelines.

4.6 European and International Standards

The submitted proposals must respect relevant European and international standards including:

- The European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity ;
- AI Act with the support of Guidelines on the responsible use of Generative AI in research developed by the European Research Area Forum and the Ethics guidelines for trustworthy AI;
- European Research Council Guidelines on Implementation of Open Access to Scientific Publications and Research Data;
- Regarding the appropriate integration of sex and gender in their proposal, applicants are encouraged to visit the European Commission, Directorate-General for Research and Innovation, Horizon Europe, gender equality, and CIHR's Sex, Gender and Health Research resource page for more information on key considerations for the appropriate integration of sex and gender in their proposal ;
- Research including Indigenous people should also adhere to the CARE (Collective benefits, Authority to control, Responsibility, Ethics) Principles for Indigenous Data Governance;
- Horizon Europe ethics manual for research projects;
- The Declaration of Helsinki Ethical Principles for Medical Research Involving Human Subjects;
- The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR): the European Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data;
- The EC Directive 2010/63/EU on the protection of animals used for scientific purposes;
- International Ethical Guidelines for Biomedical Research Involving Human Subjects CIOMS-WHO (2016);
- Oviedo Convention and its Additional Protocol on human rights and biomedicine, concerning biomedical research (2005), and;
- COUNCIL OF EUROPE COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS. Recommendation CM/Rec (2016)6 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on research on biological material of human origin (Adopted by the Committee of Ministers on 11 May 2016).

4.7 Responsibilities, Reporting Requirements and Dissemination

The Joint Call Secretariat (JCS) is the French National Research Agency (ANR, France) to assist the CSC and the national/regional funding bodies during the implementation of the call. The JCS is responsible for the administrative management of the call. It is the primary contact point between the research

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consortia, the funding organisations, and peer reviewers with regard to call procedures. The project coordinator is the point of contact for the consortium during the application procedure and is responsible for forwarding relevant information from the JCS to the consortium members.

4.7.1 Follow-up of projects

CSO-MOH, Israel, will be responsible for the monitoring phase until the funded research projects have ended.

The coordinators of all funded projects must submit annual scientific project reports and a final scientific project report (due within three months of the end of the project). All reports must be in English and must be filled out online and use the reporting templates provided. The research partners are jointly responsible for delivery of the reports. Only reports delivered on behalf of the consortium, via the project coordinator, will be accepted. At least one partner from each funded consortium must assist to the kick-off meeting and the mid-term monitoring meeting (including the workshop).

If required, each beneficiary should submit financial and scientific reports to their national/regional funding organisations, according to national/regional regulations. The progress and results of each individual contract/letter of grant will be monitored by the respective national/regional funding organisations.

The coordinators and national/regional group leaders will be asked to present the progress and results of their projects at an intermediate status symposium organized by ERDERA. The onsite presence of at least one representative (coordinator and/or partner) per project will be mandatory. Therefore, the coordinator and respective partners must budget a sufficient amount for the expenses related to this event.

4.7.2 Publication of results

Each beneficiary must ensure open access (free of charge, online access for any user) to all peer-reviewed scientific publications relating to their results.

Beneficiaries must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational ERDERA projects include a proper acknowledgement of ERDERA and the respective national/regional funding partner organisations. This includes the display of the ERDERA logo when possible.

Unless the EC requests or agrees otherwise or unless it is impossible, any dissemination of results (in any form, including electronic) must:

- display the EU emblem and
- include the following text: *“This project has received funding from (Name of funding agency) partner of the ERDERA. The ERDERA initiative has received funding from the European Union's Horizon Europe research and innovation programme under grant agreement N°101156595”.*

When displayed together with another logo, the EU emblem must have appropriate prominence. For the purposes of the obligations under this Article, the beneficiary may use the EU emblem without first obtaining approval from the Agency. This does not, however, give it the right to exclusive use. Moreover, the beneficiary may not appropriate the EU emblem or any similar trademark or logo, either by registration or by any other means.

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5. General Data Protection Regulation

The following Data Privacy Notice applies

By applying to the call JTC 2026, applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their data for the purposes of:

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller.
- administering any subsequent funding award.
- managing the Funding Party's relationship with them.
- analysing and evaluating the call.
- reporting to the European Commission/ European Health and Digital Executive Agency (HADEA) on the Co-funded call.
- Collecting additional information and analysing the provided project advancement annual reports for reporting purposes of ERDERA, including impact performance indicators.
- providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses.
- complying with audits that may be initiated by the Funding Parties and the European Commission (or its agencies).
- Collecting information and feedback from the applicants and funded researchers for the purpose of improvement of call processes.

The members of the ERDERA consortium may share applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the ERDERA consortium may link the data that applicants provide in the application with national, bibliographic or external research funding data which is available through public subscription-based databases (e.g., Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other national/open datasets. The members of the ERDERA consortium may also link the data that applicants provide in their application with future data that applicants provide as part of the ongoing management and reporting on a call award which may be awarded to them.

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ANNEX 1: Country and Region-Specific Guidelines

AUSTRIA, Austrian Science Fund

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal.

Country	Austria
Funding organisation	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
National contact person	Doris Lucyshyn Phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8502, E-mail: doris.lucyshyn@fwf.ac.at Anita Stürtz Phone: +43 (1) 505 67 40-8206, E-mail: anita.stuertz@fwf.ac.at
Funding commitment	900.000 EUR
Overheads	Overheads are not eligible costs for FWF.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	3-4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	For scientists funded by the FWF, funding is limited to project-specific costs (see below). Please note that exaggerated cost projections may be grounds for rejection, even if a proposal is otherwise excellent.
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 3 years.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Non-profit organisations, e.g. universities, university hospitals, non-university research institutes that are registered at FWF: FST_Information_en-ver-38BE87C620C26B1352DAD4919F4F2A13.pdf .

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only project-specific costs are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project (e.g. consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travel, documentation). Overheads are not eligible costs. The FWF does not finance the infrastructure or basic equipment of research institutions. For more information, please see section 2.3 of the Guidelines. Salaries may be requested as indicated in the FWF salary scale. For information on applying for personnel costs for the principal investigator's own salary, please see section 2.3.1.1 of the Guidelines. Subcontracts must be well justified, i.e. must represent the only or the most economical way to have the work performed; please contact FWF directly for clarification of individual cases. In addition, funding may be requested for project-specific work performed by 'associated research partners', who are working on a project-specific basis at other Austrian research institutions ('associated research institutions') and making a significant scientific/scholarly contribution to the project. If applicable, the Associated Research Partner form must be completed for these researchers, accessible during the submission procedure via elane (see below). Funds are disbursed from the lead research institution to the associated research institution(s). Associated research institutions report directly to the FWF to account for funds used at their institution.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	Participating Austrian patients' organisations may be financed in the project via subcontracting.
Submission requirements at the national level	In addition to the application at the ERDERA call secretariat, the proposal, administrative and financial data must be submitted online to FWF using the elane digital application portal. This is required already at the preregistration stage via the programme category "PIK – International Projects preproposal", deadline 13. February 2026, 14:00 CET (local time). For the full proposal stage, applicants must choose the programme category "KIN- International – Multilateral Initiatives" (09. July 2026, 14:00 CET (local time). Both steps are mandatory. Project funding is administered through the research institutions (PROFI); this means the application must be approved for submission by both the applicant and the respective research institution (= lead research institution). All forms required for the application must be completed online; other required documents must be uploaded in full before the application can be approved for submission by the research institution. For additional information, please see the elane user manual. Please also complete and upload the following documents as individual annexes to the national FWF application system: • Budget justification for the project part to be financed by FWF (according to Appendix A (section 6.1) of the Guidelines for Principal Investigator Projects). • CV of the applicant at FWF according to the Guidelines. • PI_publication.pdf: Two publications written by the applicant must be named, documenting that the applicant fulfills the general requirements to apply (see Template PI-publication). The FWF will base the applicant's eligibility to apply on these publications.

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Further guidance	Please refer to the FWF website for general FWF Funding Guidelines and the European Partnership ERDERA program.

BELGIUM, Flanders, Research Foundation – Flanders, FWO

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Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
Management organisation	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)
National contact person	Toon Monbaliu (FO) +32 (0)2 550 15 70 Kristien Peeters (SBO) +32 (0)2 550 15 95 europe@fwo.be
Funding commitment	700,000 EUR
Overheads	For the overhead calculation, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) entail the same approach: a structural overhead rate should be applied on the total project costs, with an overhead rate of 6% for 'FO' projects, and a 17% overhead rate for 'SBO' projects. Some practical examples: - FO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 12.000 EUR (6% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 212.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR. - SBO: the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200.000 EUR, then the overhead will amount to 34.000 EUR (17% of 200.000 EUR) and the total requested cost is 234.000 EUR. This total requested cost may never exceed the max. available amount of 350.000 EUR.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	€350,000 per project including overhead Note that if a single project includes several FWO-funded partners, their combined budget cannot exceed €350,000.
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 3 years. No automatic prolongation of the charging of costs after the end date.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The FWO integrates two of its funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the type of project the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake.

	The eligibility of research institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant and respective chosen funding channels regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website: - Fundamental Research Projects (FO) - Strategic Basic Research Projects (SBO)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The respective funding channel regulations apply, see links to national rules above. In the FWO e-portal budgets should be entered as real costs (i.e. without overhead) taking into account that the total including overhead does not exceed the cap of 350,000 EUR. The overhead amounts to 6% for FO and 17% for SBO (see above).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	The FWO can fund participating patient organisations via subcontracting: the respective funding channel regulations (FO/SBO) apply.
Submission requirements at the national level	Applicants for FWO funding must submit a mandatory administrative application via the FWO e-portal. For fundamental research projects (FO) select the application type: “Research projects – European programme fundamental research”. For strategic basis research projects (SBO) select the application type: “Research projects – European programme strategic basic research”. In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a single online form should be submitted containing all relevant information from the different Flemish partners. The deadline to submit the administrative application to the FWO is identical to the deadline of the joint transnational call (preproposal stage). To ensure the eligibility of the proposal, it is recommended to consult the FWO administration at least one week in advance. Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.
Further guidance	Participation in this call does not interfere with the ‘regular/national’ project submission framework, and is consequently not taken into account for calculating the max. available number of new applications and running projects combined. However, researchers can only participate within 2 different international consortia in this call (and only once if they act as coordinator in one of the proposals). Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. The project duration is limited to 36 months, which implies the funding has to be budgeted and spent accordingly. An automatic prolongation and using positive (financial) balances after the end date is not applicable in this framework. As such article 28 of the FWO Research Projects and article 14 of the Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations do not apply in this context. The PI, for each of the participating institutions applying for FWO funds, must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. Linked to this, and when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this framework. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission of the project application or during the duration of the project are not eligible.

	It is strongly advised to contact the FWO prior to the submission deadline, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.

BELGIUM, FRENCH SPEAKING COMMUNITY, F.R.S.-FNRS

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
Management organisation	Fund for Scientific Research – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
National contact person	Dr. Maxime Bonsir Phone: +32 2 504 9236 Dr. Florence Quist +32 2 504 9351 E-mail: international@frs-fnrs.be
Funding commitment	300.000€
Overheads	• For "overhead" costs: Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget. Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	300.000€
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 3 years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS subproject could be up to 4 years (cf. PINT-Multi regulations)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-Multi regulations. It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria. Please note that the F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the "Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles". The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S.-FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-Multi regulations. It is strongly advised to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria. Please note that personnel costs have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	Participating Belgian patients organisations could be financed via subcontracting, provided that the criterion for subcontracting detailed in the PINT-MULTI regulations are fulfilled.
Submission requirements at the national level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of ERDERA call to be eligible. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Further guidance	PINT-MULTI regulations, e-space

BELGIUM, FRENCH SPEAKING COMMUNITY, SPW

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Belgium
Funding organisation	Service Public de Wallonie – SPW
Management organisation	Service Public de Wallonie – SPW
National contact person	Dr. Cédric Morana Cedric.morana@spw.wallonie.be Dr. Fleur Roland Fleur.roland@spw.wallonie.be
Funding commitment	1 Mio€
Overheads	Overhead costs are eligible following the rules of the guidelines issued the 8th of October 2021 - Guide des dépenses éligibles (wallonie.be)
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	
Eligibility of project duration	Minimum 2 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The Walloon decree on RDI support (25/06/2008) is the Walloon legal basis to determine the funding of the participants. Following partners are eligible for SPW funding: - Universities and University colleges, - Accredited research institutes, - Private companies The Walloon decree on RDI support (25/06/2008) is the Walloon legal basis to determine the funding of the participants. Applicants to SPW funding must be based in Wallonia and the Walloon company(ies) must have a business unit in Wallonia. The Walloon partners of the consortium must include at least one company, and the research budget of the Walloon company(ies) must correspond to at least 40% of the total budget of all Walloon partners.

	The applicants must present an innovative RDI project with a favourable impact on the Walloon economy and it should align with the priority of the regional Smart Specialization Strategy (S3 Wallonia). The applicants must demonstrate their capability to carry out the tasks assigned to them in the project, exploit the results of the latter and have positive impacts on Wallonia from a socio-economic and sustainable development perspective. Activities supported by SPW funding cannot start below TRL 3. The applicants cannot benefit from any other public funding for the same activities. The applicants should have fulfilled their obligations in the context of previous support allocated by the Region. The companies in difficulty, in accordance with the European legislation, cannot be funded.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The eligibility of costs is in accordance with the guidelines issued the 8th of October 2021 on Guide des dépenses éligibles (wallonie.be)
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO are not eligible for funding.
Submission requirements at the national level	Applicants to SPW funding must submit their pre-proposal on the regional application platform ONTIME. Applicants invited to the second stage must submit their proposal on the same platform. The submission deadlines are the same as the general deadline of the ERDERA call. Applicants who want to submit a proposal are requested to contact SPW at least 4 weeks before the submission deadline.
Further guidance	Guide des dépenses éligibles (wallonie.be), ONTIME

BULGARIA, BNSF

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Bulgaria
Funding organisation	Bulgarian National Science Fund (BNSF)
National contact person	Milena Aleksandrova
Funding commitment	EUR 450 000
Overheads	Overhead is eligible as described in the National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	No specific recommendation
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	EUR 150 000
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 36 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Accredited universities as defined in Art.85 para.1, p. 7 of the Higher Education Act; Research organizations as defined in Art. 47, para 1 of the Higher Education Act. http://lll.mon.bg/uploaded_files/zkn_visseto_obr_01.03.2016_EN.pdf
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs are specified in the National requirements and eligibility conditions" of Bulgarian National Science Fund available at: https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf

Early career researcher eligibility criteria	N/A
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO are not eligible for funding.
Submission requirements at the national level	Applicants have to submit an application form for national eligibility when submitting the proposals. The formulier should be filled and electronically submitted in both Bulgarian and in English at: https://nims.egov.bg/login#/
Further guidance	https://www.fni.bg/sites/default/files/competition/12_2016/ERA/BNSF_International_Programs-2017_ENG.pdf2017_ENG.pdf

CANADA, CIHR-IG

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Canada
Funding organisation	Canadian Institutes of Health Research, Institute of Genetics (CIHR-IG)
National contact person	Pierre-Luc Coulombe pierre-luc.coulombe@cihr-irsc.gc.ca +1 613 608-8943
Funding commitment	CIHR: CAD $1,350,000 Maximum amount per grant is CAD $150,000 per year for up to 3 years, for a total of CAD $450,000 per grant.
Overheads	Not an allowable cost.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	3 projects
Eligibility of project duration	3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a o beneficiary institution	Institutional Eligibility to Administer CIHR Grant and Award Funds - CIHR (cihr-irsc.gc.ca)

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member Academia, Clinical, Public Health https://cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/50805.html#g-3 For an application to be eligible for CIHR funding, all the requirements stated below must be met: The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) leading the Canadian component must be an independent researcher affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution and/or its affiliated institutions (including hospitals, research institutes and other non-profit organizations with a mandate for health research and/or knowledge translation). The NPA must have their substantive role in Canada for the duration of the requested grant term. The Institution Paid for the Canadian-led application must be authorized to administer CIHR funds by the application deadline (see List of CIHR Eligible Institutions). If the Canadian team in the consortium includes more than one Canadian researcher, only one of them must be named the NPA on the applications submitted to CIHR. Please note that if a consortium has more than one Canadian researcher, the maximum amount per grant that can be requested by Canadians remains CAD $450,000. An individual cannot submit more than one application as an NPA. If the NPA submits more than one application, CIHR will automatically withdraw the last application(s) submitted based on timestamp of submission. Eligibility of costs, types and their caps https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	For this funding opportunity, CIHR will follow the Early Career Researcher definition as outlined in the JTC 2026 call for proposals and guidelines.
Conditions for PAO/patient partner funding	Canadian patient advocacy organisations (PAOs) or patient partners are not eligible to participate in the role of Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) nor Principal Applicant (PA). However, it is possible for a PAO or patient partner to participate in the role of co-applicant or collaborator. In this case, the NPA is encouraged to request funds in their budget to support the activities of the PAO or patient partner on the project and to provide compensation as appropriate for their participation in the project.

Submission requirements at the national level	Yes. As per CIHR Funding Opportunity ResearchNet - RechercheNet, the NPA leading the Canadian component must also submit a Pre-Proposal and a Full Proposal to CIHR through ResearchNet. The NPA will be required to submit an electronic Final Report to CIHR. This online report will be made available to the NPA on ResearchNet at the beginning of the grant funding period and can be filled in as the research progresses.
Further guidance	N/A

DENMARK, Innovation Fund Denmark

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Country	Denmark
Funding organisation	Innovation Fund Denmark
National contact person	Katrine Boeriis Katrine.boeriis@innofond.dk Internationale@innofond.dk
Funding commitment	1.000.000 EUR Both a maximum funding amount and maximum funding rates apply. The maximum funding amount is 300.000 € per partner and (if there is more than one Danish partner) 500.000€ per project. Additionally, maximum funding rates apply according to IFD's Guidelines.
Overheads	Varying depending on organisationtype. See IFD guidelines: https://innovationsfonden.dk/sites/default/files/2022-03/Guidelines for international programmes 2. marts 2022 .pdf
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	
Eligibility of project duration	
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Salaries; Equipment (equipment, materials, etc.); Other project-related costs (events, transportation, travel, audit costs, etc.), External services (consultancy costs, subcontracting or services); Overhead (for the applicable rate please refer to the IFD's Guidelines)

Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	
Submission requirements at the national level	Usually 2-4 weeks after the proposal submission deadline, Danish applicants will receive and invitation to upload the proposal to the e-grant system. Private companies will be requested further documentation, which can be found under Documents.
Further guidance	Link to IFD Guidelines: https://innovationsfonden.dk/sites/default/files/2022-03/Guidelines%20for%20international%20programmes%202.%20marts%202022%20.pdf Additional documents: https://innovationsfonden.dk/en/p/international-collaborations

ESTONIA, ETAG

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Country	Estonia
Funding organisation	Estonian Research Council
National contact person	Margit Suuroja Margit.Suuroja@etag.ee Tel.: +372 731 7360 Argo Soon Argo.Soon@etag.ee Tel.: +372 515 3424
Funding commitment	300 000 EUR The maximum funding amount is 150.000 EUR per partner and 300.000 EUR per coordinator. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution. All project-related costs must be incurred no later than 31.08.2029 i.e. the Estonian partner's activities must be completed by that time.
Overheads	Overhead is 15% of the personnel costs.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 3 years.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	e Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. If e Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The Principal Investigator: 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the preproposal submission deadline of the grant application at the latest; 3. must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	1.Personnel costs are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2.Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project. 3. Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs. 4. Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs. 5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	ERC as PI must comply with the requirements imposed on the PI
Conditions for PAO funding	PAOs can be funded either directly or through subcontracting by a research partner. As a partners in consortium, they need to follow all ETAG´s eligibility criteria, as a subcontractors, ETAG´s rules of subcontracting must be taken into account.
Submission requirements at the national level	NA
Further guidance	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel_aprill-2025.pdf

FRANCE, ANR

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	France
Funding organisation	French National Research Agency (Agence Nationale de la Recherche –ANR) http://www.agence-nationalehttp://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/recherche.fr
National contact person	Health & Biology Department Agence Nationale de la Recherche –ANR 86 rue Regnault - 75013 Paris, France Dr Florence Guillot Dr. Charlotte Lehericy Email: ERDERAcall@agencerecherche.fr
Funding commitment	2.5 M€ Funding limits apply per partner for this call: Each partner may be granted up to 310 000 € as a coordinating partner or 250 000 € as a non-coordinating partner. The maximum amount that can be requested by French partners per project is 400 000 € The minimum funding amount per partner is 15 000 €.
Overheads	The ANR heading for "overheads" in the ANR funding breakdown is «frais d'environnement». 13,5% of the total eligible costs must be applied for if the partner belongs to a public research organisation (or other organisation funded at "marginal" costs), or up to 68% of the total personnel costs and 7% of other costs for partners funded at full economic cost (such as enterprises) (cf " règlement financier ")
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	5-8
Eligibility of project duration	2-3 years. The grant has an initial duration from its date of entry into force. An extension of the project may be considered, provided that the request is duly justified and that the reason is unforeseeable, irresistible and beyond any control.

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible institutions: - Public research organisation or related-one[such as EPST, EPIC, universities, university hospitals, non-university research institutes, foundations (max. rate of support: 100% of marginal costs, for organisations funded at “marginal cost”) - Enterprises: large & SMEs (rate of support might change from a year to another,please consult https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ for more details. Additional eligibility criteria: - The coordinator (if from a French organisation) must belong to a research organisation. - ANR does not allow double applications nor provide double funding to finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other national and international calls. ANR will cross-check the proposals submitted to ensure they have not been submitted to the ANR through other calls. Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries and territories: Russia, Belarus, territories of Ukraine non-controlled by the Ukrainian government. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union. - In keeping with the national PPST policy (Protection of the scientific and technologic potential of France) applicants to ANR should consult their local “FSD” (security and defence officer, where available) on their project before applying. Applications to ANR may be forwarded to the HFSD of the French Ministry of research and higher education for screening. A negative appraisal by the HFSD may cause ANR to reject the proposal.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs include (but are not limited to) the following: personnel costs (for temporary contracts only for organisations funded at “coût marginal”); for temporary contracts; small equipment; consumables and animal costs; travel; and sub-contracting, if necessary, to carry out the proposed activities (sub-contracting costs max 50% of requested budget per partner). Eligible costs depend on the type of partner and consortium makeup. Please refer to the ANR Funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	The criterion of "young researcher" requires being awarded of a “thèse de doctorat” (or any degree corresponding to the international standard of PhD) for less than 10 years (i.e. after February 12th, 2017). Exemptions are provided for (maternity/paternity leave, parental leave, long-term sick leave for more than 90 days, national service, integrated double courses, etc.). The limit is extended for a year per child for women. If applicable, supporting documents will be required when submitting the pre-proposal. To be eligible to receive funding from ANR, the salary of the ECR must be covered for the whole project.

Conditions for PAO funding	French patient organisations may participate in the Project as Partners or as service providers depending on the conditions of the collaboration. As Partners, they will be subject to the provisions of 2.2 of the ANR's Financial Regulations[1]; as a service provider of an entity subject to the rules of public procurement, the provisions of article L.2153-1 of the public procurement code apply.
Submission requirements at the national level	No.
Further guidance	Règlement financier Please read the Modalities for applicants for this call on the ANR website, the financial rules of ANR and the FAQ. ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-SHARING: Funded teams participating in projects falling within the scope of the regulations on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate compliance with these obligations and must ensure that all data relating to such genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge are kept in order to demonstrate that the necessary due diligence has been exercised. In case of a conflict of interpretation between the terms and conditions stated in this annex and the “Modalités de participation” and “Règlement financier”, the latter shall prevail.

[1] Associations wishing to be partners must be categorised as a company or research organisation. If they are categorised as a company, only those with their real head office in a European Union country and with an establishment or branch in France may be beneficiaries of ANR grants. If they are categorised as a research organisation, only those with their main establishment in France may be beneficiaries of ANR grants (see https://anr.fr/RF.)

FRANCE, FFRD

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal.

Country	France
Funding organisation	Foundation For Rare Diseases (https://fondation-maladiesrares.org/en/)
National contact person	Fondation Maladies Rares Plateforme Maladies rares 96 rue Didot - 75014 Paris, France Dr Pauline NAUROY jtc-erdera@fondation-maladiesrares.com +33 (0)1 58 14 22 87
Funding commitment	100 000€
Overheads	Overheads are not eligible costs for FFRD
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	No restriction
Eligibility of project duration	2-3 years. The agreement has an initial duration fixed by the contract and which comes into force on the date of signature or on another date specified in the contract. An extension of the project may be considered, provided that the request is duly justified. In this case, an amendment to the initial agreement must be signed.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible institutions: public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, universities, university hospitals, nonuniversity research institutes Additional eligibility criteria: The coordinator (if from a French organisation) must belong to a public research organisation. FFRD does not provide double funding to finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other national and international calls. FFRD will cross-check the proposals submitted to ensure they have not been submitted to the FFRD through other calls.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs include: personnel costs for temporary contracts; small equipment; consumables and animal costs; travel; and sub-contracting, if necessary, to carry out the proposed activities (sub-contracting costs max 50% of requested budget per partner).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	PhD holders Scientists who have received their PhD no more than seven years prior to the application deadline. Medical doctors Physicians who have completed specialist medical training no more than seven years prior to the application deadline. For physicians with a PhD, the date of the completed specialist medical training remains the relevant date. Extensions to this period are allowed in case of reasonably justified career breaks: absence for parental leave, family care leave, long-term sickness leave, and compulsory military service.
Conditions for PAO funding	Only French PAOs can be funded. PAOs can only be funded through subcontracting by a research partner.
Submission requirements at the national level	No
Further guidance	-

GERMANY, BMFTR/PT-DLR

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Germany
Funding organisation	Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR) www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de
Management organisation	German Aerospace Center, DLR Projektträger (DLR-PT) www.dlr-pt.de
National contact person	German Aerospace Center DLR Projektträger | Health | Division Clinical Research, University Medicine, Digital Health Heinrich-Konen-Straße 1 53227 Bonn Germany Dr. Katarzyna Saedler Dr. Michaela Fersch Dr. Ralph Schuster +49228-38212453 SelteneErkrankungen@dlr.de
Funding commitment	3 Mio€
Overheads	Overheads refer to “Gemeinkosten” (applicable for Helmholtz-centres and Fraunhofer-Society) as well as “Projektpauschale” (applicable for universities and university hospitals). The “Projektpauschale” generally will amount to 20% of the applied total project expenditure.

Anticipated number of fundable research partners	Partners in about 10 projects.
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	The funding request should not exceed 300.000.000 EUR per consortium including overheads (i.e. if two German partners participate in a consortium, the sum of funding requested by both groups should not exceed 300.000 EUR).
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal body: university, university hospital, non-university public research institute, industry, patient organisation
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, consumables, animals, subcontracts, equipment, travels, documentation, overheads according to national regulations.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	For medical doctors the date to calculate the time window will be the date of the medical doctor degree (end of studies). A German medical doctorate degree (Dr. med.) is not considered as PhD equivalency.
Conditions for PAO funding	Participating German patient organisations can be funded either directly or through subcontracting by a research partner. The subcontracting is possible also for non-German patient organisations.
Submission requirements at the national level	No
Further guidance	

HUNGARY, NKFIH

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Hungary
Funding organisation	Ministry of Culture and Innovation
Management organisation	National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH) http://nkfih.gov.hu/; http://nkfih.gov.hu/for-the-applicants
National contact person	National Research, Development and Innovation Office, Kéthly Anna tér 1, Budapest, H-1077, Hungary Dr. Elod Nemerkenyi Assistant of International Affairs, Department for Researcher Excellence, NKFIH Phone: +36 1 896 3987 E-mail: elod.nemerkenyi@nkfih.gov.hu
Funding commitment	300.000 €/year
Overheads	10% of the total costs of the project. Applicants should consult NKFIH '2024-1.2.2-ERA-NET' call regulations for details.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Up to 150.000 €. If more than one partner applies from Hungary, their total requested funding should not exceed 150.000 €.
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 3 years

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Universities, academic and public research institutions, public health institutions (university or non-university hospitals and clinics). An SME or a non-profit organisation is eligible if its main activity is research according to its deed of foundation [category: 'research and knowledge-dissemination organisation' – see Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 Article 2 (83)]. All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the '2024-1.2.2-ERA-NET' call regulations. It is strongly advised to contact NKFIH prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	100% of eligible research-related costs for basic (exploratory) research. The maximum indirect costs (overhead) are 10% of total costs. The maximum funding of 150.000 € per project includes the overhead. Detailed list of eligible costs (basically personnel, consumables, animals, equipment, travel, subcontracts, overhead) and guidelines to prepare the budget plan can be found in the call text and guideline of NKFIH '2019-2.1.7-ERA-NET' call (https://nkfih.gov.hu/english/nrdi-fund/support-hungarian-organisations-participating-in-joint-international-multilateralprogrammes-2024-122-era-net/call-for-proposals).
Eligibility of principal investigator	The principal investigator must hold a Ph.D., D.Sc., or equivalent degree and be employed by an eligible institution. Researchers cannot participate in more than one proposal submitted to the same joint transnational call.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	No funding of PAOs.
Submission requirements at the national level	Hungarian applicants are strongly requested to contact NKFIH to confirm eligibility before submitting a proposal. Basic information should be provided to NKFIH, including applicant name and institution, as well as an estimation of the requested budget. Upon the ERDERA funding decision, a proposal should be formally submitted to NKFIH in its electronic proposal system (EPTK). This is necessary for funding and managing the project by NKFIH.
Further guidance	

IRELAND, HRB

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country / Region	Ireland
Funding organisation	Health Research Board
National contact person	Dr Aisling Rehill Email: HRB-JTCs@hrb.ie
Funding commitment	€530,000
Overheads	Yes, see below
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1–2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	For Partners: €330,000 direct costs; €430,000 including overheads. For Coordinators: €405,000 direct costs (with the additional €75,000 for coordination-specific activities); €530,000 including overheads.
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	In order to be eligible to apply for funding, an Institution must be an approved HRB Host Institution no later than two calendar months before the closing date of a call. See also the Policy on Approval of HRB Host Institutions.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	For more details, please visit HRB ERDERA JTC 2026 Call Webpage.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	For more details, please visit HRB ERDERA JTC 2026 Call Webpage.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	If you are listed in the application as an ECR, you must nominate a mentor and provide a letter of support from your mentor. See the HRB ERDERA JTC 2026 Call Webpage for full information ECRs as Lead Applicant/Principal Investigator.
Submission requirements at the national level	The below documentation is required on submission: New applicants to HRB for Joint Transnational Calls must submit a short form at submission to provide details on PI's track record for eligibility checks. Letters of support are required (a) from the Host Institution for researchers in Adjunct or contract positions and (b) from the mentor of Early Career Researcher (ECR) applicants (where marked as ECR in the application). For more details, please see the Eligibility section above. You must send the final application to your Research Office (RO) who will complete the HI JTC sign-off form and return this along with the application to HRB. The deadline for sign-off is three working days after the submission deadline. We require HI sign off for each project partner that is requesting funding from HRB. At full proposal stage, applicants must complete HRB's Budget and Deliverables templates. These will be provided after invitation to submit a full proposal. For more details and access to relevant forms, please visit HRB ERDERA JTC 2026 Call Webpage.
Further guidance	For full guidance, please refer to HRB's guidance on the HRB ERDERA JTC 2026 Call Webpage and contact the HRB at the contact address above for further information.

ISRAEL, CSO-MOH

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Israel
Funding organisation	Chief Scientist office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) (https://www.gov.il/he/pages/office-of-the-chief-scientist_about)
National contact person	Dr. Liron Even-Faitelson Phone: +972-2-5082168 Email: liron.ef@moh.gov.il Dr. Irit Allon Phone: +972-2-5082167 Email: Irit.allon@moh.health.gov.il
Funding commitment	Up to 320.000 Euros
Overheads	10% of the entire project
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	Up to 2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Up to 140,000 Euros (Additional EUR 40,000 for coordination of a consortium)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Position in a university, research center or hospital. The Institutional Research Authority must approve position prior to submission.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Materials and consumables; Travel (up to 5%); No salaries for applicants; No heavy equipment, Institutional overhead -10%
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	CSO-MOH cannot fund PAOs
Submission requirements at the national level	Prior to submission of the pre-proposal to ERDERA, Israeli researchers need to submit to CSO-MOH an ILabstract approved by their research authority including budget distribution (template for ILabstract). The IL abstract will elaborate the part of the Israeli group in the project. IL abstract is not the abstract of the entire project. No submission of IL abstract can result in declaration of the consortium as ineligible. Researchers cannot apply for more than one grant from any ERA-Net/EU partnership funded by CSO-MOH or submit more than one proposal to any funding programme.

Further guidance	If the application involves human or animal experiments, bioethics approvals must be submitted with the application or up to 4 months later. Please see detailed instructions at www.health.gov.il/research-fund

ITALY, IT-MoH

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Italian Ministry of Health www.salute.gov.it
Management organisation	Italian Ministry of Health - General Directorate for Innovation & Research in Healthcare
National contact person	Grazia Papagni Tel +39 06 5994 2928 g.papagni@sanita.it int-dgric@sanita.it
Funding commitment	1.0 M€
Overheads	Overhead (maximum 10% of the requested fund).
Additional documents required	In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicant prior to the submission of the proposals. To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return to the IT-MoH a pre-submission eligibility check form through their IRCCS, using WFR System-> ER communication code, before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the proposal submission deadline. Changes in acronyms and budgets provided in the pre-submission eligibility check are not allowed. Applicants will be sent written notification of their eligibility status. The pre-eligibility form can be downloaded here: https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf

Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Max 400.000,00 € per project. If two IRCCS participate in the same project, they will have to share the total amount of 400.000,00€ among the two (how to split the budget among the IRCCS is up to the institutes).
Eligibility of project duration	3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Only Scientific Institute for Research, Hospitalization and Healthcare (IRCCS) are eligible. Universities, Hospitals, other research Institutes, companies are not eligible for funding. They can apply to other Italian funders (if eligible) or participate as collaborators, self-funded. Simultaneous PI participation in different 2026 JTCs funded by the Ministry of Health is not allowed. No more than two Italian PIs (Principal Investigators) are eligible to apply for the same project.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only the costs generated throughout the duration of the project can be eligible. Direct Costs: • Personnel (only temporary contracts or permanent contracts for the amount of hours dedicated to the project, <60%) • Consumables/Supplies • Animals/Model costs • Equipment (only on leasing or rent) • Travel (< 30%) • Dissemination activities (< 1%) • Publication costs: < 2%; open access < 5% • Patients recruitment costs • IT Services and Data Bases • Coordination costs Indirect Costs: • Overhead (< 10%, included in the total) Other indirect costs are not eligible. Transfer of eligible funds abroad is not allowed. Subcontracts are allowed only upon approval, by presenting via Workflow – code ER, a request together with the National pre-elegibility form, the latest 20 days before the deadline of the pre-proposal submission.

Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	Italian PAOs can be funded as a sub-contractor of the IRCCS if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC. The maximum cost eligible for a sub-contract is 25.000 € (from the IRCCS Budget). Italian PAOs can still participate in Consortia as “Collaborators” with their own funds
Submission requirements at the national level	The funding of these projects is under the Ricerca Corrente IRCCS rules and is regulated on Workflow della Ricerca via ERP codes
Further information	Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health (Ricerca Finalizzata). Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be requested to the national contact persons.

ITALY, TUSCANY, RT/TuscReg

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Country / Region	Italy
Funding organisation	Tuscany Region http://www.regione.toscana.it/
Regional contact person	Donatella Tanini Phone : +39 055 4383256 Teresa Vieri Phone : +39 055 4383289 Email: erdera@regione.toscana.it Office for Health Research and investments, Department for Health, welfare and social cohesion Tuscany Region
Funding commitment	Up to 300.000 euros
Overheads	Up to 10% of the direct cost of the project, intended to cover the general cost of the institution that hosts the research team.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2-3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Up to 300.000 euros Maximum € 300,000 per project. MAXIMUM TWO PARTNERS FROM TUSCANY PER PROJECT. (If there are two Tuscany partners in the same consortium, the amount of 300,000 will be shared)
Eligibility of project duration	Up to 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	A. Authorities of the Tuscany Health Service-SST (Local Health Authorities, University Hospitals, including IRCCS AOU Meyer) and the SST bodies that carry out institutional research activities (Fondazione Toscana Gabriele Monasterio and ISPRO Institute for Study, Prevention and Networking Oncology) located in the territory of Tuscany. B. Universities and other research institutes located in the territory of Tuscany. NB: Institutions referring to point B. are eligible only in partnership with institutions referring to point A.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The Principal Investigator must be affiliated to one of the eligible bodies
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs generated over the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible. - Personnel (ad hoc temporary contracts ONLY); - Consumables (no limit); - Equipment (on hire/leasing or eligible amortisation rate ONLY); - Travel (Up to 10% of the requested fund) Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with activities only linked to the project; - Other direct costs : • dissemination of results (publications, organisation of meetings/workshops etc.- up to 5% of the requested fund); • data handling and analysis (no limit) • patients costs - subcontracting (up to 20%of the direct costs of the projects) - Overheads (Up to 10% of the direct cost of the project excepted subcontracting).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO cannot be directly funded by Tuscany Region in the framework of this call.
Submission requirements at the national level	Yes Tuscany Region will grant an eligibility clearance to the potential applicants prior to the submission of their preproposals. The eligibility check will be performed by Tuscany Region offices after receiving a dedicated form (available on Tuscany Region institutional web-site or on request to erdera@regione.toscana.it) duly filled and signed by the Tuscan Principal Investigator and by the legal representative of the beneficiary The form should be sent to Tuscany Region (erdera@regione.toscana.it), at least, 10 days before the pre-proposal submission deadline.
Further guidance	Financial guidelines: Decreto Dirigenziale n. 23370 – 21.10. 2024 https://www301.regione.toscana.it/bancadati/atti/DettaglioAttiD.xml?codprat=2024AD00000026188

ITALY, FTELE

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Italy
Funding organisation	Fondazione Telethon ETS (FTELE) – www.fondazionetelethon.it
National contact person	Carmen Fotino Via Carlo Poerio, 14, 20129, Milano Tel: +39 02 2022 17256; Valerio Benedetti Via Carlo Poerio, 14, 20129, Milano Tel: +39 02 2022 17274 telethonscience@fondazionetelethon.it
Funding commitment	€ 1.000.000,00
Overheads	Up to 10% flat rate calculated on direct costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Maximum € 250,000 per project. ONLY ONE PARTNER (NO MULTICENTER PROJECTS) + ONE PAO PER PROJECT. (In case the PAO is involved, the maximum amount that can be request is €25,000)
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible applicants: 1. Italian not for profit research institutions (included Fondazione Telethon Institutes – TIGEM and TIGET) 2. Not for profit Patients advocacy organisations (PAO) Enterprises, Scientific Institutes for Research, Hospitalisation and Healthcare (IRCCS), and for-profit Organisation are NOT eligible. Authorities of the Tuscany Health Service-SST (Local Health Authorities, University Hospitals) and the SST bodies that carry out institutional research activities (Fondazione Toscana Gabriele Monasterio and ISPRO Institute for Study, Prevention and Networking Oncology) located in the territory of Tuscany are NOT eligible. Also, Universities and Research Institutes located in Tuscany are NOT eligible.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The Principal Investigator must be affiliated to one of the eligible bodies.

Additional documents required for checking eligibility	FTELE requires applicants to complete a pre-eligibility form before the proposal submission in order to perform an eligibility check. **Only projects focusing on rare genetic diseases are ELIGIBLE.** The pre-eligibility form and the guidelines for preparing it will be available on www.fondazionetelethon.it and must be completed and signed by the principal investigator at least 10 working days before the proposal's submission deadline. Completion of the pre-eligibility form is mandatory. Principal investigators who submit a proposal without sending the pre-eligibility form to FTELE in due time will be automatically excluded. Applicants will receive feedback on their eligibility status in due time for the proposal' submission.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible costs: Personnel costs for staff members who do not have a permanent contract with their organisation; Consumables and services; Equipment up to 20.000 euros per project of which a maximum of 2.500 euros for IT equipment; Travel: max 3.000 euros/per year, only if associated with training or activities linked to the project; Other direct costs: costs of applying for ministerial authorization of animal experimentation projects, the costs of scientific publications, reprints, any software, hardware and bioinformatic equipment (specifying the need for the research project); Overheads: 10% flat rate calculated on direct costs. Only costs generated over the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible. Not eligible costs: Personnel costs of PIs and members of the staff who have a permanent contract (contratto a tempo indeterminato) with their own organization; Salary, travel and other expenses related to sabbatical year; Subscription to research and scientific societies Organisation of meetings and workshops Construction, alteration, maintenance, lab furnishing, rental of buildings or building spaces and utilities, fax and telephone costs; Major basic equipment such as incubators, hoods, -80°C freezers. Patents
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO are eligible for FTELE funding only in partnership with an Italian not for profit research institutions
Further guidance	Administrative and financial guidelines will be published on FTELE website (www.fondazionetelethon.it) by the date of publication of the JTC 2026. FTELE will perform a Direct Management of funds at no additional costs on the basis of a contract conferring a mandate without representation and FTELE will be appointed as data processor by the Host Institution. Exceptionally, and for valid and justified reasons, the Host Institution can ask FTELE the possibility to manage itself exclusively the funds for personnel and overheads (External Management). **In case of PAO involvement, the principal investigator Host Institution will be responsible for transferring the budget to the PAO.**

LATVIA, LZP

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Latvia
Funding organisation	Latvijas Zinatnes padome, LZP (Latvian Council of Science)
National contact person	Janis Ancāns janis.ancans@lzp.gov.lv Tel.: +371 6494422
Funding commitment	600 000 EUR Max funding 100 000 EUR per 1 project year for 1 project partner
Overheads	Indirect costs can reach a maximum of 25% of total direct costs excluding subcontracting costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1-2
Eligibility of project duration	As per call text
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, research centres etc.) must be listed in the Register of Research Institutions operated by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Latvia. Enterprises must be registered in the Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and provide most of its R&D&I activities in the Republic of Latvia. National co-financing rate for project shall be determined in accordance with the Commission's Regulation (EC) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty (General block exemption Regulation). Enterprise must provide access to the reports of the last two financial years. No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the project. Any other type of participant is not covered by LZP funding mandate.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Direct costs: Personnel costs incl. taxes; Consumables; Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks); Travels (according to travel plan); Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	Has obtained the Doctor's (PhD) degree maximum ten years prior to the deadline for submission of the research project application.
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO is not covered by LZP funding mandate.
Submission requirements at the national level	NA
Further guidance	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers, incl. the funding rates: https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibaistarptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologijujoma At the contract phase - https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmasprojektiem To receive funding from LZP, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented.

LITHUANIA, LMT

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Lithuania
Funding organisation	Lietuvos mokslo taryba (LMT) / Research Council of Lithuania https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/
National contact person	Dr. Živilė Ruželė Phone: (+370) 676 14383, E-mail: zivile.ruzele@lmt.lt
Funding commitment	0.3M€
Overheads	Up to 20 % from all direct costs.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Within a single project proposal, the maximum funding can be: up to EUR 150 000 – for a mere consortium partner; up to EUR 200 000 – for a coordinator or 2 eligible mere partners in a consortium; up to EUR 250 000 – for a coordinator and 1 eligible mere partner in a consortium
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Eligible for funding institutions are Lithuanian research and higher education institutions that are included in the Register of Education and Research institutions, public healthcare institutions, academy of science mentioned in the state Law on Science and Studies, other state public institutions such as National libraries, archives, museums. Eligible beneficiary institution (grant holder) manages the state budget funds allocated to the project following the rules stated in the legal acts, as well as representing the project partners (if applicable 'project partner' means public or private legal entity that, together with the eligible institution, created the conditions for project implementation).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project, related to project are eligible: staff, travel, consumables, subcontracts, contractual research, consultancy, equipment and instruments, dissemination of results, data handling and analysis, overheads (up to 20 % from direct costs).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	ECR, whether an academic researcher or a clinical doctor, as a principal investigator (PI) must be a PhD holder.
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO can be a subcontractor or a 'project partner' of the eligible beneficiary institution (see section Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution)
Submission requirements at the national level	No

Further guidance	Principal investigators from Lithuania cannot be involved in more than 1 proposal submitted to this call. The submission of the proposal at the national level is not needed. Only following funding decision, grant signing institution and the PI must complete and submit the national document (the template can be found following this link) containing this information: more detailed planed budget, foreseen dissemination and communication activities and expected outputs from project results with the granted research team contribution (scientific papers, patents, etc.) Midterm and final reports nationally are required. The proposals are submitted by the researcher(s) together with the eligible beneficiary institution. Principal investigator must be PhD degree holding person. The beneficiary institution employs the principal investigator to work in the project and his workload must be at least 20 hours multiplied by the number of months to execute the project. Hourly rates approved by the Chairman of the Lithuanian Research Council must be applied for the personnel costs. All other general rules for competitive funding of Research Council of Lithuania apply: https://www.e-tar.lt/portal/lt/legalAct/0a8bead0577611e9975f9c35aedfe438/asr

LUXEMBURG, FNR

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country / Region	Luxembourg
Funding organisation	Luxembourg National Research Fund - FNR www.fnr.lu
National contact person	Dr. Sean Sapcariu 2, avenue de l'Université L-4365 Esch-sur-Alzette Telephone: +352 691 362 831 Email: sean.sapcariu@fnr.lu Dr. Gideon Giesselmann Telephone: +352 691 362 805 Email: Gideon.giesselmann@fnr.lu
Funding commitment	0,30 M€
Overheads	Maximum 25% of direct costs, following the FNR financial guidelines for INTER projects
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2 research partners
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	The maximum funding cannot be larger than the funding commitment of the coordinating country.
Eligibility of project duration	3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Beneficiary institutions must be accredited by the Ministry in charge of public sector research. See website for details (https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/).

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Principal Investigators must follow the following guidelines: (https://fnrlu.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/Website/Egs8Z-MF3NZNiR4GsSEhD5wB1vP_h7_Mvu4qtsS1P1dpeQ?e=EeddFa) 1. He/she must have a proper employment contract with the eligible beneficiary institution at the starting date of the project. 2. The employment contract must last for the full duration of the research project. 3. He/she must be an experienced researcher who holds a doctoral degree at the date of the submission of the proposal.
Additional eligibility criteria	Principal investigators from Luxembourg cannot be involved in more than 1 proposal submitted to this call.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel costs; Consumables; Equipment (only depreciation costs); Travel (according to travel plan); Subcontracting (up to 25% of direct costs - needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted); Indirect costs Please see INTER application guidelines for more information (https://www.fnr.lu/funding-instruments/inter/)
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	ECRs must follow the same guidelines for principal investigators, as above.
Conditions for PAO funding	FNR can fund PAOs which are eligible beneficiaries of FNR funding. For further information, please contact the FNR.
Submission requirements at the national level	All joint applications must also be submitted to the FNR by the Luxembourg-based researcher, along with the FNR INTER documents. This must be done no later than 5 days after the lead agency deadline and must be done via the FNR Online Grant Management System. The FNR requires the following other documents to be submitted to the FNR's grant management system: - INTER Budget form, INTER Project plan, Gantt Chart
Further guidance	https://www.fnr.lu/funding-instruments/inter/

NORWAY, RCN

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Country / Region	Norway
Funding organisation	The Research Council of Norway-RCN (The Research Council of Norway (forskningsradet.no)
National contact person	Dr. Simona Grasso Email: sgr@rcn.no Tel.: +47 46378332
Funding commitment	600 000 € Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list.
Overheads	
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	If the Norwegian participant is a partner, maximum budget is 300 000 € If the Norwegian participant has a coordinator role, maximum budget is 400.000 €. Total budget for Norwegian partners in a single project is 400 000 €
Eligibility of project duration	3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Norwegian universities, university colleges, hospitals, research institutes, public sector, patient's advocacy organisations (PAOs), NGOs, SME and other private industry. The Research Council cannot award support to an enterprise that is defined as an "undertaking in difficulty" under the state aid rules (see the "Definition of 'undertaking in difficulty" on our website). Norwegian companies with sole proprietorship, cannot participate as coordinator. Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) are not eligible partners in this call.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Norwegian universities, university colleges, hospitals, independent research institutes and other publicly funded research institutions and groups and enterprises. SME or other industrial partner is funded with up to 50% of their eligible project costs (see details in the State Aid rules, Article 25). All applicants and partners must comply with the State Aid rules. All projects are to be carried out as effective collaboration between the partners. Undertakings (companies) that participate in the consortium must also not receive indirect state aid in the form of advantageous conditions for cooperation with the research institutions taking part in the consortium. Conditions for awarding state aid (forskningsradet.no)
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Payroll expenses, procurement of R&D services, consumables, network measures. The RCN research project budget rules should be followed. However, PhD fellowships are not eligible within the RCN funding and if a postdoc fellowship is included, it must be sought for 2 years. The overhead cost is included in the rates for personnel. SME or other industrial partner is funded with up to 50 % of their eligible project costs. Se details in the State aid rules. For funded projects the contractual budget will be in NOK using the exchange rate from the pre-proposal deadline.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	Early career researcher's eligibility criteria at the RCN are in line with what described in these guidelines. Early researchers that apply to the Norwegian call, must be under the age of 40 and 2-7 years after defending av approved doctorate. Please read chapter 4 in this guideline for more detailed information.
Conditions for PAO funding	Participating patient organisations can be funded either directly or through subcontracting by a research partner.
Submission requirements at the national level	If the proposal is granted, information about national registration will be given.
Further guidance	

POLAND, NCBR

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Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)
National contact person	Anna Stępień Department for International Cooperation, ul. Chmielna 69 Warszawa, Poland Tel: (+48) 22 39 07 210, anna.stepien@ncbr.gov.pl
Funding commitment	1.200.000 EUR
Overheads	Research Organisations: 25% of eligible project costs (excluding subcontracting) Enterprises: 20% of all eligible direct project costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1 - 3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Maximum 300 000 € per project, if there is one polish partner in international consortium. 350 000 € per project if there is more than one polish partner in international consortium.

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Following entities are eligible to apply: 1. Enterprises[1] - SME and Large, 2. Research organisations[2] (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations), 3. Groups of enterprises composed of two enterprises optionally additionally with PAO[3], 4. Groups of entities composed of one research organisation and one enterprise optionally additionally with PAO, 5. Group of entities composed of two research organisations optionally additionally with PAO. • Entities must be established as a legal person[4] 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[5]. • 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, an agreement on the creation of a group of entities. • 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). • Please note that group of entities counts as two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to the call text for details). • Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish full proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF). • 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.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• For research organisations: (including PAOs as associations without economic activities, NGOs) 1. personnel 2. consumables 3. equipment 4. travel other direct costs (including subcontracting (6) used exclusively for the research activity; subcontracting costs shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project) 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)-6]x25%. • For enterprises: (including PAOs as associations implementing economic activities) 1. personnel 2. equipment 3. other direct costs (including subcontracting used exclusively for the research activity; subcontracting costs shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project) 4. 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 4 = (1+2+3)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 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.

Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.

Funding rates
Maximum funding percentages:

	Basic research	Industrial/ Applied Research	Experimental development
Large Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)
Medium Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)
Small Enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)
Universities, public research organisations	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
(PAO) Associations without economic activities, NGOs	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
(PAO) Associations implementing economic activities	Depending on the size of PAO funding rates for small, medium or large enterprise will be applied.		

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.

Early career researcher eligibility criteria

Conditions for PAO funding

PAOs shall be listed on the list maintained by the Patient Ombudsman available on the https://www.gov.pl/web/rpp/wykaz-organizacji website. PAOs focus on medical conditions or potential medical conditions, and have a mission to help people affected by these conditions or to support their families.
PAO may apply for funding only as a part of group of entities composed of at least two enterprises, at least two research organisations or at least one research organisation and one enterprise from Poland. The leader of the group of entities is research organisation or enterprise.

Submission requirements at the national level	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established. Additionally, Project Consortium Agreement is required for the signature of national agreement. 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.
Further guidance	Sample documents are available at: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy 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/ Please refer to call text.

[1] As defined in Article 1, 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 paragraph 83 Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

[3] Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAOs) are nonprofit entities (not enterprises or research organisations) that have legal personality and operate on the territory of the Republic of Poland. PAOs shall be included in the register maintained by the Patient Ombudsman available on the https://www.gov.pl/web/rpp/wykaz-organizacji website. PAOs focus on medical conditions or potential medical conditions, and their mission is to help people affected by these conditions or to support their families. If a PAO meets the definition of an enterprise, state aid regulations shall apply.

[4] 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;

[5] If applicable.

PORTUGAL, FCT

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Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)
National contact person	Rita Cavaleiro (Tel: (+351) 213 911 541) Pedro Ferreira (Tel: (+351) 213924445) erdera@fct.pt Department for International Relations, Av. D. Carlos I, 126, 1249-074 Lisboa, Portugal,
Funding commitment	0.35 Mio. €
Overheads	Flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2 – 3
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with Portuguese coordination is 150 000,00 €. The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with Portuguese participation is 100 000,00 €. If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the same international consortium applies for funding by FCT, the combined funding demanded by all the Portuguese applicants may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Coordinator (150 000,00 €) or with a Portuguese Partner (100 000,00 €). Portuguese Coordinator and/or Portuguese Partner(s) in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT. For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of FCT Regulation .
Eligibility of project duration	36 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	• For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of FCT Regulation . • For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see article 5 of FCT Regulation. • For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of FCT Regulation.

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	• For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to eligible expenses and in article 9 to non-eligible expenses. • Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the salaries and other remuneration supplements of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration. • Expenditure on adapting buildings and facilities is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses. • The project's indirect costs are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs. • In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on real costs. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probationary value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	• For issues regarding PAO funding, please contact FCT's national contact points or send an email to erdera@fct.pt
Submission requirements at the national level	Statement of Commitment: • Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to erdera@fct.pt. • The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment. • Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that do not apply for funding from FCT do not need to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.
Further guidance	• Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds, published in Regulation No. 999/2016, in its current wording, that is, as amended and republished by the Regulation No. 5/2024, of 3 January, and corrected by Rectification Statement No. 366/2024/2, published in the Diário da República, 2nd series, No. 100, of 23 May 2024, and by all other applicable national and European Union legislation. • The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.

ROMANIA, UEFISCDI

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Romania
Funding organisation	UEFISCDI
National contact person	Mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro; 0040.21.302.38.63 Nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro; 0040.21.302.38.86
Funding commitment	1 000 000 €
Overheads	calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 25% of direct costs.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	4-5 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 25 % of direct costs

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others, with researchand innovation within their activities. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	
Conditions for PAO funding	For issues regarding PAO funding, please contact UEFISCDI's national contact points
Submission requirements at the national level	N/A
Further guidance	please read: https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene

SLOVAKIA, SAS

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Slovakia
Funding organisation	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS)
National contact person	Silvia Kecerova, PhD. International Cooperation Dpt., SAS Phone: +421257510118 Email: kecerova@up.upsav.sk
Funding commitment	120,000 €
Overheads	Up to 20% of the direct costs
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	1
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	120,000 €
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Only research institutes and/or centres of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by the SAS (up to 100%). The main applicant must have an employment contract with the SAS institute/centre on behalf of which the application is being submitted. If his/her contract is on a part-time basis, it must be for more than 50% of standard working time. All members of the applicant's team except doctoral students must, too, have employment contracts with the same or another SAS institute/centre. Doctoral students must be affiliated at SAS research institute. Applicants from other Slovak R&D centres (universities and/or other organisations from Slovakia) can join project consortia only as collaborators who must secure their own funding.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Funding available for eligible Slovak researchers is up to 120,000 EUR per project (i.e. 40,000 EUR per year) in accordance with the SAS Presidium's resolution no. 136 (of 14 October 2021), of which 45,000 EUR is an in-kind contribution (spoluúčasť) of the respective SAS institute or centre in the form of permanent salaries. This must be declared in a Letter of Commitment sent to the national contact point by the application deadline. A template will be published alongside the Call announcement at www.sav.sk in the 'International Cooperation' section (Medzinárodná spolupráca). Costs other than the in-kind contribution (Personnel costs, Consumables, Travel costs, Equipment, Other direct costs, Overheads) up to 75,000 EUR must comply with specific rules and limits outlined in the financial rules for awarding SAS grants for international research projects available at:

	https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udelovanie-grantov-SAV-na-medzinarodne-vyskumne-projekty-platne-na-vyzvy-zverejnene-od-1.12.2023.pdf Applicants are strongly encouraged to read the said document carefully and to contact the national contact point before submission in order to ensure compliance.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	Participation of early career researchers is strongly recommended. Applicants from other organizations or industrial partners can be self-funded consortium members and cannot coordinate the project consortium.
Conditions for PAO funding	The SAS does not fund PAOs/patient representatives.
Submission requirements at the national level	Submission of an application at the national level will be required once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee. Only the Slovak partners of the projects recommended for funding will be invited to submit the national-level application. The final decision on funding of the Slovak partners must be approved by the SAS Presidium. Annual financial and activity report is requested at national level.
Further guidance	• Meno zodp (sav.sk) https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Zasady-FP-SAV-na-podporu-MVTS-2024.pdf https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Pravidla-pre-schvalovanie-vyskumnych-projektov-MVTSfinancovanych-zo-zdrojov-SAV_11-Nov-2021-1.pdf

SLOVAKIA, SCSTI

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Slovakia
Funding organisation	Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information (SCSTI)
National contact person	Erika Jankajová, erika.jankajova@cvtisr.sk, +421 904 859 228
Funding commitment	600,000 EUR
Overheads	no
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2-3 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	The maximum funding amount per Slovak partner in international projects is 300 000 EUR. The maximum funding amount per project for all Slovak partners, if the project has two or more Slovak partners, is 600 000 EUR. The minimum funding amount is 100 000 EUR per partner.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	- Private sector entities (entrepreneurial/business sector) - Research institutions (e.g. the Slovak Academy of Sciences and its institutes) - Academic sector (e.g. universities and higher education institutions) - Public administration bodies and organizations established by them, including local and regional government authorities - Non-governmental non-profit organizations - Cluster organisations
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project; - Costs of instruments and equipment; - Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. General eligibility rule: All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with:

	- Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation - The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia; - Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	yes
Conditions for PAO funding	yes
Submission requirements at the national level	All funded Slovak entities must ensure that their proposed activities are in accordance with the national strategic framework, specifically the Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027. All Slovak applicants are strongly advised to contact the SCSTI's contact points before submitting their proposals.
Further guidance	The proposed project activities must be in line with the priorities defined in the Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), which serves as the strategic framework for research, development and innovation investments. All Slovak entities must have their contractual financial matters settled with SCSTI by the end of 2029. Research and Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialisation of the Slovak Republic 2021-2027 (SK RIS3 2021+), Programme Slovakia, State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia.

SPAIN, ISCIII

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Spain
Funding Organisation	National Institute of Health Carlos III - Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) www.isciii.es
National Funding Programme	Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud_2025 (Pending to be published) / PEICTI 2024-2027
National Contact Point	Cándida Sánchez Barco cbarco@isciii.es (+34) 91 822 25 51
Initial funding pre-commitment	1,6 M€ 4-6 groups tentatively envisaged to be funded.
Maximum funding per awarded Spanish project partner	Maximum funding from ISCIII per awarded Spanish project partner If a Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII IS NOT the Coordinator of the transnational project: • 220.000 € (overheads included), if there is only one Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII in the proposal. • 275.000 € (overheads included), if there are two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the ISCIII in the proposal. If a Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII IS the Coordinator of the transnational project: • 300.000 € (overheads included), if there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal, acting as a coordinator. • 400.000 € (overheads included), if there is one Spanish Partner in addition to the Spanish Coordinator in the proposal, both requesting funding to the ISCIII. Overheads according to Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud_2025: 25% Projects' duration: from 24 months to 36 months. The level of funding will take into account the evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the primary health care and the financial resources available.

Eligible institutions	Eligible institutions • Hospitals, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance with the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted). • Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS) Accredited according to the RD 279/2016 (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th). See the list of IIS in this link. CIBER. Team members, applying to the call, must be from at least two groups belonging to CIBER in two different home institutions, and one of these two should be a Hospital, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) or Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Please contact CIBER (pai@ciberisciii.es) for more information related to CIBER's eligibility. Applicants from ISCIII are eligible in the same conditions as Public Research Institution (OPI) above-mentioned. Eligibility criteria from LEIS 2025 apply. Public Research Institutions (OPIs) as defined in article 47 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 202/2021, of 30 March, private health entities and institutions, public Universities and private Universities with proven R&D activity capacity, other public R&D centres. These entities can only participate if they apply together with Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of the Spanish National Health System (SNS), or Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS) in the same proposal. It is not allowed to apply independently, thus there must be two beneficiary Spanish institutions requesting funding to ISCIII in the same proposal. Public Research Centres legally constituted on a monographic basis, and which are exclusively working in the field of rare diseases. NOT eligible institutions: Those declared by "Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud" 2025 as ineligible to receive funds by ISCIII. PLEASE NOTE: Please be aware that in 2025 some Institutions may be declared as ineligible to receive funds by ISCIII in this call. Spanish Applicants should check in the web page of ISCIII for this. Same beneficiary institution cannot participate with more than one partner in the same project proposal.

Eligibility of PI and team members	Principal investigators (PIs) shall mandatory have PhD degree. Principal Investigators (PI) can only participate in one project proposal per call. Principal Investigators (PIs) belonging to an Accredited Health Research Institutes (IIS) could apply only from the IIS. The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institutions in the call. Only one PI per beneficiary institution may be funded within the same proposal. PIs that have an ongoing International Collaboration (PCIN) project of the same initiative and purpose that this call and that the project has an ending date after the 31st of December 2025 will not be able to apply for this call. This incompatibility will affect only to the PI. And this incompatibility will not apply in the case that the PI participate as coordinator in the new application or in the ongoing project. For additional incompatibilities please check Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud_2025. Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI): • Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, EIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR, RFIR) • Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts). • Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell” or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts). • Researchers contracted by a RICORs and platforms funded by ISCIII.

Eligible costs, types and their caps	Personnel costs: - Personnel costs will be eligible for contracts with the needed professional category (superior technician, BSc (grado), MSc (máster), PhD (doctor) for the project development according to the published salary tables in ISCIII's webpage. Personnel costs will precisely adhere to the salary tables, no other amount will be considered, either upper or lower. - Contracts for PhD students will be done in the framework of the National Subprogramme for Training (scholarships are not eligible). - Personnel costs will be eligible with a maximum of 36 PM in total for the personnel contracts altogether. - Duration of the contracts: during the whole or part of the duration of the project. - Personnel costs will NOT be eligible when they correspond to civil servants or the equivalent personnel (as specified in the art. 3.4 of "Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud" 2025) either employed by the beneficiary entities or belonging to the research team. - The hiring of permanent personnel already belonging to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible expenses, unless that applies the exception stated in "Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud" 2025 for eligible personnel costs, for contracts framed under the Law 17/2022, 5 September, article 23bis in the specified Entities of Public sector. • Other eligible costs: Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), publication and dissemination of results and other costs as included in Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud_2025 that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Overheads according to Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud_2025 • Double funding of the same concept is not allowed
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	According to the definition of ECRs provided in "Guidelines for Applicants", section 4.1 and the ISCIII eligibility criteria for PI.
Conditions for PAO funding	The ISCIII does not fund PAOs/patient representatives.
Submission requirements at the national level	• National phase: national applications will be required by ISCIII to the full proposal applicants according to the timeline established in "Líneas Estratégicas de Investigación en Salud" 2025. Due to administrative and legal regulations, the Institute of Health Carlos III establishes the 31st of October 2025 as the national deadline for the decision on fundable project consortia which includes Spanish partners to be funded by ISCIII, which must present their National application in the period stated in AES 2025. Any concerned applicant in a proposal for which no final decision has been made by the deadline of 31.10.2023, could be declared not fundable by ISCIII. In order to expedite the eligibility check process, it is mandatory that all the applicants submit the CVA-ISCIII of the PI. This document shall be submitted by the PI by electronic email before the pre-proposal submission deadline to cbarco@isciii.es and cristina.gonzalez@isciii.es indicating her/his full name and proposal acronym in the email subject line.

Requirements on data and repositories	Researchers funded by ISCIII must make public the human genomic data, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project and will use open access repositories. Researchers must also make public all the necessary information for the interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, and data instruments survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood association of complete genomes (GWAS), matrixes of de polymorphism of a single nucleotide (SNP) and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. The researchers whose projects are funded by ISCIII are recommended to store their scientific data at the "ELIXIR Core Data Resources" or if non-European repositories or data bases they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). ISCIII may no fund a project that requires the construction of new repositories and/or a data base without decommissioning plans or ensured sustainability after the project´s end of funding.
Requirements for clinical studies	Spanish groups that participate in a proposal performing a clinical study, must include in their team a member from their scientific node of the EU Clinical Trials Network (SCReN or ECRIN-ERIC) or if it does not apply, a member from the personnel of their Clinical Research Supporting Platform of their institutions (UIC). In the proposals that performs a clinical study, it must be specified in the proposal who is exactly the mandatory member of these dedicated Units.
Acknowledgements	Any publication, data base, product or event protected with IPR or not, resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge "Award no. XX by ISCIII through AES 2025 and within the European Joint Programme Rare Diseases framework", even after the end of the project, including other specific acknowledgments that could be requested by ISCIII to the granted project. For more information, please see ISCIII's ROR here.
Further guidance	

SWEDEN, SRC

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Sweden
Funding organisation	The Swedish Research Council, SRC www.vr.se
National contact person	Louise Rügheimer E-mail: Louise.rugheimer@vr.se Phone: +46(0)8 122 13 618
Funding commitment	15-20 MSEK, approximately 1 800 000 €
Overheads	The grant amount includes indirect costs.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2-4
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	For Swedish participation in a consortium, the maximum amount that may be applied for is 4 500 000 SEK (approximately 405 000 EUR) for a consortium with 1 Swedish partner, or 6 000 000 SEK (approx. 540 000 EUR) if the consortia contain two Swedish partners. Use the exchange rate of 1 EURO=11,037 SEK to calculate actual grant amounts for the application
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	The project grant may be used to fund all types of project-related costs, such as salaries (including your own salary, however no more than corresponding to the person's activity level in the project), running costs (such as consumables, travel including stays at research facilities, publication costs and minor equipment), premises and depreciation costs. Grants may not be used for scholarships. If a doctoral student participates, project funds may not be paid out as salary during teaching or other departmental duties.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	2-7 years after defending approved doctorate thesis.
Conditions for PAO funding	PAO cannot be directly funded by the SRC but may be financed by a research partner.

Submission requirements at the national level	All Swedish project leaders participating in the call for support from the Swedish Research Council shall also submit a parallel application using the Swedish Research Council's application system Prisma. The application form in Prisma can be reached from the call text at the SRC website. Parallel application is a mandatory eligibility criterion. Failure to submit the parallel application to the Swedish Research Council before the deadline of the Prisma call will result in the Swedish partner being declared ineligible. All Swedish applicants are recommended communicate with the ERDERA national contact person regarding their intention to participate in the call, before submission of the consortium application.
Further guidance	See national call texts for all national requirements on www.vr.se

THE CZECH REPUBLIC, MZCR

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	The Czech Republic
Funding organisation	The Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic (MZCR)
National contact person	Monika Kocmanova National Coordinator on Health-related European Partnerships (AZVCR) Phone: + 420 778 973 186 Email: monika.kocmanova@azvcr.cz Olga Laaksonen Head of the Science, Research, and Subsidies for Education Unit (MZCR) Phone: +420 604 786 141 Email: olga.laaksonen@mzd.gov.cz
Funding commitment	500, 000 €
Overheads	Flat rate 25 % of the direct eligible costs.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	2 projects

Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	Maximum 250,000 € per project, regardless of the number of Czech partners in the project consortium. The final decision about the maximum funding per grant will depend on the number of proposals submitted to the pre-proposal stage or the number of proposals with Czech participation recommended for funding by the international evaluation committee. In the case of only one Czech project proposal being recommended for funding, the amount of finance support per project may be increased.
Eligibility of project duration	3 years / 36 months
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Research Organisations, Enterprises. All eligibility rules and criteria can be found on the Czech Health Research website ((Výzva 2026 – AZV ČR). It is recommended to contact the responsible person at the Czech Health Research Council (prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria).
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	All eligibility of costs, types and their caps can be found on the Czech Health Research Council (AZV ČR – Agentura pro zdravotnický výzkum České republiky (azvcr.cz)). It is recommended to contact the responsible person at the Czech Health Research Council (prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria).
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	A natural person engaged in research who, in the year of submission of the Project proposal to the call for proposals, has received their Ph.D. academic title or its equivalent in the past 8 years, or has obtained it no later than the date of conclusion of the Contract/issuance of the Project Decision. If the Proposer has been
	on maternity or parental leave, has suffered a long-term illness, or has interrupted his/her scientific career for similar objective reasons, the time limit of 8 years from the award of the academic degree of Ph.D. or its equivalent is increased by this period. These facts (award of the degree, parental leave, etc.) shall be documented by the Applicant by means of a Sworn Statement. Medical doctors must meet the same conditions stated in the national general definition of Early Career Researchers.
Conditions for PAO funding	Patients organisations can receive direct funding if they take an active role in the project´s research acitivites. This means they must contribute to specific research objectives (for example, by being involved in one or more work packages) and these types of research activities must be clearly described in their statues.
Submission requirements at the national level	Prior to submission of the pre-proposal to ERDERA, Czech researchers need to submit to the Czech Health Research Council the following documents: 1. Sworn Statement of a Legal Entity / Natural Person (mandatory) 2. Sworn Statement for a Research Organisation (if relevant) 3. Sworn Statement of composition consortium (only if SMEs or industry are involved in the project proposal from the Czech side)

	4. Application Form Czech partners are required to complete a national Application Form, providing basic information about the applicant and any co-applicant(s), if applicable, including their respective budgets. It is necessary to list all national institutions involved in the project due to funding requirements. 1. All these documents are available on the website at the Czech Health Research Council (Výzva 2026 – AZV ČRAZV ČR) 2. Prior to submission of the full proposal to ERDERA, Czech researchers need to submit to the Czech Health Research Council the following documents: 1. Documents related to professional competence, depending on the nature of the project, must be provided in the form of a Sworn Statement, which will be available on the website at the Czech Health Research Council (Výzva 2026 – AZV ČR). 2. Updated Application Form Czech partners are required to complete the updated national Application Form, providing basic information about the applicant and any co-applicant(s), if applicable, including their respective budgets. It is necessary to list all national institutions involved in the project due to funding requirements. According to Czech regulations, the main Czech applicant will sign a grant agreement with the national funding authority (MZCR) and, if there are any other Czech co-applicant(s), will subsequently enter into a cooperatoin agreement with them. At the international level (pre- or full proposal), it is preferable to list only one Czech partner – the main applicant. If needed, it is possible to list more than one partner (in accordance with the call rules); however, at the national level, there will be one main Czech applicant while the remaining national institutions will act as co-applicants. Together, they must share the allocated project budget among themselves. The total project budget must not exceed EUR 250,000.
Submission of other information at the national level	In case the projects of Czech participants are recommended for funding based on the results of the international evaluation and after the approval of the representatives of the funding authorities of the countries participating in the ERDERA calls, the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic / the Czech Health Research Council may ask the successful Czech participants to submit additional documents in order to issue a decision on the provision of purpose-special support according to the rules established by the Ministry of Health of the Czech Republic/ the Czech Health Research Council.
Further guidance	Výzva 2026 – AZV ČR

THE NETHERLANDS, ZonMw

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	The Netherlands
Funding organisation	ZonMw, The Netherlands organisation for health research and development PO Box 93245,2509 AE The Hague, The Netherlands, **https://www.zonmw.nl/nl/**
National contact person	Marcella de Boer, MSc Kirsten IJsebaert, MSc Sonja van Weely, PhD Email: **ERDERA@zonmw.nl** (preferable) Tel. +31 70 349 5111
Funding commitment	The total funding commitment is 1.8 million euro
Overheads	Overheads are not eligible costs for ZonMw
Anticipated number of fundable projects	7-8 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project	Up to €250,000.- for a Dutch research project partner or coordinator for a 3-year project proposal. In case a project consists of two Dutch research partners, the total amount of the ZonMw funding for the project is still maximized to €250,000.-.
Eligibility of project duration	Three years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	• Dutch universities, research institutes affiliated to universities, university medical centers, with expertise in rare diseases and other eligible Dutch **rare diseases centers of expertise** that are recognised by the Dutch Ministry of Health are eligible. • Maximum 2 Dutch researchers per application are allowed. • A Dutch researcher is allowed to take part in max. 1 application as coordinator. • A specific Dutch researcher is allowed to take part in max. 2 applications.

Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The Dutch principal investigator (PI) should have (or get upon granting of the project) an employment contract at the eligible institution for at least the duration of the project; the PI does not need to have a permanent position at the institute. A signed letter from the department head or other responsible official of the institute has to be submitted to ZonMw at the deadline of application of the full proposal (July 8, 2026) in which information on the employment contract of the PI is indicated. Furthermore, in this letter the department head or other responsible official should also guarantee that the applicant will have the time and facilities to perform the research properly and according to plan. The PI should show strong commitment to (the results of) the project.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	Early career researcher eligibility criteria in The Netherlands: All Early Career researchers should have a PhD – both researchers and medical doctors. • For Early Career researchers with a PhD, see the "Guidelines for Applicants", section 3. The researcher must have been awarded their first doctoral degree (PhD) 2-7 years prior to the pre-proposal submission deadline. • For potential extensions, Dutch applicants have to use the **NWO extension clause for the Talent Scheme**. A maximum extension of five years is possible. • For medical doctors: it is possible to receive an extension for medical studies, see the **NWO extension clause for the Talent Scheme**.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**General Information** You must take account of certain rights, conditions and obligations when applying for a ZonMw grant. The rights, conditions and obligations for a grant applicant are based upon the Dutch General Administrative Law Act (Awb). Article 4.2 of the Awb contains specific provisions applying to ZonMw grants. General Terms and Conditions Governing Grants of ZonMw also apply: **ZonMw grant terms and conditions from 1st July 2013, amended on 1st April 2022**. In most cases (e.g., in case of university/university medical centers) overhead is not allowed and the salary scales of Universiteit van Nederland (UNL (formerly VSNU (universities)) or NFU (University Medical Centers) have to be used. Organisations may subcontract specific tasks and diagnostic techniques if they do not have the right expertise, for instance on fairification or for data stewards or subcontracting is more efficient. The subcontractor(s) should be legally based in The Netherlands. The maximum amount that is allowed to be subcontracted is 20% of the total requested budget (with a maximum of €50,000.-). Organisations may also subcontract Patient Advocacy Organisations, legally based in The Netherlands to a maximum of 10% of the total requested budget (with a maximum of of €25,000,-) – see also below for conditions for PAO funding.

Subcontracting can't be used for providing patient access, data or samples for the study. For more information, please see "Assignment" ("Opdracht") on the ZonMw page **Grants and Collaborations/contributions from third parties**.

Cofinancing (in cash or in kind) is encouraged.

Specific Information

State Aid: No grants will be awarded by ZonMw if this would or could constitute unlawful state aid.
Applying organisations must meet the criteria in accordance with the **Framework for State Aid for Research and Development and Innovation(2014/C 198)**.
ZonMw considers the following state aid measure to be applied to this ERDERA Call JTC 2026: General Block Exemption Regulation (AGVV), see also **State aid exemption**.
The activities funded under the AGVV conditions must always be established with additional funding if they do not involve fundamental research**.**
Based on the AGVV, ZonMw is allowed to provide state aid in the form of a grant for research, development and innovation (R&D&I) for the following activities:

Activity ''Scientific research into…'' falls under fundamental research:

- Research organisations: no economic activity, funding provision does not constitute state aid.
- Undertakings: economic activity, the provision of funding constitutes state aid. Permitted funding can be granted using Article 25, paragraph 2(a), of the GBER. The aid intensity is 100%.

Activity ''Validation of…'' falls under industrial research:

- Research organisations: no economic activity, funding provision does not constitute state aid.
- Undertakings: economic activity, the provision of funding constitutes state aid. Permitted funding can be granted using Article 25, paragraph 2(b), of the GBER. The aid intensity is 50%, which can be increased to 80% if certain conditions are met.

Activity "Dissemination of research results":

- Research organisations: no economic activity, funding provision does not constitute state aid.
- Undertakings: economic activity, the provision of funding constitutes state aid. The aid intensity for industrial research can be increased by 15% if the project results are disseminated (to a maximum aid intensity of 80%).

When receiving funding based on the AGVV there are provisions regarding:

- The maximum expenditure percentage that can be supported using public resources.
- The maximum value of the aid provided.
- What costs are eligible for aid.

The activities funded under the AGVV conditions must always be established with additional funding if they do not involve fundamental research. In addition to these specific conditions for different activities, there are also a number of general conditions.

The applicant from the undertaking must provide a statement certifying that:

- You will not start the activities until after submitting the project commencement form of the selected full proposal to ZonMw. One condition of the AGVV is that the aid must have a stimulating effect and this is not the case if the activities have already started.
- You do not exceed the maximum aid sum that you are allowed to receive.
- No order to refund unlawful state aid has been issued for your undertaking.
- Your undertaking is not in financial difficulties. One condition of the AGVV is that aid cannot be provided to undertakings in financial difficulties.

Please use the ZonMw **budget format for AGVV** as basis for the budget calculations.
In the proposal, justification of all costs must be provided. There is no possibility to change the amount of the requested budget between the pre- and full proposal stage (if invited to submit the full proposal).

Eligible costs:

- Personnel costs. Scientific personnel has to be appointed at a scientific institution in The Netherlands.
- Data management/data stewardship.
- Costs of instruments to the extent and as long as they are used for the project
- Costs for investments in new equipment can be included in the project costs in proportion to their use. If the full purchase value of equipment is financed, the residual value of this equipment must be taken into account. The following percentage is used for depreciation and determining the residual value:
  - Depreciation over 5 years (20% per year).
- Other operational expenses:
  - materials,
  - travel costs for consortium meetings,
  - costs for dissemination of results (implementation)of the project,
  - costs for **open access** with a maximum of €5,000.-/project.
- Costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project, only by subcontracting (max 20% of the total costs that is requested for the Dutch part of the project).
- Costs for expertise from Patient Advocacy Organisations used exclusively for the project, only by subcontracting (max 10% of the total costs that is requested for the Dutch part of the project).

Conditions for PAO funding	PAOs for rare diseases legally established in The Netherlands will not be eligible for direct funding with national budget of ZonMw, but may be subcontracted by a Dutch research group that is applying to the Call. PAOs may also consult in the ERDERA JTC 2026 Guidelines the Conditions for the Central Funding Mechanism for All Patient Advocacy Organisations (central budget from European Commission).
Submission requirements at the national level	**Pre-proposal** **Contacting the national contact point of ZonMw to enquire about their eligibility before submitting a (pre-proposal is strongly recommended.** **Full proposal** • A signed letter from the department head or other responsible official of the institute has to be submitted to ZonMw at the deadline of application of the full proposal (July 8, 2026) in which information on the employment contract of the PI is indicated. Furthermore, in this letter the department head or other responsible official should also guarantee that the applicant will have the time and facilities to perform the research properly and according to plan. The PI should show strong commitment to (the results of) the project. **Full proposal submission to ZonMw after evaluations and selection** • Once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been established and endorsed by the Call Steering Committee and European Commission, the Dutch researcher(s) will be invited by ZonMw to submit their full proposal to ZonMw. • The Dutch consortium partners in selected consortia have to comply with ZonMw procedures for granted projects (e.g. uploading via 'My ZonMw' - including the ZonMw budget format and reporting annually). Scientific personnel has to be appointed at a scientific institution in The Netherlands. Granted consortia with a Dutch partner have to draw up and sign a Consortium Agreement in which also the intellectual property rights are incorporated. • A final draft version of the Consortium agreement (approved by all parties but not yet signed) will be required in order to assess conformity with applicable European state aid law, IP conditions and the **ZonMw General Terms and Conditions.** If the Consortium agreement is rejected, the funding by ZonMw cannot be granted. For more details and conditions: **Conditions and obligations**. • Before the start of the granted project the Dutch researcher needs to compose a **data management plan** and complete key items to explain how to make the data collection from the Dutch part of the research project FAIR.

	If a co-financer is not included in the consortium agreement, a signed Letter of Commitment needs to be submitted to ZonMw with the application. For more details: **Grants and Collaborations/contributions from third parties**. Every year an annual scientific report will be requested through the national submission system to inform ZonMw about the results of the Dutch group(s). An indication of the annual costs may be asked.
Further guidance	Consortia are expected to include and actively engage patient partners (patients/caregivers/family members) and/or patient advocacy organisations (PAOs) from the start when preparing their proposals; see also 5.5 in the Call text. The **ZonMw grant terms and conditions from 1st July 2013, amended on 1st April 2022** apply for Dutch consortium partners.

TÜRKIYE, TUBITAK

It is strongly advised that all applicants contact their ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal

Country	Türkiye
Funding organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye, https://tubitak.gov.tr/en
National contact person	Dr. M. Merve POLAT Phone: +90 312 298 1782 E-mail: erdera@tubitak.gov.tr
Funding commitment	EUR 500.000
Overheads	Overheads are eligible costs only for academy and public institutions and subjected to the terms and conditions stated in TUBITAK 1071 Programme.
Anticipated number of fundable research partners	-
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a partner	EUR 250.000 per project (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs), Per partner – Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities): EUR 125.000 (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs) – Private entities: EUR 250.000
Eligibility of project duration	Maximum 36 months

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, Training and research hospitals, Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities), SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Early career researcher eligibility criteria	-
Conditions for PAO funding	PAOs are not eligible for funding.
Submission requirements at the national level	Electronic application is required via: https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/ National ”1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation” Programme will be implemented. Further information will be announced on https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/ Turkish partners in the projects selected for funding are obliged to provide Ethics Approval Certificate and/or Legal Permission Licences and other related documents (if necessary).
Further guidance	Further information will be announced on https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/

MULTINATIONAL - Funding of All Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAOs)

It is strongly advised that interested patient advocacy organisations contact national researchers at an early phase of the application procedure to able to help designing the proposal and being engaged from the start. For some countries/national funders it is possible to fund PAOs directly or indirectly via the national researchers. Please have a look at the other tables with the national conditions in this Guidelines or contact ERDERA National/Regional Contact Point in good time before the submission of a proposal. In case the national option is not possible, then you can apply for budget from the Central Funding Mechanism. A specific PAO can NOT apply for both the national funding and Central Funding Mechanism.

Each PAO that requests budget from the Central funding mechanism should complete and sign a Declaration of Honour AND a Declaration regarding de minimis aid. The coordinator has to upload these documents on the ERDERA online submission platform.

Country	**Central Funding - Funding of All Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAOs)** Note: This central funding mechanism cannot be used to directly compensate patient partners (patients/caregivers/ family members) in a project
Funding organisation	ZonMw (The Netherlands) manages the budget from the EU
National contact person	Marcella de Boer, MSc Kirsten IJsebaert, MSC Sonja van Weely, PhD Email: **ERDERA@zonmw.nl** (preferable) Tel. +31 70 349 5111
Funding commitment	€500.000 in total
Overheads	Overhead for personnel costs is limited to 16 % of total grant amount (that is 16% * € 25.000 € = € 4000)
Anticipated number of fundable projects	20-25
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project	€25.000 per project for 3 years. If more than one eligible PAO is participating with central funding in a project, the amount should be divided between the involved PAOs
Eligibility of project duration	Three years

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	**Patient Advocacy Organisations (PAO) only.** **Definition of rare disease patient advocacy organisations:** Patient advocacy organisations are defined as not-for-profit organisations, which are patient focused, and where patients and/or carers and/or family members of patients represent a majority of members in governing bodies. These are: • Umbrella organisations (e.g. representing either European organisations and/or national umbrella organisations for rare diseases). • European rare disease specific organisations (i.e. representing national organisations or individual patients on rare diseases) and • National rare disease specific organisations.
Criteria to be fulfilled by the PAO	The Patient Advocacy Organisations shall fulfil the following criteria: **Legitimacy:** • Represent rare diseases according to EU prevalence criteria (5/10 000) as defined in the EU Regulation on Orphan Medicinal Products (1999), Commission Communication on Rare Diseases (2008), Council Recommendation on an Action on Rare Diseases (2009), and Directive on Patients' Rights in Cross-Border HealthCare (2011). • The organisation should be formally established and registered as a not-for-profit organisation for more than 1 year in one of the Member States of the EU/EEA/participating countries in ERDERA. **Eligible countries:** PAOs that are allowed to receive funding through the central funding mechanism (EC budget) should be legally registered in: • EU Member States and EU/EEA states: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, The Netherlands, • ERDERA partner countries next to EU Member States and EU/EEA states: Georgia, Israel, Morocco, Serbia, Türkiye **Mission/objectives:** • The organisation shall have its mission/objectives clearly defined and should agree to have it/them published on the ERDERA website. **Activities:** • The organisation shall have, as part of its activities, a specific interest in rare diseases which should be documented (e.g. through a report published on the organisation website).

Representation:

- The organisation shall be representative of rare disease patients within a Member State or throughout the EU/EEA/participating countries in ERDERA (see “eligible countries” above) .

Structure:

- The organisation should have governing bodies which include a majority of rare disease patients or family members of rare disease patients.
- Includes in its governing structure a designated representative legally authorised to sign a contract with a public funder/ZonMw.

Accountability:

- With proven activities such as rare disease patient support and/or advocacy activities and/or rare disease research.
- Statements and opinions of the organisation should reflect the views and opinions of its members and adequate consultation procedures with those members should be in place. In particular, the organisation should ensure that the appropriate flow of information is in place to allow dialogue both ways: from and towards its members.
- Can demonstrate that its account system is able to trace all costs related to the project and archive these costs for a duration of 5 years after the last payment received from the funder.

Transparency:

- The organisation shall be financially independent, particularly from the pharmaceutical industry (max. 49% of funding from several companies) and disclose to ERDERA its sources of funding both public and private by providing the name of the bodies and their individual financial contribution, both in absolute terms and in terms of overall percentage of the organisation budget. Any relationship with corporate sponsorship should be clear and transparent. This information shall be communicated to ERDERA on an annual basis.
- The organisation shall publish on its website the registered statutes, sources of funding, and information on their activities.

Communication:

To facilitate communication between the PAOs and the Coordinator of the consortium, a contact person should be identified for each PAO involved in the project.

Declaration of Honour:

	PAOs that apply for funding from the Central Funding Mechanism have to complete and sign the "Declaration of Honour for Patient Advocacy Organisation" in the pre-proposal phase. The Declaration of Honour (DoH) for Patient Advocacy Organisation can be downloaded from the **ERDERA website**. After signing this document, the PAO has to send the signed DoH to the coordinator (the person who fills out the application). The coordinator needs to upload the signed DoH in the online submission platform. Thus, PAOs have to send the signed DoH in time to the coordinator.
State Aid, eligibility of costs, types and their caps	**General information** State Aid: No grants will be awarded by ZonMw if this would or could constitute unlawful state aid. To qualify for a grant under the *de minimis regulation*, in addition to the substantive criteria of this call for grant applications, applicants must meet a number of specific requirements under the de minimis regulation. You can find these below. Under the *de minimis regulation*, an undertaking may receive a maximum of **€300,000** in grant funding from different government agencies over a period of three years without this constituting unlawful state aid. When presenting your detailed application, **you must attach a Declaration regarding de minimis aid** in which you list the *de minimis aid* that you have received in the two previous tax years and in the current tax year. If *de minimis aid* has been awarded in the past, this should be explicitly stated in the relevant grant decision or other document. In cases of collaboration where more than one PAO may benefit from state aid, all PAOs must comply with the conditions of the *de minimis regulation*. This means that all PAOs that receive grant money as part of the project must supply *their own de minimis declaration.* **Declaration regarding de minimis aid:** The Declaration regarding *de minimis aid* for each Patient Advocacy Organisation that requests budget can be downloaded from the **ERDERA** website. After signing this document, each PAO has to send the signed *Declaration regarding the de minimis aid* to the coordinator (the person who fills out the application). The coordinator needs to upload this signed Declaration in the online submission platform. Thus, PAOs have to send the signed Declaration regarding the de minimis aid in time to the coordinator. It essential to check carefully that the *de minimis ceiling* is not exceeded. Acting in breach of European state aid rules may lead to recovery of the aid granted, plus statutory interest. The *de minimis ceiling* applies to a single undertaking. Section 2(2) of the **de minimis regulation (No. 1407/2013)** specifies where there is a single undertaking. It may be that two (or more) undertakings have a certain relationship with each other and are considered as a single undertaking under this regulation. This may be the case, for example, if they hold the

majority of the voting rights of the shareholders of another undertaking, if they have the right to appoint/dismiss Board members of another undertaking and if they have the right to exercise a dominant influence over another undertaking.

Your grant application will be rejected if:

a. one of the situations referred to in Section 1 of the *de minimis regulation* occurs which would preclude application of the *de minimis regulation*;

or

b. the *de minimis ceiling* is exceeded by allocation of the requested grant;

or

c. your application does not meet the conditions of the *de minimis regulation* in some other way.

Information on costs

The requested costs should be in line with the roles described in the patient involvement plan that a consortium has to write in the application (see Call text section 5.5 Patient Advocacy Organisations and Patient Involvement/Partnership).

Eligible costs are:

- Personnel costs: staff costs are eligible, in proportion to the time spent on the project, with justification in the form of a time sheet.
- Overhead: only eligible costs if personnel costs are requested
- Costs for dissemination of information/results of the project.
- Travel and hotel cost (to be present at project meetings, etc.).

Non eligible costs are:

- Office and IT equipment (workstation, mobile phone, tablets, etc.).

Calculating requested costs

The applying PAO(s) can use **this** budget format from ZonMw to calculate their costs (Budget Other Institutions (Excel)).

All justifications and supporting documents are auditable by ZonMw or by any representative appointed by ZonMw during the project and a period of 7 years after the final payment has been sent.

Conditions for PAO funding	**It is highly recommended that PAOs first explore funding opportunities from their respective national funding organisations or national researchers.** If PAOs cannot be funded by their respective national/regional funding organisations or national researchers, they can be eligible for direct funding through the central budget managed by ZonMw.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at ZonMw	After selection of the consortium in which the PAO(s) participate, ZonMw will invite the specific PAO that will be the contact organisation for ZonMw to submit the full proposal, to ZonMw. The PAOs have to comply with several procedures for granted projects (e.g. uploading via 'My ZonMw' (the ZonMw application and monitoring system of ZonMw) - including the ZonMw budget format). Every year a short annual report on the PAO(s) activities performed in the project will be requested by ZonMw. An indication of the annual costs may be asked.
Further guidance	**ERDERA@zonmw.nl**