

ANNEX B - NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS AND NATIONAL/REGIONAL REGULATIONS


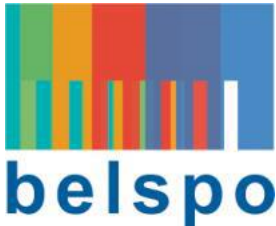
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V1	07/02/2024	Update of RCFI, RCN, FORMAS, LNV/IenW/NWO National Regulations


1.1 BELGIUM – BELSPO

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>http://www.belspo.be/</p>	<p>Belgian Science Policy Office (BELSPO)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	
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<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>500 000 €</p>	<p>Max 275 000 €/Partner</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The whole Belgian scientific community: universities, colleges of higher education, public scientific institutions, and non-profit research centres.</p>	

	European and foreign organisations established in Belgium are not eligible.
Eligible Applicants	Applicants affiliated to an eligible institution.
Eligible Costs	<p>Staff: Pre-tax wages associated with increases in the cost of living, employers’ social security and statutory insurance contributions, as well as any other compensation or allowance due by law and secondary to the salary itself and tax-free scholarships.</p> <p>The staff costs are limited to a maximum amount of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 750 €/month FTE for a technician/bachelor (regardless of years of experience) - 6 700 €/month FTE for a scientist with a Master's degree (regardless of years of experience) - 8 250 €/month FTE for a scientist with a PhD (regardless of years of experience) <p>BELSPo prefers staff to be hired under a labour contract. The total number of tax-free scholarships per project is limited to max. 50% of the number of staff financed by BELSPo within said project. In any case, there shall not be more than 2 tax-free scholarships/project. Tax-free scholarships refer to a grant subject to tax exemption under the tax laws.</p> <p>General operating costs: this includes day-to- day/usual supplies and products for the laboratory, workshop and office, documentation, shipments, use of day-to-day software and IT facilities, organisation of internal meetings, etc.. The budget envelope for this category may not exceed 15% of the staff. The amounts claimed must correspond to actual expenditures strictly related to the project, even if supporting documents are not requested. The institution must keep these invoices in its accounts in the event of an audit.</p>



	<p>Specific operating costs: this includes operating costs specific to the execution of the project tasks, such as costs for project analyses, maintenance and repair of equipment purchased by the project, use of specific IT facilities and software, costs for surveys, open data publications, organisation of workshops and events, etc....</p> <p>Overheads: Institutions’ general overheads that cover, in one lump sum, administration, telephone, postal, maintenance, heating, lighting, electricity, rent, machine depreciation, and insurance costs. The total amount of this item is set as 5% of the total staff and operating costs.</p> <p>Equipment: Purchase and installation of scientific and technical apparatus and instruments, including computer hardware. Equipment needs to be purchased in the first half of the project.</p> <p>Subcontracting: Expenses incurred by a third party to carry out tasks or provide services that require special scientific or technical competences outside the institution’s normal area of activity. The amount may not exceed 25% of the total budget allocated to the Belgian partner concerned.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Partners must be involved in the research and innovation activities of the project.
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	
Useful Links	

1.2 BELGIUM – FIO/VLAIO

	Funding Organisation: <i>www.vlaio.be</i>	FIO/VLAIO VLAIO
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jozef Ghijselen	jozef.ghijselen@vlaio.be +32 2 432 42 40
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000 €	Min. 25.000 € (experimental development) Min. 100.000 € (industrial research) Max. 1.000.000 €
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Organisations other than Flemish companies (incl. research organisations) should be subcontracted to the applicants.	
Eligible Applicants	Flemish companies with sufficient economic activities in the region of Flanders, Belgium, only.	
Eligible Costs	Personnel, overhead, operations, subcontractors, small investments	
Additional eligibility criteria	Flemish applicants are required to contact NCP before submission to SBEP.	
	Core data (company data, economic impact for Flanders, budget details) to be submitted to VLAIO together with pre/full proposal.	



	Costs and activities should fit our programmes of industrial R&D. Sufficient economic impact for Flanders should be demonstrated.
Relevant documents	Industrial R&D manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/668 Cost model manual: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/media/1760
Additional Information	Experimental development: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject Industrial research: https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject
Useful Links	

1.3 BELGIUM – F.R.S. – FNRS

	Funding Organisation: https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/	F.R.S.-FNRS  <small>LA LIBERTÉ DE CHERCHER</small>
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Florence Quist	international@frs-fnrs.be +32 2 504 9351
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	300.000	300.000
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Universities, public research organisations All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations (see Annex 1)	
Eligible Applicants	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs Small equipment Operational costs Subcontracting All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations .	

	<p>Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 euros for this call.</p> <p>“Overhead” is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space <u>within 5 working days after the general deadline of the SBEP call to be eligible</u>. 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.</p>
Useful Links	https://www.frs-fnrs.be/fr/calendrier-des-appels

1.4 BELGIUM (Flanders) – FWO

	Funding Organisation: <u>The Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO)</u>	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Toon Monbaliu (general) Kristien Peeters (SBO)	+32 (0)2 550 15 70 +32 (0)2 550 15 95 europe@fwo.be
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner
	700.000 EUR	350.000 EUR
Funded priority area (s)	<p>The FWO funds all priority areas mentioned in the call text, if they fit the integrated FWO funding channels:</p> <p>Priority area 1: Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub basin scale</p> <p>Priority area 2: Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructures</p> <p>Priority area 3: Planning and managing sea-uses at the regional level</p> <p>Priority area 4: Blue Bioresources</p>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The FWO integrates two of its ‘national’ funding channels within this multilateral framework. The choice of funding channel depends on the <u>type of project</u> (e.g. exploration of basic mechanisms, strong focus on valorisation) the researchers from Flanders wish to undertake.</p> <p>The eligibility of institutions and its researchers can be verified in the relevant and respective chosen funding channels regulations, which can be consulted on the FWO website:</p>	

	<p>FWO Research Projects (FO)</p> <p>Strategic Basic Research (SBO)</p>
Eligible Applicants	See ‘Eligible Institutions’ above.
Eligible Costs	<p>The respective funding channel regulations apply (see links to national rules above; i.e. FO and SBO)), and both are capped at max. 350.000 EUR per project/consortium (incl. overhead, for which the calculation method diverges per funding channel).</p> <p>The FWO foresees a budget of 700.000 EUR in total, which allows for the funding of at least two projects.</p> <p>For the <u>overhead calculation</u>, the fundamental (FO) and strategic research projects (SBO) entail the same approach. A <u>structural overhead rate</u> should be applied on the project costs, with an overhead rate of <u>6% for ‘FO’ projects</u>, and a <u>17% overhead rate for ‘SBO’ projects</u>. Some practical examples:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>!! NEW !!</p> <p>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</p>

	<p>application type: “Research projects – European programme strategic basic research”.</p> <p>In case the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, a <u>single online form</u> should be submitted containing all relevant information from the different Flemish partners.</p> <p>The deadline to submit this 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.</p> <p><u>Failure to comply with these requirements can lead to ineligibility.</u></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Projects aiming at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context.</p> <p>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 here.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Linked to the above, when it comes to the FWO research project regulations (FO): article 10, §7 is not applicable in this call. I.e. supervisors (-spokespersons), or</p>
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	coordinators/consortium partners in this context, 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 .
Relevant documents	A mandatory administrative application has to be submitted at regional level, via the FWO e-portal (also see ‘Additional eligibility criteria’).
Additional Information	It is strongly advised to contact the FWO contact points mentioned above, in order not to jeopardize any research projects/consortia.
Useful Links	FWO European Programmes

1.5 BRAZIL – CONFAP



	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>CONFAP – Brazilian National Council of State Funding Agencies</p> <p>Centro Empresarial Norte - Setor de Rádio e TV Norte Quadra 701, Conjunto C, Ala B, Sala 213 - Asa Norte, 70719-903, Brasília - DF, Brazil</p> <p>Website: confap.org.br</p>	
<p>Regional Contact Point (RCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Elisa Natola</p> <p>Advisor for International Cooperation</p>	<p>Phone: +55 61 996138850</p> <p>Email: elisa.confap@gmail.com</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>€ 1.250.000</p> <p>Total to be updated</p>	<p>Detailed for each participating State Funding Agency - FAP in item below: “Additional Info”, indicating within the maximum budget, the maximum number of projects which may be supported (if applicable). Applicants must verify with the funding agency involved, the maximum amount, also in local currency.</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

Eligible Institutions	Eligible Institutions Public or private (non-profit) Higher Education and Research Institutions, Scientific Institutions, Technology and Innovation Institutions, eligible for the involved funding agencies - FAPs.				
Eligible Applicants	Applicants must have a doctoral or equivalent degree, and be linked to a Research Institution located in Brazilian States participating in the call and have scientific or technological production evaluated by Curriculum (Lattes Curriculum).				
Eligible Costs	As a general rule, Brazilian Funding Agencies finance scholarships, mobility and grants, related to scientific, technological and innovation projects.				
Additional eligibility criteria	Applicants must necessarily comply to the specific eligibility rules and financing modalities, which shall be defined and informed by the participating FAPs.				
Relevant documents	Specific Guidelines may be published by the participating FAPs.				
Additional Information	<p>Brazilian applicants may be supported by the State Funding Agencies - FAPs, participating to the call, listed below.</p> <p>Applicants based in the States participating to the call should firstly consult their respective FAPs.</p> <p>Details on the Brazilian State Funding Agencies supporting the call, including amount of total funding, maximum number of projects (when defined) and contact points in each FAP are detailed below:</p>				
	FAPs	State	Budget Euros	Max. no. of projec ts within the max. allocat ed budge t	Contacts
	Fundaç ão Araucá ria	Paraná	90.00 0	2	Eliane Segati Rios Internacionalizacao@fundacaoaraucaria.org.br
	FACEP E	Pernambuco	20.00 0	1	igor.cavalcanti@facepe.br

					helen.khoury@facepe.br
	FAPEAL	Alagoas	60.000	2	Daniel Carvalho Paulo Victor de Oliveira pesquisafapeal@gmail.com
	FAPEMA	Maranhão	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPEMAT	Mato Grosso	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPEPI	Piauí	TBC	TBC	TBC
	FAPERGS	Rio Grande do Sul	60.000	Not defined	Daniela Ziani dec@fapergs.rs.gov.br
	FAPERJ	Rio de Janeiro	100.000	2	Ana Beatriz assessoria.internacional@faperj.br
	FAPES	Espírito Santo	100.000	2	Rosa Maria Trevas Azevedo parcerias@fapes.es.gov.br
	FAPESB	Bahia	200.000	2	Adriele Almeida adriele.almeida@fapesb.ba.gov.br
	FAPESC	Santa Catarina	100.000	2	Pedro Valentim Internacional@fapesc.sc.gov.br
	FAPESP	São Paulo	400.000	Not Defined	Virgínia Sanches Subiñas vsubinas@fapesp.br
	FAPESPA	Pará	40.000	1	Ana Cláudia Barata dicet@fapespa.pa.gov.br
	FAPESQ	Paraíba	20.000	1	polyana@fapesq.rpp.br patricia@fapesq.rpp.br ruth@fapesq.rpp.br
	FUNCAP	Ceará	60.000	2	direc@funcap.ce.gov.br
Useful Links	CONFAP website: confap.org.br Links to FAPs websites – for more details on eligibility rules:				



	Fundação Araucária: http://www.fappr.pr.gov.br
	FACEPE: http://www.facepe.br
	FAPEAL: http://fapeal.br
	FAPEMA: https://www.fapema.br
	FAPEMIG: http://www.fapemig.br
	FAPEPI: http://www.fapepi.pi.gov.br
	FAPERGS: https://fapergs.rs.gov.br
	FAPERJ: http://www.faperj.br
	FAPES: www.fapes.es.gov.br
	FAPESP: https://fapesp.br/
	FAPESB: http://www.fapesb.ba.gov.br
	FAPESC: www.fapesc.sc.gov.br
	FAPESPA: https://www.fapespa.pa.gov.br
	FAPESQ: http://fapesq.rpp.br
	FUNCAP - https://www.funcap.ce.gov.br/

1.6 CYPRUS – RIF

	Funding Organisation: https://www.research.org.cy/	Research and Innovation Foundation  RESEARCH & INNOVATION FOUNDATION
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Anna Maria Christoforou	amchristoforou@research.org.cy +357 22205043
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€1.300.000	€250.000
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities established and based in the areas, which are under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus. Research Organisations, Enterprises (small, medium, large), Other Private Sector Organisations, Other Public and Broader Public Sector Organisations	
Eligible Applicants	According to RESTART 2016-2020 Work Programme for the period 05-2022 and 12-2023.	
Eligible Costs	Research & Development Cost Categories Personnel Cost Costs for Instruments and Equipment Costs for External Services Consumables	

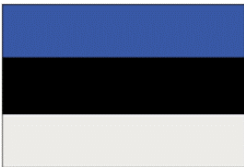

	<p>Other Specific Costs</p> <p>Overheads</p> <p>The calculation of the Proposal Budget will be based on the simplified cost method “Personnel costs plus 40% on Personnel Costs for covering the rest of the Project costs”.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Please check National Regulations at:</p> <p>www.research.org.cy</p> <p>https://iris.research.org.cy/</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Please check National Regulations at:</p> <p>www.research.org.cy</p> <p>https://iris.research.org.cy/</p>
Additional Information	
Useful Links	<p>RPF Website: www.research.org.cy</p> <p>IRIS Portal: https://iris.research.org.cy</p>

1.7 DENMARK- IFD

	Funding Organisation: www.innovationsfonden.dk	Name of the funding organisation 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Thorbjørn M Gilberg	Thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk +4561905050
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.300.000	The maximum amount per Danish partner is EUR 300,000. The maximum amount for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is EUR 500,000.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Registered legal Danish entities are eligible for investments from IFD. Foreign entities not funded by their national authorities can be subcontractors to Danish partners after approval by IFD.	
Eligible Applicants	IFD can fund all types of Danish partners actively participating in the projects.	
Eligible Costs	Salaries, equipment other project-related costs, external services and overhead (depending on partner e.g. enterprise or public organisation)	
Additional eligibility criteria		
Relevant documents		

Additional Information	Danish applicants should consult the Danish Rules and Guidelines for International Projects.
Useful Links	Guidelines

1.8 ESTONIA – ETAG

	Funding Organisation:	Name of the funding organisation  Estonian Research Council
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Katrin Saar	Katrin.saar@etag.ee +372 53335625
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	100 000 € if project partner 300 000 € if project coordinator	100 000 € if project partner 300 000 € if project coordinator
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal</p>	

	<p>Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <p>1.2.1 must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline;</p> <p>1.2.2 must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application at the latest;</p> <p>1.2.3 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.¹</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100.000 € per proposal or 300 000 € per proposal in case if one Estonian institution is the coordinator.</p> <p>2. Budget</p> <p>2.1 Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p> <p>2.2 Direct costs</p> <p>2.2.1 Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.</p> <p>2.2.2 Other direct costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events 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 comply with the eligible costs. <p>2.2.4 Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties.</p>



	<p>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.</p> <p>2.4 Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.</p> <p>2.5 Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p> <p>2.6 If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.</p>
<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>State Aid</p> <p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding from the Estonian Research Council (ETAG).</p> <p>Support is not considered to be State aid for research and development, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, as long as the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.</p> <p>The criteria defined in Clauses 17-22 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01) forms the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is an undertaking who is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives support.</p> <p>When an entity applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it has to fill in the State aid form. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.</p>

	<p>If State aid and de minimis aid are given, the documents related to giving the support must be kept for 10 years as of the date when the agreement was entered into.</p> <p>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation</p> <p>If the support is considered to be State aid, then support is given on the basis of Article 25, 25a or 25c of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, p. 1–78) (hereinafter the Block Exemption Regulation), and the provisions of the Commission Regulation and Section 34² of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>State aid is not given in cases specified under Articles 1(2) to (5) of the Block Exemption Regulation.</p> <p>If State aid is given on the basis of Article 25, the eligible costs of the project activities must comply with the requirements specified under Article 25(3) of the Block Exemption Regulation (except clause (c)), and the maximum aid intensity must comply with Articles 25(5) and (6). For State aid given on the basis of Articles 25a or 25c, see rules laid down in mentioned Articles accordingly.</p> <p>If the support applied for can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.</p> <p>De minimis aid</p> <p>If support is considered de minimis aid, then giving support is subject to Commission Regulation (EU) No 1407/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, p. 1–8) (hereinafter the De Minimis Aid Regulation), and the provisions of the Regulation and Section 33 of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p>
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	<p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for as support cannot exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>Grant Agreement</p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Estonian Research Council enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed at the latest six months after the grant agreement has been signed. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p> <p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</p> <p>If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Estonian Research Council by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol</p>
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	By applying for funding by the Estonian Research Council, the applicants agree to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.
Relevant documents	<p>National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects:</p> <p>https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel -EN veebr.2023.pdf</p> <p>Guidelines for the applicants:</p> <p>https://www.etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Juhend-ERA-NET-toetuse-taotlejale ETAg-juuni-2018-1.pdf</p>
Additional Information	<p>It is expected that publication of results should be carried out in accordance with the Horizon programme policy on Open Access.</p> <p>It is strongly advised to contact the contact point before submitting the application.</p> <p>The State aid form must be sent to the contact point before submitting the application.</p>
Useful Links	https://etag.ee/en/cooperation/horizon-europe/eu-partnerships/era-nets/

1.9 ESTONIA- KLIM

	Ministry of Climate <i>(https://kliimaministeerium.ee)</i>	 <div> REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA MINISTRY OF CLIMATE </div>
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Irja Truuma	irja.truuma@kliimaministeerium.ee +372 654 1047
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	100 000	100 000
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 type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p>	

<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the 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. <p>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 Report².</p> <p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100 000 € per proposal.</p> <p>Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p> <p>Direct costs</p>



	<p>1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution.</p> <p>2. Other direct costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events 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 comply with the eligible costs. <p>3. 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.</p> <p>Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.</p> <p>4. Double funding of activities is not acceptable.</p> <p>5. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	State Aid

	<p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.</p> <p>If the State aid or de minimis aid regulations apply, the funding will not be granted to a Host Institution who has been subject to a funding withdrawal decision pursuant to a previous European Commission decision that deemed the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market, if that decision has not been complied with.</p> <p>The funding is not considered State aid for research and development, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, if the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.</p> <p>The criteria defined in Clauses 17–22 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01) forms the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is a company that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding.</p> <p>If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the State aid form. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.</p> <p>If State aid or de minimis aid is given, the documents related to the funding must be kept for 10 years as of the date when the agreement was entered into.</p> <p>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation</p> <p>If the funding is considered to be State aid, then it is given on the basis of Article 25 or 25c of the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 that declares certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, pp. 1–78) (hereinafter the Block Exemption Regulation), and the provisions of the Commission Regulation and Section 34² of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>State aid is not given in cases specified under Articles 1(2) to (5) of the Block Exemption Regulation.</p> <p>In case of State aid, the eligible costs of the project activities must comply with the requirements specified under Article 25(3) of the Block Exemption Regulation (except clause (c)), and the maximum aid intensity must comply with Articles 25(5) and (6).</p>
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	<p>If applicable the State aid is given according to the rules specified in Article 25c – aid involved in co-funded research and development projects.</p> <p>If the funding can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.</p> <p>De minimis aid</p> <p>If the funding is considered de minimis aid, then it is subject to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, pp. 1–8) (hereinafter the De Minimis Aid Regulation), and the provisions of the Regulation and Section 33 of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for must not exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>Grant Agreement</p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p>
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	<p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</p> <p>If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol</p> <p>By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p>
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.</p>
Useful Links	

1.10 ESTONIA – REM

	Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture <i>(www.agri.ee)</i>	Ministry of Regional Affairs and Agriculture  REPUBLIC OF ESTONIA MINISTRY OF REGIONAL AFFAIRS AND AGRICULTURE
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maarja Malm	maarja.malm@agri.ee +372 625 6250
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	100 000	100 000
Funded priority area (s)	(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input 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"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.</p> <p>The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated.</p> <p>After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding.</p> <p>If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	<p>The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for</p>	

	<p>how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed.</p> <p>The Principal Investigator:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the 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. <p>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 Report².</p> <p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100 000 € per proposal.</p> <p>Research expenses consist of direct costs (personnel costs, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The research expenses must be used to carry out the project and be separately identifiable.</p>

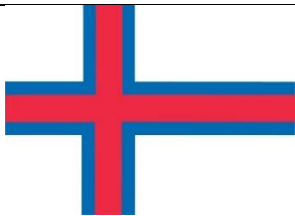

	<p>Direct costs</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2. Other direct costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events 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 comply with the eligible costs. 3. 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. <p>Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Double funding of activities is not acceptable. 5. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents.
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<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>State Aid</p> <p>EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.</p> <p>If the State aid or de minimis aid regulations apply, the funding will not be granted to a Host Institution who has been subject to a funding withdrawal decision pursuant to a previous European Commission decision that deemed the aid illegal and incompatible with the common market, if that decision has not been complied with.</p> <p>The funding is not considered State aid for research and development, if the project has ties to the non-economic activities of the Research (or Host) Institution, if the research and development activities and the related costs, funding and revenue can be clearly separated, thus avoiding the cross subsidisation of economic activity.</p> <p>The criteria defined in Clauses 17–22 of Communication from the European Commission – Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation (2014/C 198/01) forms the basis for determining whether the activities carried out are economic activities and whether the Host Institution is a company that is considered to be a State aid recipient when it receives funding.</p> <p>If the institution applies for State aid or de minimis aid, it must fill in the State aid form. No tax arrears are allowed on the proposal submission date.</p> <p>If State aid or de minimis aid is given, the documents related to the funding must be kept for 10 years as of the date when the agreement was entered into.</p> <p>State aid pursuant to the Block Exemption Regulation</p> <p>If the funding is considered to be State aid, then it is given on the basis of Article 25 or 25c of the Commission Regulation (EU) No. 651/2014 that declares certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (OJ L 187, 26.6.2014, pp. 1–78) (hereinafter the Block Exemption Regulation), and the provisions of the Commission Regulation and Section 34² of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>State aid is not given in cases specified under Articles 1(2) to (5) of the Block Exemption Regulation.</p> <p>In case of State aid, the eligible costs of the project activities must comply with the requirements specified under Article 25(3) of the Block Exemption Regulation (except clause (c)), and the maximum aid intensity must comply with Articles 25(5) and (6).</p>
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	<p>If applicable the State aid is given according to the rules specified in Article 25c – aid involved in co-funded research and development projects.</p> <p>If the funding can be considered to be State aid, the application must include the information specified in Article 6(2) of the Block Exemption Regulation, and the application has to be submitted before the start of the activities.</p> <p>If State aid is given, then the costs of the activities carried out before application submission will not be eligible for aid.</p> <p>De minimis aid</p> <p>If the funding is considered de minimis aid, then it is subject to Commission Regulation (EU) No. 1407/2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid (OJ L 352, 24.12.2013, pp. 1–8) (hereinafter the De Minimis Aid Regulation), and the provisions of the Regulation and Section 33 of the Estonian Competition Act apply.</p> <p>De minimis aid is not given in cases specified under Article 1(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>In case of de minimis aid, the maximum aid intensity must comply with Article 3 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>De minimis aid given to the Host Institution together with de minimis aid applied for must not exceed 200,000 euros during the current financial year and the two previous financial years.</p> <p>Article 5 of the De Minimis Aid Regulation applies to cumulating de minimis aid.</p> <p>A single undertaking is an undertaking specified in Article 2(1) of the De Minimis Aid Regulation.</p> <p>Grant Agreement</p> <p>If a positive funding decision is made, the Funding Organisation enters into a grant agreement with the Host Institution. Information on the transnational project must be entered into ETIS once the agreement has been signed.</p> <p>The Consortium Agreement should be signed six months after the grant agreement has been signed at the latest. If one year has elapsed and the CA has not been signed, the next instalment of funding will not be paid out.</p>
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	<p>Research Involving Human Subjects or Animal Testing</p> <p>If human research or animal testing are intended in the project, a positive resolution by the Human Research Ethics Committee or the Authorisation Committee for Animal Experiments must be submitted to the Funding Organisation by the start of the relevant activities.</p> <p>Nagoya Protocol</p> <p>By applying for funding by the Funding Organisation, the applicants commit to consider the relevance of the Nagoya protocol for their research, and to submit the Due Diligence Declaration, if applicable.</p>
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.</p>
Useful Links	

1.11 FAROE ISLANDS – RCFI

	Funding Organisation: www.gransking.fo/en	<u>Research Council Faroe Islands</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Maria Húsgarð Adviser	maria@gransking.fo +298 567802
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The Host Institution could be any legal entity that is registered and located in the Faroe Islands.	
Eligible Applicants	The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the applicant to which the grant will be allocated.	
Eligible Costs	Personnel costs, expenses, indirect costs and overhead.	
Additional eligibility criteria	The Research Council Faroe Islands may grant funding up to 2/3 of the total cost for the Faroese project partners.	
Relevant documents	National Terms of Reference	
Additional Information	Before submitting an application, partners from the Faroe Islands are required to consult with the Research Council Faroe Islands.	
Useful Links	Gransking.fo	

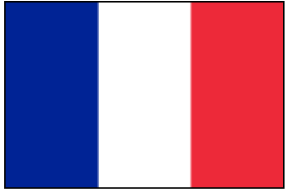

1.12 FINLAND – AKA

	Funding Organisation: <i>Research Council of Finland (formerly Academy of Finland)</i> Research Council of Finla - Research Council of Finland (aka.fi)	 Research Council of Finland	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:	
	<p>Jaana Lehtimäki</p> <p>Päivi Kolu</p>	<p>jaana.lehtimaki@aka.fi, +358295335060;</p> <p>paivi.kolu@aka.fi, +358295335028</p>	
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded project or Partner	
	<p>850 000 €</p>	<p>Max. 300 000 € (partner)/ Max. 400 000 € (coordinator)</p>	
	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/></p>		
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>		
Eligible Institutions	<p>Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes. As a rule, funding is not intended to support economic activity. However, in exceptional cases where it aligns with EU’s state aid rules, funding may be provided for economic activity in the form of de minimis aid.</p>		
	<p>It is important to note that due to actions that undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, the European Union and/or the United Nations have imposed, and may continue to impose sanctions through their legislation or by decisions of their institutions. Consequently, funding recipients are obligated to</p>		

	adhere to the restrictive measures imposed on Russia and Belarus by the European Union or the United Nations particularly those related to economy and financing, which are in force in the European Union.
Eligible Applicants	In addition to holding a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) for the proposed sub-project must have other noteworthy scientific achievements. Usually, the PI is a researcher at the professor or docent (adjunct professor) level.
Eligible Costs	<p>Funding is provided under the full cost model, where the Council’s funding can account up to 70 % of the total project costs. Funding can be used to cover both direct project costs (such as direct salaries) and indirect costs (such as costs for premises), with the same percentage applied to both funding types. Funding can be used to cover various aspects of the research team’s activities, encompassing working hours (salaries), research expenses, travel, national and international collaboration and mobility, work and researcher training abroad, as well as preparation of international projects and publishing.</p> <p>Research teams are eligible to apply for this funding, which is primarily intended to support salaries of full-time researchers engaged in the projects and other associated research costs.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Finnish applicants, both partners and coordinators, are restricted from submitting more than one application.
Relevant documents	Research Council of Finland’s annually updated document funding terms and conditions How to use funding - Research Council of Finland (aka.fi)
Additional Information	<p>Before submitting and application, applicants should contact to contact the Research Council of Finland.</p> <p>Following the evaluation of all proposals, the successful Finnish candidates will be invited by the Research Council of Finland to submit their proposal through the online service. In this submission, it is essential to specify the funding share of the site of research, constituting a minimum of 30 % of total costs. This ensures that the funding requested from the Council, limited to the maximum 70 % of total costs, is accurately accounted for in the proposal.</p>

Useful Links	
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1.13 FRANCE – ANR



	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>https://anr.fr/</p>	<p>Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email:</p>
	<p>Coraline Chapperon</p>	<p><i>sbep.call-secretariat@agencerecherche.fr</i></p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>2.000.000 €</p>	<p>The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR <u>by each proposal</u> with French applicant(s) is:</p> <p>350.000 € (if Coordinating Partner is requesting funding from ANR and eligible for funding by ANR)</p> <p>300.000 € (for standard French Partners)</p> <p>The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15 000€.</p> <p>If there are several French partners requesting funds from ANR, the total requested funding from ANR (300 000 €, extended to 350 000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them.</p> <p>For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations for at:</p>

	https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ .
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	<p>ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France.</p> <p>In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organization (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).</p> <p>The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project and requests funds from a funding organisation other than ANR, it is mandatory to involve a French enterprise; otherwise the French partners requesting funding from ANR will be declared ineligible.</p> <p>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: Russia, Belarus. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union.</p> <p>See more information on the eligibility of institutions on the ANR Funding Regulations https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.</p>

Eligible Applicants	See Above
Eligible Costs	Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/ .
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Additional eligibility criteria:</p> <p>To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded.</p> <p>Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p>Regarding project partners’ commitment:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources • Ethics and scientific Integrity • Publications and Open Science Policy • Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture • GDPR • “PPST” <p>Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document “Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR”)</p>
Relevant documents	<p>National Funding Regulations</p> <p>https://anr.fr/fr/rf/</p> <p>Document “Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l’ANR » : ANR website</p>

Additional Information	
Useful Links	



1.14 GERMANY – BMBF/Ptj

	Funding Organisation:	German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)  Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1,500,000	A maximum of two German partners per project will be funded. Maximum funding per awarded project partner: EUR 250,000. Minimum funding per project partner: EUR 50,000 Maximum funding per awarded project (for the maximum of two project partners together): EUR 350,000. The distribution of funds between the two partners is left up to them. Minimum funding per awarded project (for the max. two project partners together): EUR 100,000
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	Proposals may be submitted by Germany-based universities, non-university research institutes, civil society organisations, public authorities, municipalities, commercial companies.
Eligible Applicants	<p>For information regarding the EU's standard definition of SMEs, please visit https://single-market-economy.ec.europa.eu/smes/sme-definition_en</p> <p>Research institutions, which receive joint basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder, can only be granted project funding supplementary to their basic funding for additional expenditure under certain preconditions.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Personnel costs (Personalausgaben / -kosten)</p> <p>Operational costs (Verwaltungsausgaben / -kosten)</p> <p>Indirect costs <input type="checkbox"/> Subcontracting (Vergabe von Aufträgen)</p> <p>Travel costs (Dienstreisen)</p> <p>Investment costs (investive Maßnahmen)</p> <p>Projektpauschale: Universities should consider 20% lump sum (“Projektpauschale”) already in the preparation of the proposal.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly advised to consult the BMBF guidelines on eligible costs (Richtlinien für Zuwendungsanträge (AZA/AZK))</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Only two German partners in a consortium are eligible. The prerequisite for two German partners in a consortium is that at least one partner can be classified as company . If there is no German company in the consortium, only one German partner per consortium can participate - either as a coordinator or partner.
Relevant documents	We recommend, that applicants regard the BMBF strategy “Research for Sustainability” (FONA) Strategy and the BMBF funding priority “Costal, Marine and Polar Research for Sustainability (MARE:N)”.

Additional Information	No submission of preproposals (Projektskizzen) at the national level. Submission of proposals (Projektantraege) via the national application system easy-online (applicants selected for submission of a proposal will be informed about the link for submission)
Useful Links	https://www.fona.de/de/themen/meeres-und-polarforschung.php https://www.ptj.de/projektfoerderung/mare-n

1.15 GREECE – GSRI

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>https://gsri.gov.gr/en/</p>	<p>Name of the funding organisation</p> <p>GSRI (General Secretariat for Research & Innovation) Ministry of Development</p> 
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Sofia Dimitropoulou</p>	<p>s.dimitropoulou@gsrt.gr</p> <p>00302131300187</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>1.000.000</p>	<p>Upper limit of the total public funding will be 200.000 € per project (including indirect costs). Please note that this amount can be increased to 250.000 € <u>per project</u> if Greek partner assumes the project coordination. The maximum state aid intensity will be calculated according to the provisions of the European state aid rules and regulations in force (type of research activity, size of the participating enterprise, collaborative research).</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	

<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Aid intensity</i> <p>Public research Institutes and Universities: the aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non-economic activities in accordance with point 19, article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01).</p> <p>Private Sector: (a) 50% of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development; (c) 50% of the eligible costs for feasibility studies.- The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 80% of the eligible costs as follows:</p> <p>(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises;</p> <p>(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:</p> <p>(i) the project involves effective collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or — between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results; <p>(ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software.</p> <p>-The aid intensity for feasibility studies may be increased by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises.</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Applicants may submit, if they are enterprises, up to two (2) proposals from the same enterprise in the current call, and for Public research Institutes and Universities up to (2) proposals at the level of the same Laboratory or School or Institute or Department.</p>



	<p>TRL3-(8) in compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty, page 3, article 13)</p>
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Foreseen cost categories:</p> <p>(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project.</p> <p>(b) costs on fixed assets i.e. b1) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible and b2) costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible.</p> <p>(c) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project.</p> <p>(d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation.</p> <p>(e) indirect costs = 25% of direct costs. Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e. g. administrative and management costs, utility costs).</p> <p>In compliance with the (COMMISSION REGULATION (EU) 2021/1237 of 23 July 2021 amending Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.</p>

Additional eligibility criteria	b) Funding rates		
	Maximum funding percentages:		
		Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development/innovation
	Large Enterprises	50-65	25-40
	Medium Enterprises	60-75	35-50
	Small Enterprises	70-80	45-60
	Universities, public research organisations	100	100
	Public authorities with R&D activities	100	100
Relevant documents	Associations without economic activities, NGOs (according to corresponding type of enterprise (small, medium, large))	Large 50-65 Medium 60-75 Small 70-80	Large 25-40 Medium 35-50 Small 45-60
Additional Information	At national level, only eligibility check is conducted and not a full peer review at pre-proposal and full proposal stages. We rely on		

	the evaluation made by the Call Evaluation Committee and external reviewers.
Useful Links	https://gsri.gov.gr/en/ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=CELEX:32014R0651&from=EN https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/HTML/?uri=OJ:L:2021:270:TOC


1.16 ICELAND – RANNIS

(Provisional)

	Funding Organisation: <i>www.rannis.is</i>	The Icelandic Centre for Research 
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	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	600.000	Max: 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"/>	
Eligible Institutions	TBD	
Eligible Applicants	TBD	
Eligible Costs	TBD	
Additional eligibility criteria	TBD	
Relevant documents	TBD	
Additional Information	TBD	

Useful Links	TBD
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1.17 IRELAND – MI

	Marine Institute https://www.marine.ie/	
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Veronica Cunningham	Veronica.Cunningham@marine.ie +353 91 387532 or +353 91 387200
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€1,000,000	€90,000 min per partner €300,000 max per partner for Public RPO (€200,000 max partner for Industry/Private RPO) Rates apply for funding of 36 months Limit two Irish partners 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Legal entities in the Republic of Ireland with the appropriate scientific and technical qualifications and expertise can be funded as partners in a joint proposal.	
Eligible Applicants	The eligible partners are Higher Education Institutions, Other Public Research Performing Organisations (RPOs), Industry and Private RPOs in the Republic of Ireland.	

<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p><i>Personnel costs (permanent/temporary)</i></p> <p>Eligible staff costs include gross salary and employer’s PRSI (pay-related social insurance) and employer’s pension costs (max 20% of gross salary). Temporary or contract research staff are eligible for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs, but staff costs for permanent staff are not. Both temporary and permanent staff costs are eligible for Industry/Private RPO partners.</p> <p>Master’s and PhD student costs (current rates – student stipend €25,000 per annum and college fees €6,000 per annum).</p> <p>Masters and PhD must be registered, on a full-time basis, for a higher degree at an eligible Higher Education Institution.</p> <p><i>Research costs (travel, consumables, etc.)</i></p> <p>Project-related travel and consumables are allowable costs e.g. travel and subsistence for project fieldwork and meetings, workshops, conferences, laboratory supplies, computer supplies, software, etc.</p> <p><i>Equipment</i></p> <p>The purchase and installation of small-scale scientific equipment and instruments for the project is allowable. Depreciated cost reimbursed with be either 36 or 60 months.</p> <p>The purchase of a personal computer/laptop is eligible at a maximum cost of €2,000 per researcher, and must be used solely for carrying out the project work.</p> <p><i>Overheads</i></p> <p>Maximum overheads allowed is 30% of all costs excluding Equipment and Subcontracting.</p> <p><i>Subcontracting</i></p> <p>Subcontracting to a third party for specialist resources/skills is allowable, subject to normal procurement guidelines. Subcontracting costs are limited to 20% maximum.</p> <p>The maximum Grant-Aid reimbursement for Industry is 50% for Large Scale Enterprises and 75% for Small-Medium Sized Enterprises of eligible costs. Grant-Aid reimbursement for Higher Education Institutions and Other Public RPOs is up to 100% of eligible costs.</p>
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<p>Additional eligibility criteria</p>	<p>Projects with Irish partners should address requirements under national strategies and policies (see below).</p> <p>Irish project partners will be required to sign a Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute, if their proposal is successful under this call.</p> <p>Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to submit progress and final reports pursuant to their Grant Agreement with the Marine Institute.</p> <p>Projects that receive funding from the Marine Institute are required to follow Open Access/Research guidelines.</p> <p>Marine Institute researchers may participate as partners in proposals, but not co-ordinators.</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>The Marine Institute manages the <i>National Marine Research Programme</i>, which provides funding to the Irish marine sector through competitive calls. Funding is provided for marine research that addresses national strategic priorities as stated Climate Action Plan for Ireland, Food Vision 2030 and Impact 2030.</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>Applicants must contact their National Contact Point (details above) prior to submission of any application under this call.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<p>Further details published on the Marine Institute website at:</p> <p>https://www.marine.ie/site-area/research-funding/research-funding/current-funding-opportunities</p> <p>Email queries can also be sent to: funding@marine.ie</p>

1.18 ITALY – REGIONE EMILIA ROMAGNA



	Funding Organisation: www.regione.emilia-romagna.it	Regione Emilia-Romagna 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Regione Emilia-Romagna Direzione Conoscenza, Ricerca, Imprese	Elisabetta.maini@regione.emilia-romagna.it +390515276551
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	300,000.00	Max 100,000 € for projects
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	See “eligible applicants” section.	
Eligible Applicants	The following entities are eligible for funding, provided that they have stable organization in Emilia-Romagna Region: 1. Universities; 2. Small and Medium Enterprises; 3. Private and Public research institutions 4. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014.	

	Partners from the same country cannot request more than 60% of the total funding requested by a proposal.
Eligible Costs	<p>All activities classifiable as industrial research and experimental development are eligible for funding.</p> <p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables, Travel expenses, dissemination and Overheads.</p> <p>Overheads (“Spese generali”) shall be calculated at a flat rate of 15% of eligible personnel costs (as provided for in art. 54 letter b of Reg.2021/1060).</p> <p>The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is maximum</p> <p>70% for Research Organization and according to the Reg. (EU) n. 651/2014</p> <p>for SMEs:</p> <p>50% for activities of Industrial Research</p> <p>25% for experimental development.</p> <p>Alternatively max 60% with De minimis regulation</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Legal/administrative/financial conditions</p> <p>The participant must be:</p> <p>legal and or operative site in Regione Emilia-Romagna,</p> <p>in case of enterprises must be registered at the Chamber of commerce</p> <p>research centres or institutions must be registered at the High Technology Network or at the "Anagrafe Nazionale delle Ricerche"</p> <p>The project shall be consistent with the strategy, contents and specific objective of the Emilia-Romagna ERDF 2021-2027 Regional Programme</p> <p>Project shall be consistent with the Emilia-Romagna Smart Specialization Strategy 2021-2027</p> <p>the Project shall comply the principle of DNSH</p> <p>The participant must not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 593/2016 or must not be a company in</p>

	<p>difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014.</p> <p>The participant must follow the obligations laid down in the Italian contributory and social security regulations (DURC).</p> <p>The judicial and pending records of the legal representative of the participant are negative.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>For the preparation of the proposal relevant Emilia-Romagna documents are:</p> <p>EDRF 2021-2027 Regional Programme</p> <p>Regional Smart Specialization Strategy (2021-2027)</p> <p>All documents relevant documents for submission will be available at regional website: Regional website: https://fesr.regione.emilia-romagna.it/2021-2027/</p>
Additional Information	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the regional participants from Emilia-Romagna are requested to submit further documentation to Regione Emilia-Romagna, through the regional web platform, SFINGE 2020. These regional additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the transnational call. Any participant who does not submit its regional documents by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding. Any regional participant to a transnational project proposal, is strongly recommended to contact the Regional Contact Persons already in early stage of project preparation.</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to Regione Emilia-Romagna through the platform Sfinge 2020.</p> <p>The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the regional participants from Emilia-Romagna, is included in the "Avviso integrativo regionale", which will be published on the Regione Emilia-Romagna website, and in the applicable Italian laws and ERDF regulation.</p>

Useful Links	Regional website: https://fesr.regione.emilia-romagna.it/2021-2027/ Regional Platform: SFINGE 2020

1.19 ITALY – MUR



	Funding Organisation: MUR www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it	Ministry of Universities and Research 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
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	Mrs Yasmine Iollo	yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it
	Mrs Francesca Cantarella	francesca.cantarella@est.mur.gov.it
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	3.5 Meuro of National Funds	Maximum funding per project: International projects coordinated by an Italian entity: 500.000 euro; Projects not coordinated by an Italian entity: 350.000 euro
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy:</p> <p>Universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014;</p> <p>enterprises, foundations and other not-for-profit legal entities (including associations and NGOs provided they are registered legal entities)</p> <p>local and regional administrations and their investee/in-house companies,</p>	
Eligible Applicants		

Eligible Costs	<p>All R&D activities considered as: Basic research, Industrial/Applied research and Experimental development are eligible for funding.</p> <p>However, Basic Research and Industrial/Applied research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of budget share).</p> <p>All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible:</p> <p>A) Personnel,</p> <p>B) Consulting and equivalent services (subcontracting)</p> <p>C.1) Travel and subsistence</p> <p>C.2) Equipment</p> <p>C.3) Other goods and Services</p> <p>E) Indirect Costs/Overheads (“Spese generali”) calculated at 25% flat rate of all direct costs excluding cost category B) Consulting and equivalent services [E) = 25% of A) + C.1) + C.2) + C.3].</p> <p>Value added tax (VAT) actually and definitively incurred by the beneficiaries is an eligible expense only if it is not recoverable.</p> <p>Funding rates</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages:</p> <table><tr><th>Basic research</th><th>Industrial/Applied Research</th><th>Experimental development / innovation</th></tr><tr><td>70 %</td><td>70 %</td><td>25 %</td></tr></table>	Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation	70 %	70 %	25 %
Basic research	Industrial/Applied Research	Experimental development / innovation					
70 %	70 %	25 %					
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Legal/administrative/financial conditions</p> <p>Applicants shall:</p> <p>not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry of University and Research;</p> <p>not have requested/got any other funding for the same project;</p> <p>be compliant to the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni";</p> <p>not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 1314/2021 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014;</p>						

	<p>be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC);</p> <p>Applicants shall demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.</p> <p>For any private entity, if the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, are not fulfilled, the applicant can be funded only if a bank guarantee is provided:</p> <p>a) $CN > (CP - I)/2$</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>CN = net assets (Capitale netto)</p> <p>CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year</p> <p>I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects</p> <p>b) $OF/F < 8\%$</p> <p>Where:</p> <p>OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari)</p> <p>F = turnover (Fatturato)</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.</p> <p>Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MIUR.</p> <p>The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes. The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the “Avviso integrativo nazionale”, to be published on the dedicated web page on MUR website:</p> <p>http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/sbep.aspx</p> <p>Applicable laws and rules:</p> <p>(http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx):</p>

	<p>DL 22 giugno 2012, n. 83, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla Legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, articoli 60, 61, 62 e 63 di cui al Titolo III, Capo IX "Misure per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica"</p> <p>DM n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca</p> <p>DM n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 - Modificazioni all'articolo 15 del decreto n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021</p> <p>Information available at:</p> <p>http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/european-partnership-2021-27/sbep.aspx</p>
Additional Information	<p>In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit to MUR a national integrative application signed by the legal representative person or a person delegated for this task, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it.</p> <p>These national integrative application must be submitted by the same deadline established for the pre-proposal phase submission as defined in the international call. Any participant who does not submit its national integrative application by the deadline of the pre-proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding.</p>
Useful Links	-



1.20 LATVIA – LCS

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv</p>	<p>Name of the funding organisation</p> <div data-bbox="1086 472 1246 629">  </div> <p>Latvijas Zinātnes padome</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Aiga Salmiņa Lāsma Brenča</p>	<p>aiga.salmina@lzp.gov.lv lasma.brenca@lzp.gov.lv</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>600 000</p>	<p>Max 300 000 per partner not exceeding Max 100.00 per year</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g.</p> <p>- Research Institutes - Universities</p> <p>and must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014)</p> <p>2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, in</p>	

	<p>this case this is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor’s approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity.</p> <p>Any other type of participant is not covered by LZP funding mandate</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>Latvian beneficiaries are institutions as defined in previous point. The research group is represented by a leading researcher (PI) from the respective research institution who is mandated to participate in the application.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Personnel costs incl. taxes;</p> <p>Consumables;</p> <p>Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs</p> <p>detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted;</p> <p>Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks);</p> <p>Travels (according to travel plan);</p> <p>Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>TRL9 is not funded</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-</p> <p>At the contract phase -</p> <p>https://www.lzp.gov.lv/lv/atbalsts-starptautiskas-programmas-projektiem</p> <p>To receive funding by LZP, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented.</p> <p>Annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory.</p> <p>Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request.</p>



	Final audit according to the LZP regulations
Additional Information	<p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers</p> <p>https://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</p> <p>These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected.</p> <p>LZP cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities. LZP is funding only research</p>
Useful Links	www.lzp.gov.lv

1.21 LITHUANIA – LMT

	Funding Organisation: www.lmt.lt	LMT  Lietuvos mokslo taryba
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Viktoras Mongirdas	viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt +370 676 19613
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€ 420 000	up to € 150 000 for partner up to € 200 000 for coordinator
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Eligible implementing institution – Lithuanian research and higher education institution which is included in the Register of Education and Research institutions	
Eligible Applicants	The Project Leader or the Principal investigator (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree and have corresponding qualifications.	
Eligible Costs	Personal, travel, purchase (assets, services), subcontracting, overheads 20% of eligible costs	
Additional eligibility criteria	Time dedicated to the project by the PI (including the project leader) must be at least 20 hours, multiplied by the duration of the project in months.	
Relevant documents	No national official paperwork until positive financing decision	

Additional Information	Any public or private legal entity can be a partner of the implementing institution, which, together with the implementing institution, creates the conditions for the implementation of the project.
Useful Links	General information https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/euopos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/2329



1.22 MALTA – MCST

	Funding Organisation: Home - MCST (gov.mt)	Name of the funding organisation  The Malta Council for Science & Technology
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Martina VELLA	martina.vella.5@gov.mt +365 2360 2113
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	500 000	N/A
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership en nom collectif, en commandite or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or c) professional body; or d) NGO; or e) Non-profit making entity (including Foundation). 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, 	

	will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).
Eligible Applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership en nom collectif, en commandite or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or c) professional body; or d) NGO; or e) Non-profit making entity (including Foundation). Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).
Eligible Costs	<p>Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of Malta-based entity applying for aid, and the funding modality chosen (de minimis route, General Block Exemption Regulation route, non-state aid route).</p> <p>Eligible costs include the following: personnel; equipment; instruments, specialised equipment, and research consumables; IP and knowledge transfer activities; travel and subsistence; subcontracting and overheads.</p> <p>Detailed information on the aid intensity and which costs are eligible under different funding modalities can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from MCST website.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website .
Relevant documents	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the MCST website and must be sent to



	esubmissions.mcst@gov.mt by the deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.
Additional Information	For further information and assistance with partner search, applicants can contact the MCST lead call manager Ms. Martina Vella (martina.vella.5@gov.mt) and/or the alternate call manager Ms. Christy Baldacchino (christy.baldacchino.2@gov.mt)
Useful Links	Funding Opportunities - MCST (gov.mt)

1.23 NORWAY – RCN

	Funding Organisation: The Research Council of Norway (forskningradet.no)	The Research Council of Norway (RCN)  The Research Council of Norway
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Jon Øygarden Flæten Marianne Areng	jof@rcn.no +47 99 53 54 75 (+32) 470 04 69 98 Maar@rcn.no +47 95133475
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	3 000.000 €	The RCN will fund up to 250.000 € per project proposal.
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 type="checkbox"/>	
	(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	Applicants for project funding must be affiliated with an academic institution, company/industry, the public sector or an NGO. See definition and specification here: https://www.forskningradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/who-can-apply-for-funding	
Eligible Applicants	The Project Leader (PL) or the Principal investigator (PI) must have completed a doctoral degree or have corresponding qualifications.	
Eligible Costs	The participation must follow RCN's General Terms and Conditions for Research projects or for R&D Projects. See: Budget (forskningradet.no) The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official exchange rate per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: InforEuro, the exchange rate of the Euro currency (europa.eu)	

	Applicants that are private companies, that is an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market, must be aware that their funding will be given within the limits set by the State Aid Rules; State aid (forskingsradet.no) . State aid awarded by the Research Council is granted under the General Block Exemption Regulation for state aid, Article 25: Aid for research and development projects. To ensure that support is awarded in compliance with the state aid rules, the Research Council asks all applicants selected for conditional allocation of funding to provide supplementary information. The Project Owner must be able to document that its own institution and all its partners (all recipients of state aid) are eligible to receive state aid. Support from the Research Council constitutes state aid when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e., an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	For more general information about Norwegian conditions for funding, please read: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/apply-for-funding/funding-from-the-research-council/
Additional Information	Norwegian applicants shall not submit any proposal at the national level before a funding decision is made and their project is funded. After the funding decision, and in case your project is funded, RCN's National Contact Person will e-mail the applicants the information and the link they need to submit their formal application to RCN.
Useful Links	General information: https://www.forskingsradet.no/en/ Project reporting to the RCN: Project reporting (forskingsradet.no)

1.24 POLAND – NCBR

	Funding Organisation: https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr	The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Monika Włoszek	monika.wloszek@ncbr.gov.pl +48 515 061 531
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 – 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	N/A	
Eligible Applicants	Enterprises¹ - SME and Large, Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)²,	

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;

	<p>Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises,</p> <p>Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise,</p> <p>Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum one research organisation and minimum one enterprise (micro, small, medium or large) or - minimum two enterprises (micro, small, medium or large) or - minimum 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

	<p>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;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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,</p>

	<p>dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP)/Task.</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> <table><tr><th>Type of Organization</th><th>Micro/Small Enterprises</th><th>Medium Enterprises</th><th>Large Enterprises</th><th>Research Organizations</th></tr><tr><td>Type of Activity</td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Fundamental/ Basic Research</td><td>n/a</td><td>n/a</td><td>n/a</td><td>Up to 100%</td></tr><tr><td>Industrial Research</td><td>Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)</td><td>Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr><tr><td>Experimental development</td><td>Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)</td><td>Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)</td><td>Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)</td><td>Up to 100 %</td></tr></table>	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 %
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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.																									

<p>Additional Information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre - proposals and full proposals. • Applicant 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 • 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-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities. • 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.
<p>Useful Links</p>	<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/wniosek-krajowy</p>

1.25 PORTUGAL – CCDRC



	Funding Organisation: https://www.ccdrc.pt/	CCDRC  Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro, I.P.
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Sophie Patrício Carlos Silveira	Phone: +351 239 400 127 Phone: +351 239 400 143 Mail: ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400.000 EUR	Maximum 250 000 EUR per Consortium with regional coordination ----- Maximum 150 000 EUR per consortium with regional participation Budget must be shared by all regional partners participating in a consortium and requesting funding to CCDRC. If two or three Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of 150 000 EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or 250 000 EUR (Portuguese Main Applicant). This rule does not apply to institutions from Região Autónoma dos Açores applying for funding to FRCT Azores and participating in a

		consortium with institutions applying for funding from FCT and/or CCDRC.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>Eligible Institutions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System - SMEs - Other organisations; can participate only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above <p>Note: Only entities from NUTS II Centro or the ones that can assure that the investment will be made in Centro Region can apply to CCDRC’s funding.</p> <p>We advise all regional applicants to contact CCDRC’s team before applying.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	<p>All institutions listed above.</p> <p>The eligibility of partners, as beneficiary institutions, must be verified in the following articles of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For projects led by companies, consult article 46 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research organizations), consult article 139 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e 	

	<p>Transição Digital to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled.</p> <p>When checking eligibility of projects the following articles should also be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For projects led by companies, articles 42 and 47 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities, article 138 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>For eligible costs verify the article 9 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital. The following articles should also be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For projects led by companies, article 50 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research organizations), article 143 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital. <p>The maximum funding rates to be considered are the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Research organisations and Higher Education Institutions (HEI): maximum funding rate – 85% - SME: micro and small enterprises – maximum funding rate 80% medium enterprises – maximum funding rate 75% <p>Non for-profit organisations and patient organisations – can participate only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above (maximum funding rate – 85%).</p> <p>ATTENTION:</p> <p>1) The funding rates presented are the maximum (possible) values. For projects led by companies, consult funding rates at article 49 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital. For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research organizations), consult</p>

	<p>funding rates at article 141 of Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital.</p> <p>2) Large companies will not be considered eligible in the context of this call.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>To all other criteria and conditions not explicit in this annex, please consult Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital (https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/328-b-2023-223573621?ts=1700139369853).</p> <p>When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Declaration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For projects led by companies: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-de-compromisso-sbep-2024-si-i-d/download - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities: https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/declaracao-de-compromisso-sbep-2024-saccct/download <p>The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the pre-proposal to ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt.</p>
Relevant documents	Ordinance No. 328-B/2023, of October 30
Additional Information	Regulamento Específico da Área Temática Inovação e Transição Digital (https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/portaria/328-b-2023-223573621?ts=1700139369853)
Useful Links	https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/iniciativas/111-parceria-sbep-sustainable-blue-economy-partnership/175-parceria-sbep

1.26 PORTUGAL – FCT




	Funding Organisation: www.fct.pt	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Marta Norton	Marta.norton@fct.pt + 351 21 391 1565
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	500.000 EUR	<p>Maximum 250 000 EUR per Consortium with PT coordination</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Maximum 150 000 EUR per consortium with PT Participation</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p>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 Main Applicant (250 000 EUR) or with a Portuguese Project Applicant (150 000 EUR). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore</p>

		<p>have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</p> <p>If two or three Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of 150 000 EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or 250 000 EUR (Portuguese Main Applicant). This rule does not apply to institutions from Região Autónoma dos Açores applying for funding to FRCT and participating in a consortium with institutions applying for funding to FCT and/or CCDRC.</p> <p>For information on funding rates, see no. 2, Article 7 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds. as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October.</p>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	For eligible institutions please consult Article 3 of FCT Regulation.	
Eligible Applicants	All applicants applying on behalf of the eligible institutions listed above.	
Eligible Costs	For eligible costs and non-eligible cost please consult Articles 8 and 9 of FCT Regulation and Financial Execution Rules (to be available soon).	

	<p>The allocation of indirect costs in the proposal to be submitted by applicants requesting funding from FCT is mandatory. <u>In accordance with no. 6 of Article 8 of FCT Regulation, indirect costs shall be calculated on a simplified costs base, by means of the application of a fixed rate of 25% of direct eligible costs with exclusion of subcontracting and resources made provided by third parties.</u></p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>For additional eligibility criteria of beneficiaries and projects please consult Articles 5 and 6 of FCT Regulation.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds, as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October https://diariodarepublica.pt/dr/detalhe/regulamento/5-2024-836027623</p> <p>Financial Execution Rules (to be available soon)</p>
Additional Information	<p>For additional information please check FCT Regulation.</p> <p>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</p> <p>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 Marta.norton@fct.pt</p> <p>The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Autenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory.</p> <p>Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</p> <p>FCT and CCDRC and FRCT as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the possibility of transferring application(s) to other Portuguese funding agency if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s).</p>

Useful Links	Dedicated website for the SBEP within FCT portal: to be available soon.
IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER	The applicable form of payment of the beneficiaries' eligible costs to this call referred to in no. 5, Article 8 of FCT Regulation will be indicated in due course on this call's page (to be available soon) on the FCT website. Please check this page regularly.



1.27 PORTUGAL – FRCT

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>FRCT – Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia</p> <p><i>Largo da Matriz 45-52, 9500-094 Ponta Delgada</i></p> <p>Website: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/ frciencia@azores.gov.pt</p>	 <p>GOVERNO DOS AÇORES</p>  <p>Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia</p>
<p>Regional Contact Point (RCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Renato Pires Project Manager</p> <p>Carolina Torres Project Manager</p>	<p>Phone: +351 296 241 886</p> <p>Email: renato.hm.pires@azores.gov.pt</p> <p>Phone: +351 296 241 870</p> <p>Email: carolina.s.torres@azores.gov.pt</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>100 000€ (indicative)</p>	<p>Maximum funding per Project: 100 000€</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>The beneficiary institutions are:</p> <p>a) Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units;</p> <p>b) Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is R&D activities;</p>	

	c) Other public and private non-profit institutions that carry out or participate in scientific research activities.
Eligible Applicants	<p>The beneficiaries should be entities from the Scientific and Technological System of the Azores (SCTA) registered in the Azores.</p> <p>For more information, please consult the SCTA regulation (DLR n.º 10/2012/A, 26 March 2012).</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in international calls financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Please see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in international calls financed by the FRCT: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>Guide for the participation of regional research teams in international calls financed by the FRCT, as well as Annex 1 and Annex 2: http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Before initiating a funding request, FRCT strongly recommends that applicants contact FRCT through regional contact persons. Also, see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in international calls financed by the FRCT at http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/.</p> <p>The Declaration of Commitment must be signed by the beneficiary Institution's legal representative and the PI. The digital version of the Declaration must be sent by e-mail to the regional contact persons (the deadline is the same for pre-proposals submission).</p> <p>The original version of the Declaration must be sent by mail within 10 working days after pre-proposals submission.</p> <p>The address is:</p> <p>Fundo Regional da Ciência e Tecnologia (FRCT)</p> <p>Largo da Matriz 45-52,</p> <p>9500-094 Ponta Delgada, Portugal – Açores.</p>


	According to the contract between FRCT and the beneficiary, each PI must submit, at least, two financial and progress reports (one mid-term report and one final report). In special cases, additional reporting can be requested from the PI.
Useful Links	http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/

1.28 ROMANIA – MCID

	https://www.mcid.gov.ro/	 MINISTERUL CERCETĂRII, INOVĂRII ȘI DIGITALIZĂRII
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Domnica Cotet	domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro +40-213023880
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	1.000.000	250.000 max. if the consortium is coordinated by a Romanian applicant 200.000 max. for Romanian partners in the consortium
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	The categories of institutions and units that can benefit from public funding for Horizon Europe projects are those established as components of the national research-development system, in accordance with the provisions of OG 57/2002, approved by Law 324/2003 with subsequent amendments and additions: educational institutions accredited public and private institutions, national research and development institutes, other public or private research organizations, economic agents (SMEs and large enterprises), local or central public administration units, non-governmental organizations.	
Eligible Applicants	The head of the research team from each participating institution has a PhD degree. This condition does not apply if the institution is an enterprise within the meaning of the State Aid legislation.	

	A person in charge of the research team will participate in a single proposal from the trans-national call in this capacity.
Eligible Costs	<p>Staff costs;</p> <p>Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure ;</p> <p>- Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>Travel expenses;</p> <p>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 20% of direct costs.</p> <p>The current guidelines for grants on an expenditure-cost basis and for allocations for administrative agreements apply.</p> <p>MCID will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p> <p>MCID will fund strategic (basic) research, applied/industrial research, experimental development implemented by research organisations and/or SMEs, according to the national rules and to the State Aid legislation.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	It is strongly advised to contact MCID before submission, in order to verify the eligibility of the researchers and avoid ineligible projects/research consortia.
Relevant documents	The framework for this funding action is the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2022-2027, Programme 5.8 European and international cooperation, 5.8.1 Horizon Europe Program
Additional Information	https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/programul-orient-europa-al-comisiei-europene
Useful Links	https://bluepartnership.eu/funding-opportunities

1.29 SLOVENIA – MVZI

	Funding Organisation: MVZI (https://www.gov.si/en/state-authorities/ministries/ministry-of-higher-education-science-and-innovation/)	 REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND INNOVATION
National Contact Points (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	<p>Marta Šabec</p> <p>Katja Žagar</p>	<p>marta.sabec@gov.si</p> <p>T: +386 (0)1 478 47 39</p> <p>M: +386 (0) 31 361 159</p> <p>katja.zagar02@gov.si</p> <p>T: +386 (0)1 478 46 06</p>
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	<p>900 k€</p>	<p>300 k€ for all Slovenian partners within one consortium</p>
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>Research organizations as defined in the national <u>Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act</u> (<i>Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti</i>). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (<i>Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS</i>). Organizations that fulfill these requirements may be:</p>	

	<p>universities,</p> <p>public research institutes</p> <p>private research institutes</p> <p>non-governmental organisations</p> <p>large, medium or small enterprises</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>All participating Slovenian researchers <u>have to be registered</u> in the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of researchers (SICRIS) and must have available research hours.</p> <p>The project activities of each Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the <u>primary investigator/primary researcher</u> who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta</i>) and Methodology of Call proposal evaluation (<u><i>Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise</i></u>).</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>MVZI will fund all eligible costs of successful Slovenian transnational projects, recommended for funding, in accordance with the Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije</i>). Eligible costs are defined based on the FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency’s research project categorization (A, B, C or D based on the research conducted).</p> <p>Eligible costs must be directly related to the research conducted and mandatory include all the following categories as elements of the FTE:</p> <p><u>personnel</u> (including social security, health, pension, and other contributions according to national legislation);</p> <p><u>material</u> (travel and meetings costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs);</p> <p><u>depreciation</u> costs.</p> <p>Overhead or indirect costs are eligible. The value is calculated based on the FTE value of category A, B, C, or D research projects, under the condition that costs under each of the specific FTE elements are appropriately decreased (by a max. of 25% for indirect costs). Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (<i>Zakon o javnem naročanju</i>) applies.</p>



	<p>Up to 100 % of eligible costs can be funded for research organisations (universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Communication from the Commission Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.</p> <p>For research organizations whose financed activity is economic in accordance with the provisions of Communication from the Commission Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation 2022/C 414/01 (<i>OJ C 414, 28.10.2022</i>) and the Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subject of state aid (<i>Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za visoko šolstvo, znanost in inovacije 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022, verzija 2.0 (št. priglasitve: BE01-2399300-2023)</i>) applies.</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages for Fundamental/basic & Industrial/applied research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities and research organisations 100 % - non-governmental organisations 100 % - Large enterprises 65 %, - Medium enterprises 75 % - Small Enterprises 80 %
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible type of research and TRL: basic and applied – for Slovenian partner eligible TRL range is 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section). - Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30-day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MVZI and the selected Slovenian partner. - Period of eligibility of public expenditures: Budgetary years 2026, 2027 and 2028.
Relevant documents	Legal basis – National regulation:

	<p>State Administration Act (Zakon o državni upravi (Uradni list RS, 113/05 – UPB, 89/07 - odl.US, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10-ZUP-G, 8/12-ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 in 18/23)) - Article 16 and 38.č; Public Finance Act (Zakon o javnih financah (Uradni list RS, št. 11/11 - uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 14/13, 101/13, 55/15 - ZFisP, 96/15 - ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – odl.US, 18/23 – ZDU-10 in 76/23)) - Article 106. j; Regulation on the procedure of standards and manners to allocate means for the promotion of the evolutionary programme and the preferential tasks (Uredba o postopku, merilih in načinih dodeljevanja sredstev za spodbujanje razvojnih programov in prednostnih nalog (Uradni list RS, št. 56/11)); Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2024 and 2025 (Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2024 in 2025 (ZIPRS2425) (Uradni list RS, št. 123/23)), Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (Zakon o integriteti in preprečevanju korupcije (Uradni list RS, št. 69/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb in 16/23-ZZPri)); Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (Resolucija o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski strategiji Slovenije 2030 (Uradni list RS, št. 49/22)); Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 35/22, 144/22 in 79/23)), Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21 – ZZrID); Communication from the Commission Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation 2022/C 414/01 (Sporočilo Komisije Okvir za državno pomoč za raziskave, razvoj in inovacije (UL C 414/2022 z dne 28.10.2022, s spremembami)); Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subjects of state aid (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za visoko šolstvo, znanost in inovacije 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022, verzija 2.0 (št.Priglasitve: BE01-2399300-2023)), National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (Nacionalna strategije odprtega dostopa do znanstvenih objav in raziskovalnih podatkov v Sloveniji 2015-2020, št. 60300-5/2015/5 z dne 3. 9. 2015), Decision of the minister on means of financing the Slovenian part of transnational research and development projects proposed for funding on the basis of a transnational public call in a project or partnership joined by the Ministry of education, science and sport (Sklep ministra o višini</p>
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	<p>sredstev za sofinanciranje slovenskega dela večstranskih transnacionalnih raziskovalnih in razvojnih projektov, ki so predlagani v sofinanciranje na podlagi postopka transnacionalnega javnega razpisa v projektu ali partnerstvu, h kateremu je pristopilo Ministrstvo z izobraževanje, znanost in šport št. 92-15/2022/383 z dne 20. 12. 2022); Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (Zakon o Vladi Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 24/05-UPB, 109/08, 28/10-ZUKN, 8/12, 21/13, 47/13-ZDU-1G, 65/14, 55/17 in 163/22)).</p>
Additional Information	<p>No submission of the pre- and full proposal at national level is needed.</p> <p>National contracting negotiations will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation, including evidence of the starting date of the transnational project (in the form of a Consortia Agreement or statement on the starting date by the transnational project coordinator), will be a prerequisite for signing the contract at national level. The needed evidence on project expenses will be more precisely determined in the national contract.</p> <p>All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person / NCP.</p> <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level will be required three times: each year after the end of the annual project implementation.</p>
Useful Links	<p>More information about the call at national level: https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-visoko-solstvo-znanost-in-inovacije/javne-objave/</p> <p>Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti, Uradni list RS, št. 186/21 in 40/23): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7733</p> <p>Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of research institutions (Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS): https://cris.cobiss.net/ecris/si/en</p> <p>Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21—ZZrID): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV12558</p> <p>Methodology of applications evaluation in scientific research calls (Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za (so)financiranje</p>

	<p>znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti na razpise): ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za (so)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti (neuradno prečiščeno besedilo št. 3) (aris-rs.si)</p> <p>Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije, Uradni list RS št. 35/22, št. 144/22 in 79/23): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=URED8468</p> <p>FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency's research project categorization: ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Veljavni akti - Sklep o ceni ekvivalenta polne zaposlitve za leto 2023 (arrs.si)</p> <p>Public Procurement Act (Zakon o javnem naročanju, Uradni list RS št. 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – odl. US, 100/22-ZNUZSZS, 28/23 in 88/23-ZOPNN-F): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7086</p> <p>Program of collaborative Research and Development projects and other projects which are the subjects of stat aid (Program sodelovalnih raziskovalno-razvojnih projektov in drugih projektov, ki so predmet državnih pomoči Ministrstva za visoko šolstvo, znanost in izobraževanje 2022-2030, št. 440-4/2022/1 z dne 26.09.2022, verzija 2.0): https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MVZI/Znanost/Strategije-predpisi-in-drugi-dokumenti/Program-sodelovalnih-raziskovalno-razvojnih-projektov-ki-so-predmet-drzavnih-pomoci-MVZI-2022-2030.pdf</p>
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1.30 SPAIN – AEI

	Funding Organisation:	<u>Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)</u> 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email:
	Abraham Trujillo Quintela	oceans@aei.gob.es
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	€ 1.200.000	<p>The following funding limits for direct costs for a three-year project are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits could be declared ineligible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the consortium is NOT COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 140.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant: max. € 220.000 • If the consortium IS COORDINATED by an AEI-applicant and there is another AEI-applicant in the proposal, the amount for both Partners is: max. € 260.000 • Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On top of the abovementioned direct cost limits, indirect costs must be added in the application: 25% of direct costs (including the subcontracting costs). <p>Important:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • only ONE applicant applying for funding to AEI is allowed per proposal • Two AEI-applicants are allowed in the same proposal only in cases when one of them is acting as Coordinator • The direct costs (including subcontracting) in the application must be rounded to the thousands. <table border="1" data-bbox="746 936 1385 1249"> <thead> <tr> <th>Example of maximum funding per proposal</th><th>CD (€)</th><th>CI (25%) (€)</th><th>TOTAL (€)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>One AEI-applicant</td><td>140.000</td><td>35.000</td><td>175.000</td></tr> <tr> <td>One AEI-applicant - coordinator</td><td>220.000</td><td>55.000</td><td>275.000</td></tr> <tr> <td>Two AEI-applicants – one coordinator</td><td>260.000</td><td>65.000</td><td>325.000</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) and the corresponding indirect costs can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks carried out by the AEI applicants. Substantial experimental tasks are those required for the development of observational or experimental research projects. For instance, ecosystem sampling, design and execution of experiments, obtention of new data sets, use of analytical procedures for the quantification of physical, chemical, geological, or biological variables.</p> <p>Tasks in which existing data are used or re-analysed exclusively will not be considered substantial experimental tasks. Those tasks will be considered desk and not experimental research projects.</p>	Example of maximum funding per proposal	CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)	One AEI-applicant	140.000	35.000	175.000	One AEI-applicant - coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000	Two AEI-applicants – one coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Eligible Institutions	<p>Eligible entities for the AEI funding are:</p> <p>Non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain), which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional - PCI” (see PCI 2023-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document. They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls, as stated in the PCI Requirements document.</p> <p>They must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.</p>
Eligible Applicants	<p>Principal Investigators (PIs) requesting funding to the AEI must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be eligible to the corresponding PCI call (see PCI 2023-1 as an example) and the PCI Requirements document • Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the different Plan Estatal I+D+i: 2013-2016, 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. <p>Incompatibilities: The following must be considered when participating in</p> <p>Different ERA-Nets, European Co-funded Partnerships or other international initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply (i) in more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, (ii) in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and/or (iii) in PCI calls of consecutive years. • If the same PI submits two or more proposals in this transnational call, they will all be declared ineligible except one, without the possibility of changing the PI. • A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changes of the PI between the 2 steps of the transnational call are not allowed • PI must remain unchanged between the proposal in this transnational call and the corresponding PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding <p>Important: In the application form, the applicants should include the PI’s full name (with both surnames) and the full name of their institution as stated in the Sistema de Entidades (SISEN).</p>
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and innovation activities are eligible. Mere dissemination, communication or other similar activities will not be eligible. • Only personnel costs for new temporary employment dedicated to the project are eligible. This must be clearly stated in the contract. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. • Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • Indirect costs (25% of all direct costs, <u>including the subcontracting costs</u>). <p>The AEI will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding) and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centres).</p> <p>Two centres or institutions belonging to the Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Científicas (CSIC) will be treated as two separate partners one from another when one of them is acting as Coordinator of the proposal and their tasks and identity in the project are sufficiently separated and justified.</p>

	<p>Although private enterprises are not funded by the AEI, the Spanish industrial sector is welcome to participate in the transnational consortia principally obtaining funds from the CDTI participating in this transnational call (see CDTI’s requirements), from other innovation and technological development funding agencies, or using own funds.</p> <p>The final funding will consider the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector, and the financial resources available.</p>
<p>Relevant documents</p>	<p>Funding Programme:</p> <p>The framework for this funding action is the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación 2021-2023. On a national level, the Call will be managed by the Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia (STRAN) of the AEI.</p> <p>Funding Instrument:</p> <p>The instrument funding the Spanish groups requesting funding to the AEI is the corresponding Spanish call “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional” (PCI) (to be published in due time).</p> <p>IMPORTANT: Proposals of projects that foresee the need to request research ship time must consult availability of research vessels and calendar of cruises and meet the requirements published in the COCSABO website</p> <p>Projects including research activities within the zone of the Antarctic Treaty should consult the requirements of the Comité Polar Español.</p> <p>Data Protection:</p> <p>By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.</p>



	<p>Do No Significant Harm (DNSH) principle:</p> <p>The projects granted under this call must comply with the DNSH criteria.</p>
Additional Information	<p>Acknowledgement:</p> <p>Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the AEI funding: “Project (reference nº XX) funded by Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI) through the PCI (year) call”.</p>
Useful Links	<p>As a reference, the applicants are strongly advised to read the call text of the PCI 2023-1 (“Resolución de 24 de marzo de 2023”) and especially the PCI Requirements document on the national call website as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.</p>

1.31 SPAIN – CDTI

	Funding Organisation: https://www.cdti.es/	CDTI, E.P.E. 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email:
	Héctor González	partenariadoshe@cdti.es
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400.000 euros	A minimum financeable budget of 175.000 € is recommended for each Spanish company.
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"/>	
Eligible Institutions	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.	
Eligible Applicants	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.	
Eligible Costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) • Instrument and equipment costs 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price. • Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max 2.000€ per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project, (8.000€ max. for the duration of the project). <p>Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI’s electronic submission system.</p> <p>CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding.</p> <p>R&D activities to be financed must belong to TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.</p>
Relevant documents	<p><u>Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI’s electronic submission system (https://sede.cdti.gob.es).</u></p> <p>CDTI’s application process consists of completing an online application form which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check <i>Type of research funded</i> and <i>Eligible costs</i> sections in this table).</p> <p><u>Deadline to complete CDTI’s application process: The same end date as the first phase international application.</u></p> <p><u>Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.</u></p>
Additional Information	<p>The CDTI will finance a maximum of 70% of the eligible budget through grants.</p>
Useful Links	<p>https://www.cdti.es/partenariados-cofinanciados-pilar-2</p>

1.32 SWEDEN – FORMAS

	Funding Organisation: https://www.formas.se	Name of the funding organisation 
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	Osman Tikansak	osman.tikansak@formas.se
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	2.000.000 €	Maximum funding from FORMAS is 300.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 500.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>FORMAS Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administrating organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it work – Formas.</p> <p>Other types of entities (SMEs, industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, civil society organisations) are not eligible for funding. However, they can participate as self-funded partners or can be sub-contracted by an eligible institution.</p>	





Eligible Applicants	Principal applicants and co-applicants must have completed their PhD degree and be affiliated with a Swedish higher education institution, research institute or government agency with a research assignment that meets the FORMAS requirements for administrating organisations, see: How it works - Formas
Eligible Costs	FORMAS’ standard eligibility criteria for research projects apply, please see Formas’ general instructions: How it works - Formas VAT should not be included in the budget figures
Additional eligibility criteria	Swedish applicants in a consortium must apply to FORMAS (Prisma) under one single project application after they have been invited to step – 2 (full proposal). Project duration is 3 years.
Relevant documents	https://www.formas.se/en/start-page/applying-for-funding.html
Additional Information	Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (the international submission platform), will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS (Prisma), only if they are invited to submit a full-proposal at the second stage. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership and FORMAS.
Useful Links	Formas all calls.

1.33 SWEDEN – SNSA

(Information to come)

1.34 THE NETHERLANDS – LNV, IenW, NWO

Provisional on formal approval’ until Feb 7th

	<p>Funding Organisation:</p> <p>Dutch Research Council (NWO) https://www.nwo.nl/en</p>	<p>NWO, IenW, LNV</p>   <p>Ministerie van Infrastructuur en Waterstaat</p>  <p>Ministerie van Landbouw, Natuur en Voedselkwaliteit</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Daan Blok, Peter Spierenburg</p>	<p>d.blok@nwo.nl +31-(0)70 349 41 18 p.spierenburg@nwo.nl +31-(0)306001291</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Maximum funding per awarded project</p>
	<p>€2,000,000</p>	<p>€400,000</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	




<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; • University medical centres; • Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; • The Netherlands Cancer Institute; • The Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center; • Universities of applied sciences*; • TO2 institutes**. <p>Specifications :</p> <p>* as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Dutch Higher Education and Research Act (Wet op het hoger onderwijs en wetenschappelijk onderzoek, WHW)</p> <p>** Dutch top institutes for applied sciences affiliated to the TO2 federation</p>
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>Full, associate and assistant professors, and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request NWO funding) if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period), or a tenure track agreement at one of the eligible institutions (see above).</p> <p>Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment) may not submit a proposal. It could be the case that the applicant’s tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant’s tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age. In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.</p>

	<p><u>Specifications:</u></p> <p>*A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor.</p>
Eligible Costs	<p>The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realise the project.</p> <p><u>Available budget modules</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postdoc* – at least 24 full months and at most 36 fulltime months (per position), according to UNL or NFU rates** • Research leave – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates** • Personnel at universities of applied sciences and TO2 institutes –. Rates according to the Hourly rate productive hours, excl. Dutch VAT’ from the Handleiding Overheidstarieven [HOT- Manual Dutch Government rates]**. Personnel TO2 institutes only in combination with an application for a postdoc position • Non-scientific staff (NSS) at universities • Material costs*** – max. €15,000 per year per fulltime scientific position (postdoc) • Knowledge utilisation - max. €25,000 • Internationalisation - max. €25,000 <p>Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this Call for proposals, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.</p> <p><u>Specifications:</u></p> <p>*For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO.</p> <p>**UNL, NFU and HOT salary rates can be found at https://www.nwo.nl/en/salary-tables</p> <p>***The budget items “overhead” and “subcontracting costs” in the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership format are not eligible for NWO</p>

	<p>funding. Please refer to the detailed explanation of NWO budget modules to see which costs are eligible: www.nwo.nl/sbep.</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch Partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management. • An applicant may only request NWO funding as main applicant for one project (part of a European consortium) in this Call for proposals of the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership. • Applicants may be involved in maximum two applications as co-applicant, or one as main applicant and one as co-applicant. • Applicants may not apply for a scientific position for themselves • At the full proposal phase, it is required to submit a financial details form separately to NWO. This form is available on: www.nwo.nl/sbep. <p>It is recommended to use the NWO financial details form already in the pre-proposal stage to confirm eligibility of budget items.</p>
Additional Information	<p>The NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the Approval of funding for scientific research 2008 are applicable to the part of the project’s budget covered by the grant from NWO. Any arrangements made regarding the part of the project’s budget covered by the grant from NWO, for instance in a Consortium Agreement, must comply with the NWO Grant Rules 2017 and the European legislation on state aid.</p> <p>Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website: https://www.nwo.nl/en/lodging-an-objection.</p> <p>Applicants are required to submit a mandatory NWO budget form in the Full Proposal stage. Refer to Additional eligibility criteria.</p> <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO.</p>



	Do not hesitate to contact the national contact person in case of questions.
Useful Links	For more information on NWO, please refer to www.nwo.nl/en SBEP at NWO: www.nwo.nl/sbep

1.35 TUNISIA – MHESR

	<p>Funding Organisation: (www.mes.tn)</p>	<p>Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research</p>   <p>Tunisian Republic Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Directorate General of Scientific Research</p>
<p>National Contact Point (NCP)</p>	<p>Name:</p>	<p>Email and Phone:</p>
	<p>Ms. Hayet Souai</p>	<p>souaihayet@gmail.com / +216 71 835 351</p>
	<p>Ms. Saida Rafrafi</p>	<p>coopint2@gmail.com / +216 71 835 351</p>
<p>Funding Commitment</p>	<p>Funding contribution to the Call (in €)</p>	<p>Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner</p>
	<p>400.000 €</p>	<p>Min 50.000€ / project/partner Max 100.000€/project/partner</p>
<p>Funded priority area (s)</p>	<p>(1) Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(3) Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
	<p>(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Eligible Institutions</p>	<p>Tunisian public research institutions: Institutes or research centers; Research laboratories based at the universities.</p>	
<p>Eligible Applicants</p>	<p>The Principal Investigator (PI) should be full professor or associate professor (maître de conférence) and must belong to a public research laboratory.</p>	
<p>Eligible Costs</p>	<p>Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively for achieving the objectives</p>	


	<p>of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the allocated budget</p> <p>the following expenses would be eligible:</p> <p>Travel and daily allowances,</p> <p>Other operating expenses directly related to the project,</p> <p>Small equipment, logistics and consumables,</p> <p>Service contracts (only for non-permanent staff),</p> <p>Organization and participation in the scientific events and meetings.</p> <p>Publication and filing fees required (scientific publications, filing of patents),</p> <p>Expenses for carrying out analyzes and processing samples</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	
Relevant documents	
Additional Information	<p>The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the national grant award agreements, where the PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research.</p>
Useful Links	www.mes.tn


1.36 TÜRKİYE – TÜBİTAK




	Funding Organisation: https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)  TÜBİTAK
National Contact Point (NCP)	Name:	Email and Phone:
	ÇAĞLA AKAT KÖSE	sbep@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783
Funding Commitment	Funding contribution to the Call (in €)	Minimum/maximum funding per awarded Project and Partner
	400.000 EUR	The maximum amount of funding that can be given per project will be indicated in the national call text.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	(4) Blue Bioresources <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Eligible Institutions	<p>Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, public institutions and organizations (including public research centers, metropolitan/city municipalities), SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye are eligible to be supported.</p> <p>Applications are NOT accepted from foundations; associations and their economic enterprises; cooperatives; unions; sole proprietorships and unincorporated associations.</p> <p>For further details please visit the national call text.</p>	
Eligible Applicants	For details please visit the national call text	







Eligible Costs	<p>Personnel Expenses (For Private Sector only)</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Scholarship expenses (For universities and public sector only)</i> • <i>Travel Expenses</i> • <i>Tools and Equipment Expenses.</i> • <i>Consumable Expenses.</i> • <i>Consultancy and Service Procurement Expenses (from international project partners are not supported).</i> • <i>Project Incentive Premium (PIP) and overhead (For universities and public sector only)</i>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>The national call text needs to be followed.</p>
Relevant documents	<p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/yonetmelik_iii_2_0.pdf</p> <p>https://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/41_YK_Islenm%C4%B1s_Hali_ARDE_B_Idari_Mali_Esaslar.pdf</p> <p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/242bk-ek2_0.pdf</p>
Additional Information	
Useful Links	<p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en</p>

2.0 SUMMARY












The following tables are presented to give some guidance to the applicants when considering the consortium building process and to make it easier to read the specific PFOs rules. An empty cell means that no specific rules apply to that criterion. This symbol  means that you must check the corresponding national/regional regulations available on the 2024 Joint Transnational Call website and/or on the PFO’s website.

Country	Participating Funding Organisation Acronym (PFO)	National/Regional Contact Point (NCP)	NOT Funding All Priority Areas	Limits on Requested Budget per proposal *	NOT all types of partners are eligible for funding	Different rules apply to different types of institutions	Partners need to submit documentation to their PFO
Belgium	BELSPO	Koen Lefever koen.lefever@belspo.be +32 2 238 35 51 David Cox david.cox@belspo.be +32 2 238 34 03	FUNDING: Digital Twins of the Oceans (DTO) at regional sub-sea-basin scale Blue economy sectors, development of	Maximum 275000€ per Partner	Eligible: The whole Belgian scientific community: universities, colleges of higher education, public scientific institutions, and non-profit research centres.		

			marine multi-use infrastructure Planning and managing sea uses at the regional level NOT FUNDING: Blue Bioresources		European and foreign organisations established in Belgium are not eligible.		
Belgium	F.R.S - FNRS	Florence Quist +32 2 504 9351 international@frs-fnrs.be		 300.000 €	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations	
Belgium	FIO	Jozef Ghijselen jozef.ghijselen@vlai.o.be +32 2 432 42 40	no	Max. funding requested 1.000.000 €	Only industrial R&D project types (O&O) applicable (experimental development,	no	 Flemish applicants are required to







		www.vlaio.be		Min. funding requested 25.000 € (Experimental development) or 100.000 € (Industrial research)	industrial research) Only companies with sufficient economic activities in the region of Flanders, Belgium can apply. All other organisations (incl. research organisations) should be subcontracted to the companies.		contact NCP before submission. Submission of core elements of project data to VLAIO required together with pre/full proposal (company data, economic impact for Flanders, budget details) to assess eligibility according to regional rules
Belgium	FWO	Toon Monbaliu (general) Kristien Peeters (SBO) europe@fwo.be	/				
Brazil	CONFAP	Elisa Natola					





		<p>Advisor for International Cooperation</p> <p>Phone: +55 61 996138850</p> <p>Email: elisa.confap@gmail.com</p>		⚠ (indicative)			⚠
Cyprus	RIF	<p>Anna Maria Christoforou</p> <p>amchristoforou@research.org.cy</p>		€250,000		⚠	⚠
Denmark	IFD	<p>Thorbjørn M Gilberg,</p> <p>thorbjoern.moth.gilberg@innofond.dk</p>		<p>The maximum amount per Danish partner in international projects is EUR 300,000. The maximum amount for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is EUR 500,000.</p>		⚠	⚠

Estonia	ETAG	Katrin Saar (Katrin.saar@etag.ee) +372 53335625		100 000 € if project partner 300 000 € if project coordinator			
Estonia	KLIM	Irja Truuma Irja.Truumaa@kliimaministeerium.ee	KLIM funds priority areas 1 and 2	100 000			
Estonia	REM	Maarja Malm maarja.malm@agri.ee	REM funds priority areas 2 and 4	100 000			
Faroe Islands	RCFI Research Council Faroe Islands	Maria Húsgarð maria@gransking.fo +298 567802 Annika Sølvará annika@gransking.fo +298 567803					
Finland	AKA Research Council of Finland (formerly	Jaana Lehtimäki & Päivi Kolu jaana.lehtimaki@ak					


	Academy of Finland)	a.fi & paivi.kolu@aka.fi					
France	ANR	Coraline Chapperon sbep.call-secretariat@agence-recherche.fr		!	!	!	
Germany	BMBF/PtJ	Stefanie Pietsch Christin Lambertz	!	!		!	!
Greece	GSRI	Sofia Dimitropoulou	-	!	!	!	!
Iceland	RANNIS						
Ireland	Marine Institute (MI)	Veronica Cunningham veronica.cunningham@marine.ie or funding@marine.ie		!		!	!
Italy	Emilia-Romagna Region	Elisabetta Maini		!	!	!	!

		Elisabetta.Maini@regione.emilia-romagna.it					
Italy	MUR	aldo.covello@mur.gov.it yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it francesca.cantarella@est.mur.gov.it	-	!	!	-	!
Latvia	LCS (The Latvian Council of Science)	Aiga Salmiņa aiga.salmina@lzp.gov.lv Lasma Brenča Lasma.brenca@lzp.gov.lv		!	!	!	!
Lithuania	LMT Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba	Viktoras Mongirdas International Cooperation Unit viktoras.mongirdas@lmt.lt		!	!		






Malta	Malta Council for Science and Technology	Martina Vella	N/A	N/A			
Norway	RCN	<p>Jon Flæten</p> <p>jof@rcn.no</p> <p>+47 99 53 54 75</p> <p>(+32) 470 04 69 98</p> <p>Marianne Aareng</p> <p>maar@forskningsradet.no</p> <p>+4795133475</p>	NOT funding Priority Area (2) Blue economy sectors, development of marine multi-use infrastructures				<p>Norwegian applicants shall not submit any proposal at the national level before a funding decision is made and their project is funded. After the funding decision, and in case your project is funded, RCN's National Contact Person will e-mail the applicants the information and the link they need to submit their formal</p>









							application to RCN.
Poland	NCBR Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju	Monika Włoszek International Cooperation Department – Programme Section monika.wloszek@ncbr.gov.pl					
Portugal	CCDRC	Sophie Patrício Carlos Silveira ccdrc.projects@ccdr.c.pt		Maximum 250 000 EUR per Consortium with regional coordination ----- Maximum 150 000 EUR per consortium with regional participation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Budget must be shared by all regional partners participating in a consortium and	Large companies will not be considered eligible in the context of this call	- Non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional Research and Innovation System: maximum funding rate – 85% - SMEs: micro and small enterprises – maximum funding rate	When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign a Commitment Declaration

				<p>requesting funding to CCDRC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If two or three Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per consortium of 150 000 EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or 250 000 EUR (Portuguese Main Applicant). This rule does not apply to institutions from Região Autónoma dos Açores applying for funding to FRCT Azores and participating in a consortium with 		<p>80% medium enterprises – maximum funding rate 75%</p> <p>- Other organisations: maximum funding rate – 85%; can participate only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above</p>	
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				institutions applying for funding from FCT and/or CCDRC.			
Portugal	FCT	Marta Norton Marta.Norton@fct.pt	n/a	<p>Maximum 250 000 EUR per Consortium with PT coordination</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Maximum 150 000 EUR per consortium with PT participation</p> <p>Notes:</p> <p><i>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</i></p>	<p>For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see Article 3 of FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds, as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October).</p>	<p>For information on funding rate to SMEs, see no. 2, Article 7 of FCT Regulation.</p>	<p>YES – Participants need to submit a Statement of Commitment.</p> 

				<p><i>proposals with a Portuguese Main Applicant (250 000 EUR) or with a Portuguese Project Applicant (150 000 EUR). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</i></p> <p>If two or three Portuguese applicants from the same international consortium apply for funding from FCT and CCDRC, the total budget to be requested to these two agencies cannot exceed the cumulative sum per</p>			
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				consortium of 150 000 EUR (Portuguese Project Applicant) or 250 000 EUR (Portuguese Main Applicant). This rule does not apply to institutions from Região Autónoma dos Açores applying for funding to FRCT Azores and participating in a consortium with institutions applying for funding from FCT and/or CCDRC.			
Portugal	FRCT	<p>Renato Pires</p> <p>Project Manager</p> <p>Phone: +351 296 241 886</p> <p>Email: renato.hm.pires@azores.gov.pt</p>		 (indicative)			

		<p>Carolina Torres</p> <p>Project Manager</p> <p>Phone: +351 296 241 870</p> <p>Email: carolina.s.torres@azores.gov.pt</p>					
Romania	<p>MCID</p> <p>Ministry of Research, Innovation and Digitalization</p>	<p>Domnica Cotet</p> <p>domnica.cotet@uefiscdi.ro</p> <p>+40-213023880</p>					
Slovenia	MVZI	Marta Šabec		300.000 €			
Spain	<p>AEI</p> <p>Agencia Estatal de Investigación</p>	<p>Abraham Trujillo Quintela</p> <p>oceans@aei.gob.es</p>	(TBC)				
Spain	CDTI, E.P.E.	<p>Héctor González</p> <p>partenariadoshe@cdti.es</p>					

Sweden	FORMAS	osman.tikansak@formas.se	-	<p>Maximum funding from FORMAS is 300.000 € per proposal, or a maximum of 500.000 € per proposal if the Swedish applicant is also the project coordinator (regardless of how many Swedish partners participate in the project).</p>	<p>FORMAS Grants for research projects can only be administered by a Swedish university or other research organizations that fulfil the grant administering organization eligibility requirements of FORMAS, see: How it work – Formas.</p> <p>Other types of entities (SMEs, industries, authorities, public administrations, associations, civil society organisations) are not eligible for</p>	No	<p>Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the Sustainable Blue Economy Partnership (the international submission platform), will be contacted by FORMAS for further information on how to register their full proposals with FORMAS (Prisma), <u>only if they are invited to submit a full-proposal at the second stage</u>. Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of the Sustainable Blue</p>

					funding. However, they can participate as self-funded partners or can be sub- contracted by an eligible institution.		Economy Partnership and FORMAS.
Sweden	SNSA						
The Netherlands	NWO, IenW, LNV	Daan Blok (d.blok@nwo.nl) Peter Spierenburg (p.spierenburg@nwo.nl)	All priority areas are funded	€400.000	See National Annex NL	See National Annex NL	Yes, NWO budget form (www.nwo.nl/sbep)
Tunisia	MHESR	Ms. Hayet Souai Ms. Saida Rafrafi	No	Yes	Yes	No	No

Türkiye	TÜBİTAK	Çağla AKAT KÖSE sbep@tubitak.gov.tr +90 312 298 1783		!	!	!	!
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