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## POLAND – NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NCBR)

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### Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

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| <b>Budget</b>                                 | 3 000 000 EUR in total   |
| <b>Anticipated number of projects to fund</b> | 6 or more (all within available funding commitment)  |
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### National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

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| <b>Call Modules and topics</b> | All Call Modules eligible   |
| <b>Proposal submission</b>     | <p>Participants from Poland will be informed and invited to submit a national application once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been established (in all likelihood in June/July 2027).</p> <p>Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF).</p> <p>All entities invited to submit the NAF are obliged to use European Central Bank's exchange rate in force on the day the call is opened.</p> <p>If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the NAF must be submitted jointly by a consortium (group of entities) comprising Polish entities only.</p> <p>Templates are available at: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy-w-lsi">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy-w-lsi</a></p> |

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| <b>Project Consortium Partners</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enterprise<sup>1</sup> - micro, small, medium or large,</li> <li>Groups of enterprises comprising at least two enterprises,</li> <li>Groups of entities comprising at least one research organisation<sup>2</sup> and at least one enterprise.</li> </ul> <p>Participating entities must be established as legal persons<sup>3</sup> under Polish law and conduct business, R&amp;D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register<sup>4</sup>.</p> <p>For a group of entities to participate as an Applicant in the call, it must formally exist on the date the pre-proposal is submitted. This existence must be evidenced by an agreement made by the members - at least conditionally - to create the group of entities (consortium).</p> |   |  |
| <b>Project duration</b>            | 24-36 months   |   |  |
| <b>Project budget</b>              |  |   |  |
| <b>Funding request</b>             | 700 000 EUR per project or all Polish partners in one project  |   |  |
| <b>Funding rates (%)</b>           |  |   |  |
|                                    | Basic research   | Industrial/<br>applied research         | Experimental develop-<br>ment/innovation |
| Large enterprises                  | not eligible   | Up to 50+5/15/25<br><b>(max 75%)</b>    | Up to 25+5/15/25<br><b>(max 50%)</b>     |
| Medium enterprises                 | not eligible   | Up to 50+10+5/15/25<br><b>(max 80%)</b> | Up to 25+10+5/15/25<br><b>(max 60%)</b>  |
| Small enterprises                  | not eligible   | Up to 50+20+5/15/25<br><b>(max 80%)</b> | Up to 25+20+5/15/25<br><b>(max 70%)</b>  |

<sup>1</sup> as defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as “Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014”);

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

<sup>3</sup> Legal person - a legal entity other than a natural person that has the legal capacity to hold and to exercise legal rights and obligations within a given legal system, including the capacity to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued.

<sup>4</sup> if applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

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| Universities, public research organisations    | not eligible   | Up to 100%   | Up to 100%   |
| Public authorities                             | not eligible   | not eligible | not eligible |
| Associations without economic activities, NGOs | not eligible   | not eligible | not eligible |
| Notes  | <p>Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for universities and research organisations. For enterprises, the quota will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account company size and the type of research and development activity, pursuant to 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 (Journal of Laws 2020, item 1456).</p> <p>In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding. Other activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) shall not be included into separate tasks in the national application (NAF).</p> <p>If an enterprise applies individually at the national level (i.e. there is no Polish group of entities or group of enterprises), the state aid intensity for industrial research and experimental development shall not be increased on the basis of “effective cooperation” between enterprises or between enterprises and research organisations.</p> |              |              |
| Types of cost to be funded                     | <p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <p>➤ For research organisations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. personnel</li> <li>2. equipment</li> <li>3. travel</li> <li>4. other direct costs</li> <li>5. subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project</li> <li>6. indirect costs (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 (5); It means <math>6 = (1+2+3+4) \times 25\%</math>.</li> </ol>   |              |              |

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|   | <p>➤ For enterprises:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. personnel</li> <li>2. equipment</li> <li>3. other direct costs: please refer to cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) for more details</li> <li>4. subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project</li> <li>5. indirect costs (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 <math>5 = (1+2+3+4) \times 20\%</math>.</li> </ol> <p>-----</p> <p>For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check cost eligibility guide (przewodnik kwalifikowalności kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr</a></p> |
| <p><b>RDI approaches and TRLs</b></p>       | <p><b>Type of research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Industrial/Applied research</li> <li>• Experimental development</li> </ul> <p><b>TRL: 3-8</b></p> <p>Recommended TRL at end of project: 6-8</p> <p>Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals as well as the enterprises shall indicate their size (micro, small, medium or large).</p>   |
| <p><b>Other requirements/guidelines</b></p> | <p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1571 as amended);</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1170);</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 783 as amended), which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation);</li> </ul>  |

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- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development (Polish Journal of Laws 2010 No. 178, item 1200 as amended);

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

- 1) is not excluded from applying for funding on the basis of:
  - a) Article 207(4) of Act of 27 August 2009 on Public Finance (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1483 as amended);
  - b) Article 12(1)(1) of the Act of 15 June 2012 on the consequences of entrusting work to foreigners staying illegally in the territory of the Republic of Poland (Polish Journal of Laws 2025, item 1567 as amended);
  - c) Article 9(1)(2a) of the Act of 28 October 2002 on the liability of collective entities for acts prohibited under penalty (Polish Journal of Laws 2024, item 1822 as amended);
- 2) is not an entity subject to an obligation to repay aid because the European Commission has declared such aid unlawful and incompatible with the internal market,
- 3) is not in arrears with payments of public dues or with social security and health insurance contributions,
- 4) is not an undertaking in difficulty<sup>5</sup> within the meaning of EU state aid rules and is not under receivership,
- 5) is not subject to exclusion from applying for funding due to sanctions.

In justified cases, the composition of group of entities may be changed before the funding decision is issued by NCBR. Any changes must meet the call's eligibility criteria and be approved in advance by the international project consortium, the call secretariat, NCBR, and any other funding institutions involved. Changes must also respect the principle of equal treatment of applicants.

We encourage applicants to use our "PartFinder" tool (Partner Search Tool), which allows to match science and industry from around the world.

The "PartFinder" is available at: <https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/>

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<sup>5</sup> The definition of an undertaking in difficulty is set out in Article 2(18) of Regulation (EU) No 651/2014