

Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership

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NAME OF THE COUNTRY

	Funding Organisation: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr	The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)  <small>National Centre for Research and Development</small>
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000 EUR	Maximum funding for a project partner/s – up to 300 000 € per project.
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(5) Resilient Coastal Communities and Businesses <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	N/A	
Eligible Applicants	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprises¹ - SME and Large, Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)², Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises, Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise, 	

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

² Defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

	5. Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.
Eligible Costs	<p>1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);</p> <p>2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>3. operating costs including (depending on the type of eligible institution):</p> <p>Research Organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; • costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; • other operating costs including: costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; training costs; travels costs including conference fees; costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage); <p>Enterprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; • costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible.

	<p>4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution);</p> <p>Research Organizations:</p> <p>additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4=(1+3)*25\%$.</p> <p>Enterprises:</p> <p>additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, eg. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travels costs including conference fees; costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means $4=(1+2+3)*20\%$.</p> <p>Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, please check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>Research organisations: all types of research may be funded. Basic research must not exceed 10% of value of national requested budget. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP/Task.</p> <p>Enterprises: Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP)/Task.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>National funding rates:</p> <p>Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation.</p> <p>The following maximum funding quotas apply:</p>

	Type of Organization	Micro/Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	Research Organizations
	Type of Activity				
	Fundamental/ Basic Research	n/a	n/a	n/a	Up to 100%
	Industrial Research	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 100 %
	Experimental development	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)	Up to 100 %
Relevant documents	<p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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; • 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. 				
Additional Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre - proposals and full proposals. • Applicant must be established as a legal person³ and must conduct its business, R&D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register⁴ • 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). • 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- 				

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

⁴ if applicable.

	<p>proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities. • After international evaluation of full proposals and the selection of projects to be funded, Polish participants will be invited to submit a National Application Form (NAF) with required attachments. The NAFs will be examined for the appropriateness of funding requested. The Polish participants are obliged to use the rate of exchange of the European Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call.
Useful Links	<p>Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage:</p> <p>https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/platforma-konkursowa</p> <p>https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</p>

Note: Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal. Additionally, the partners of a proposal cannot request more than 60 % of their PFO's budgets. This rule only applies to PFOs with total budgets of more than 250 000 EUR in addition to national/regional financial regulations of PFOs.