

# TRANSCAN-4

**Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2026 (JTC-2026):**

**"Translational Research on Cancer Metabolism:  
Multidisciplinary Approaches for Diagnosis and Treatment"**

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## Guidelines for Applicants

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### **Submission deadlines**

**Pre-proposals: 21 July 2026 at 12:00 CEST**

**Full proposals: 13 January 2027 at 12:00 CET**

Electronic proposal submission system: <https://ptoutline.eu/app/TRANSCAN-JTC2026>

For further information, please visit [www.transcan.eu](http://www.transcan.eu) or

contact the **Joint Call Secretariat (JCS)** at:

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## Background

Under the umbrella of TRANSCAN-4 (CSA: Sustained collaboration of national and regional programmes in cancer research), 20 funding organisations have agreed to launch a Joint Transnational Call (JTC-2026) for collaborative translational research projects on **cancer metabolism**.

Participating TRANSCAN-4 funding organisations wish to promote innovative interdisciplinary collaboration and truly translational research projects.

Research projects submitted within this call should be based on novel ideas stemming from consolidated previous results and will be endowed with a strong translational research orientation. Project proposals should also clearly demonstrate their potential health impact as well as added value of transnational collaboration. Sharing of relevant results, data sets and/or resources within transnational research consortia is a prerequisite for funding.

Research proposals should be built on an effective, multidisciplinary and multi-professional collaboration between academic, clinical, epidemiological or public health research teams and industry. Researchers' exchanges within the consortium are encouraged.

In order to ensure target-oriented projects, availability of and/or access to clinical biomaterial banks (cells, tissue, blood, DNA, organs, fluids etc.) and related clinical data of subjects (patient cohorts with comprehensive clinical documentation and characterisation) must be secured and explained. Biomaterial banks must be maintained with "Standard Operation Procedures" (SOPs for extraction, transport, processing, storage and further usage) and previous use and benefit documented by respective publications.

## Submission of proposals

The TRANSCAN-4 JTC-2026 will be implemented through a two-stage submission procedure: pre-proposals and full proposals.

Both pre- and full proposals must be written in English and must be submitted by the coordinator of the project as PDF files, using the form that can be downloaded from the [TRANSCAN website](#).

The submission must be made through the dedicated electronic submission system PT-Outline exclusively, at <https://ptoutline.eu/app/TRANSCAN-JTC2026>.

Registration is required before submission of the proposal.

Original signed versions of either pre- or full proposals are not required. For the second stage, please note that full proposals will only be accepted from applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them.

Both pre-proposals and full proposals must be submitted **within the deadlines indicated below**. Please note that in addition the submission of the proposal via the central online submission system, a submission of documents on the national level might be necessary. Please check below "ANNEX. National/Regional Regulations".

## Timeline of the call

<b>20 May 2026</b>	<b>Publication of the call</b>
<b>21 July 2026 at 12:00 (CEST)</b>	<b>Deadline for pre-proposal submission</b>
<b>25 November 2026</b>	<b>Invitation of successful pre-proposals for full-proposal stage</b>

<b>2 December 2026</b>	<b>Communication of evaluation reports to unsuccessful pre-proposal coordinators</b>
<b>13 January 2027 at 12:00 (CET)</b>	<b>Deadline for full-proposal submission</b>
<b>Expected for May 2027</b>	<b>Communication of the (preliminary) funding decisions to the applicants</b>
<b>November 2027</b>	<b>Expected project start</b>

Call deadlines will be strictly enforced and the electronic system will not allow submissions after call deadlines. Please take into account that online data entry may be overloaded on the deadline. It is therefore recommended to upload all the required material in due time.

## Partners

In case of interest in finding partners to the consortium, it is recommended to use the Partner Search Tool - Partfinder, provided by National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) on the website <https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl>. The usage of the aforementioned tool is voluntary and free of charge.<sup>1</sup>

## Eligibility check

Prior to proposal submission, applicants should contact the respective national/regional funding organisation contact persons and refer to the national/regional eligibility criteria and requirements (Annex 1).

*NOTE: An eligibility check before pre-proposal submission is mandatory for the following funding organisations:*

1. *Ministero della Salute (IT-MOH), Italy*
2. *Fondazione Regionale per la Ricerca Biomedica (FRRB), Lombardy, Italy*
3. *Tuscany Region (RT), Italy*
4. *National Institute of Health Carlos III (ISCIII) and The Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (FCAECC), Spain*
5. *Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH), Israel*

*Please read national/regional regulations (Annex) and contact the national/regional contact persons.*

After submission, the JCS will check proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (e.g. date of submission; number of research groups/countries, type of project partners: academic, clinical/public health and industrial/SMEs, document length, and inclusion of all necessary information in English). In parallel, the JCS will forward the proposals to the relevant TRANSCAN-4 national/regional funding organisations that will perform a formal check for compliance with their respective eligibility criteria. Proposals passing both checks will be evaluated by independent international scientific experts.

**Please note that after submission it is not possible to amend the proposal or to add further documents.**

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<sup>1</sup> All terms and conditions related to Partfinder are available here: <https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/portal/regulations.html>

## Pre-proposal structure

One joint pre-proposal (in English) shall be prepared by the partners and be submitted to the JCS by the project coordinator.

Please note that it is mandatory that applicants use the pre-proposal application form provided on the [TRANSCAN website](#), and that pre-proposals comply with the length indicated for each section. Pre-proposals that do not comply with these rules will be rejected. Proposals must be written in English and submitted by the project coordinator as a PDF file through the electronic system exclusively.

## Full proposal structure

**Information provided in the pre-proposal application is binding for the entire application process.** Thus, any substantial changes between pre-proposal and full proposal (e.g. title, acronym, composition of the consortia, objectives of the project, etc.) must be communicated in advance to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC) under exceptional circumstances.

Please note that it is mandatory to use the full proposal application form downloaded from the TRANSCAN website and to comply with the length indicated. Full proposals not complying with these rules will be rejected.

## Start of the projects and Consortium Agreement

In order to ensure a proper conduct of the project activities, a Consortium Agreement (CA) must be signed between the partners. The research consortium is strongly encouraged to sign this CA before the official project start date. In any case the CA must be signed no later than six (6) months after the official project start date. The CA must address the following issues: governance structure and decision-making process, responsibilities between the partners and subsequent liability, reporting, ownership and use of research results, IPR, publications, confidentiality. Upon request, copy of the CA will be communicated to the concerned TRANSCAN-4 JTC-2026 funding organisations.

Consortium partners of projects selected for funding will decide between them on a common start date for the project, which would be the reference date for yearly and final reports and extensions. The official start date shall be communicated by the project coordinator to the JCS and **shall appear in the consortium agreement.**

## General Data Protection Regulation

The following Data Privacy Notice applies:

By submitting an application to the call, applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their data, in line with the above notice and for the purposes of:

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful -only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- administering any subsequent funding award;
- managing the Funding Party's relationship with them;
- analysing and evaluating the call;
- providing aggregate data to regional/national and European surveys and analyses;

- complying with audits that may be initiated by the funding organisations.

The TRANSCAN-4 members<sup>2</sup> may share an applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The TRANSCAN-4 members may link the data that applicants provide in the application with regional/national, bibliographic or external research funding data which is available through public subscription-based databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other regional/national/open datasets.

The TRANSCAN-4 members may also link the data that applicants provide in their application with future data that applicants provide as part of the ongoing management and reporting.

Data on Funding Parties including contact details of CSC members are kept for the purpose of the call communication. The information will be published with prior consent of the respective management bodies.

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<sup>2</sup> Canada (CIHR) will not share applicant's data with third parties.

## ANNEX. National/Regional Regulations

<b>Country</b>	<b>Austria, FWF</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<a href="#">Austrian Science Fund (FWF)</a>
<b>National contact persons</b>	<p><b>Kathrina PROSCHINGER</b>  <a href="mailto:kathrina.proschinger@fwf.ac.at">kathrina.proschinger@fwf.ac.at</a>  +43 676 83487 8217</p> <p><b>Herbert MAYER</b>  <a href="mailto:herbert.mayer@fwf.ac.at">herbert.mayer@fwf.ac.at</a>  +43 676 83487 8212</p>
<b>National programme</b>	Principal Investigator Project (PAT): <a href="#">fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf</a> Clinical Research (KLP): <a href="#">Application Guidelines for Clinical Research</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.35 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Max. 450.000€ <b>Please note:</b> It is not allowed to apply for more than 450.000€ (including 5% general project costs and the annual valorization of personnel costs). Exceeding this cap will lead to the proposal to be declared ineligible.
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Projects must either be <b>basic research</b> according to sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the <a href="#">PAT regulations</a> or <b>clinical research</b> according to sections 1.1 and 1.2 of the <a href="#">KLP regulations</a> .
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	See section “ <b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b> ”
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<p>All following information is based on the guidelines for principal investigator projects:  <a href="#">fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf</a>.</p> <p>For TRANSCAN-specific information please select “TRANSCAN” on the following FWF website: <a href="#">International – Multilateral Initiatives - FWF</a></p> <p>In addition to the submission via the central TRANSCAN-4 electronic system, Austrian applicants must submit a <b>national application to FWF</b>. Failure to submit the mandatory national application in due time will render the Austrian participation in the consortium ineligible for FWF funding.</p> <p>All Austrian research institutions are eligible to apply. Please note: Research institutions must be <a href="#">registered</a> in the <b>FWF's research institution portal</b>. The intended project must be carried out in Austria and under the auspices of the applying Austrian research institution. Applications are submitted by the research institution where the project is to be carried out. The research institution appoints a principal investigator to carry out the project. Neither a specific academic degree nor Austrian citizenship is required to act as principal investigator. The principal investigator must, however,</p>

	<p>have appropriate scientific qualifications (see section 1.4 of the <a href="#">guidelines</a>) and sufficient time resources to carry out the proposed research. The research institution must provide the necessary infrastructure.</p> <p>The <b>principal investigator</b> must be employed at the lead research institution to an extent of at least 5 hours/week<sup>3</sup> at the time the project is scheduled to begin and throughout the entire duration of the project (subject to an employment contract/Dienstvertrag). Their salary is financed either by the research institution or by the project as a grant-salaried researcher (see section 2.3.1.1 of the <a href="#">guidelines</a>). If the principal investigator is employed part-time at the start of the project, project funds can be used to increase the extent of employment to 100%.</p> <p>Researchers whose main institutional research focus (more than 50%) is outside of Austria at the time of application and who plan to maintain their main research focus abroad during the project are excluded from applying as principal investigators.</p> <p>It should be noted, however, that for principal investigators, the number of ongoing/approved projects in the Principal Investigator Projects, International Programs, Clinical Research, and Arts-Based Research programs is limited to a <b>maximum of 3 projects</b>. For further information on restrictions concerning the permissible number of applications and ongoing projects, please see the restrictions on the number of projects: <a href="#">fwf_project_number_limit.pdf</a></p> <p>There is no limit to the number of applications that can be submitted by a research institution.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>It is not allowed to apply for more than <b>450.000€</b> (incl. 5% general costs and annual valorization of personnel costs which will be automatically calculated in the cost sheet in <a href="#">elane</a>).</p> <p><b>Project-specific costs</b> are eligible for funding. These include personnel and non-personnel costs that are needed to carry out the project and that are not included in the infrastructure provided by the research institution.</p> <p>Please find detailed information about <b>eligible and non-eligible costs</b> in the chapter 2.3 Eligible project-specific costs: <a href="#">fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf</a></p> <p>In addition, funding may be requested for project-specific work at associated research institution(s) where <b>associated research partner(s)</b> work. Associated research partners are researchers working on a project-specific basis at other Austrian research institutions (associated research institutions) and who are making a significant scientific/scholarly contribution to the project. The Associated research partner form must be completed for these researchers, if applicable. Funds are disbursed from the lead research institution to the associated research institution(s).<sup>4</sup> Associated research institutions report directly to the FWF to account for funds used at their institution.</p> <p>For information on applying for <b>personnel costs for the principal investigator's own salary</b>, please see section 2.3.1.1 of the <a href="#">guidelines</a>.</p> <p>Please note that exaggerated cost projections may be grounds for rejection, even if a proposal is otherwise excellent.</p>

<sup>3</sup> Exceptions are permitted only in justified individual cases if the principal investigator cannot be employed at the lead research institution for organizational or legal reasons (e.g., employment regulations in state hospitals). In this case, a written affiliation/cooperation agreement regulating institutional affiliation, infrastructure access, assignment of responsibilities, and publication and IP framework conditions is required.

<sup>4</sup> Associated research institutions must be [registered](#) in the FWF's research institution portal. Once a proposal has been approved, the lead research institution must enter into a collaboration agreement with the associated research institution

<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	<p>In addition to the application at the call secretariat administrative and financial <b>data have to be submitted online and approved by the research institution using the <a href="#">elane</a> digital application portal within the given deadline</b>. This is required for <b>both the preproposal and the full proposal stage</b>.</p> <p>Please complete and upload the following documents as individual annexes to the national FWF application system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Budget justification</b> for the project part to be financed by FWF (according to Appendix A (section 6.1) of the <a href="#">guidelines</a>).</li> <li>• <b>CV</b> of the applicant at FWF according to the <a href="#">guidelines</a>.</li> <li>• <b>PI_publication.pdf</b>: Two publications written by the applicant must be named, documenting that the applicant fulfills the general requirements to act as principal investigator (publication record, see section 1.4.1 of the <a href="#">guidelines</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>Please note that it is not necessary to upload the proposal itself as this document is provided to the FWF by the Joint Call Secretariat.</b></p>
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<b>Country</b>	<b>Belgium (French speaking community, F.R.S.-FNRS)</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique – FNRS (F.R.S.-FNRS)
<b>National contact persons</b>	<p><b>Maxime BONSIR</b>  <a href="mailto:maxime.bonsir@frs-fnrs.be">maxime.bonsir@frs-fnrs.be</a>  +32 2 504 92 36</p> <p><b>Joël GROENEVELD</b>  <a href="mailto:joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be">joel.groeneveld@frs-fnrs.be</a>  +32 2504 9270  <a href="mailto:international@frs-fnrs.be">international@frs-fnrs.be</a></p>
<b>National programme</b>	<a href="#">PINT-MULTI</a> , <a href="#">PINT-MULTI Regulations</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.3 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	1
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	The maximum amount of requested funding per project is 300 000 EUR for a total period of three years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to four years. (see <a href="#">PINT-MULTI Regulations</a> for details). This is a non-cofunded call.
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	

<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the <a href="#">PINT-MULTI regulations</a> .
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>Please note that personnel costs have an annual average cap of 80 000 € for this call.</p> <p>For “overhead” costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget.</li> <li>- Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS</li> </ul> <p>Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions.</p> <p>Please note that the F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a Research institution from the “Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles”. The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S. -FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.</p> <p>Clinical research is eligible for funding by the F.R.S.-FNRS under the condition that the funded research is oriented towards the understanding of fundamental mechanisms, excluding clinical trials with purely therapeutic or industrial goals.</p>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding <b>must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application via <a href="#">e-space</a></b> within 5 working days after the general deadline of the JTC-2026 <b>to be eligible</b> . 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.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Please contact one of the National contact persons listed if you have questions regarding the above.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Belgium (Flanders), FWO</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Research Foundation - Flanders (FWO)

<b>National contact persons</b>	<p>Kristien Peeters (SBO)  <a href="mailto:europe@fwo.be">europe@fwo.be</a>  +32 (0)2 550 15 95</p> <p>Toon Monbaliu (FO)  <a href="mailto:europe@fwo.be">europe@fwo.be</a>  +32 (0)2 550 15 70</p>
<b>National programme</b>	<a href="#">European Framework programme</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.7 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	350,000 EUR ( <u>including</u> overhead)
<b>Eligibility of institutions/researchers</b>	<p>Research and knowledge-dissemination organisations from Flanders.</p> <p>In this call, FWO deploys two of its regular funding channels:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <a href="#">Fundamental Research Projects (FO)</a></li> <li>▪ <a href="#">Strategic Basic Research Projects (SBO)</a>.</li> </ul> <p>Researchers should verify whether they are eligible under the regulations of the above-mentioned funding channels and choose the appropriate channel based on their project type.</p> <p>Eligibility details are available in the respective programme regulations on the FWO website. For further clarification, please contact the FWO administration.</p>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>The FWO foresees a budget of 700,000 EUR, which guarantees funding for at least two projects.</p> <p>The respective funding-channel regulations apply (see the links to national rules in the '<i>Eligibility of institutions/researchers</i>' section).</p> <p>Both funding channels are capped at a maximum of 350,000 EUR per project/consortium (including overhead). The overhead calculation differs per funding channel (see below).</p> <p>For overhead calculation, both Fundamental Research Projects (FO) and Strategic Basic Research Projects (SBO) apply a structural overhead rate to the project costs: 6% for FO projects and 17% for SBO projects.</p> <p><u>Practical examples:</u></p>

	<p><b>FO:</b> If the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200,000 EUR, the overhead amounts to 12,000 EUR (6% of 200,000 EUR) and the total requested budget is 212,000 EUR. The total requested budget may never exceed the maximum available amount of 350,000 EUR.</p> <p><b>SBO:</b> If the sum of all costs (personnel, consumables, travel, subcontracting, etc.) amounts to 200,000 EUR, the overhead amounts to 34,000 EUR (17% of 200,000 EUR) and the total requested budget is 234,000 EUR. The total requested budget may never exceed the maximum available amount of 350,000 EUR.</p> <p>Overhead should be included in the Transcan forms, but should not be entered in the mandatory national/regional FWO administrative application in the FWO e-loket (see '<i>Submission of the proposal at the national level</i>' below).</p>
<p><b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b></p>	<p><b>!! IMPORTANT !!</b></p> <p>Applicants requesting FWO funding must submit a <u>mandatory</u> administrative application via the FWO e-loket during the pre-proposal phase.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For Fundamental Research Projects (FO), select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme fundamental research'.</li> <li>- For Strategic Basic Research Projects (SBO), select the application type: 'Research projects – European programme strategic basic research'.</li> </ul> <p>If the consortium includes more than one partner requesting funding from FWO, only one online form should be submitted by the main PI (promotor(-spokesperson)) via their personal e-loket. This form must include all relevant information for the different Flemish partners applying for FWO funding (not the other consortium partners).</p> <p>The deadline for this administrative application is the same as the joint transnational call deadline (pre-proposal stage).</p>
<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Participation in this call does not interfere with the regular/national project submission framework and is therefore not taken into account when calculating the maximum allowable number of new applications and running projects combined. However, <b>researchers may participate in a maximum of two different international consortia</b> within this call.</li> <li>- Projects aimed at the development of a spin-off company are not eligible in this context. Therefore, this route should not be mentioned in the administrative FWO registration document.</li> <li>- The project duration is limited to 36 months. Consequently, the funding must be budgeted and spent within that period. Automatic extensions and the use of positive (financial) balances after the end date are not possible within this framework, unless explicitly approved by the FWO and the network. Therefore, Article 28 of the FWO <a href="#">Research Projects regulations</a> and Article 14 of the <a href="#">Strategic Basic Research (SBO) regulations</a> do not apply.</li> <li>- For each participating institution applying for FWO funds, the PI must hold an appointment that fully covers the duration of the research project. In addition, under the FWO <a href="#">Research Projects (FO) regulations</a>, Article 10, §7 does not apply in</li> </ul>

	this call. This means that supervisors (-spokespersons) or coordinators/consortium partners who are granted emeritus status during the calendar year of submission or during the project's execution are not eligible.
<b>Further guidance</b>	To avoid any potential issues, we encourage you to contact the FWO administration in advance. We are pleased to assist you in ensuring the eligibility of your project proposal and consortium.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Canada, CIHR</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR)
<b>National contact persons</b>	Emma Ito <a href="mailto:cihr.icr@uhn.ca">cihr.icr@uhn.ca</a> CIHR Contact Centre <a href="mailto:support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca">support-soutien@cihr-irsc.gc.ca</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	CAD \$900,000
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	CAD \$450,000
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Refer to call text
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>Eligible individuals include but are not limited to researchers, knowledge users, scholars, health professionals, undergraduates, graduate students, and postdoctoral scholars. Among eligible organizations that CIHR may fund are non-governmental organizations with a research or knowledge translation mandate. Specifics regarding eligible applicants for a given competition will be specified in the funding opportunity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) must be an <a href="#">independent researcher</a>.</li> <li>• The NPA must have their <a href="#">substantive role in Canada</a> for the duration of the requested grant term.</li> <li>• The Institution Paid must be <a href="#">authorized to administer CIHR funds</a> by the application deadline (see <a href="#">List of CIHR Eligible Institutions</a>).</li> </ul> <p>An <a href="#">early career researcher (ECR)</a> is a researcher within five years of the date of their first independent research-related appointment.</p> <p>Please note, only <b>one Canadian research group will be funded per consortium</b>.</p>

#### **Additional Requirements for Grant Programs Only:**

- Individuals in the Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) role leading the Canadian component must be an [independent researcher](#), affiliated with a Canadian postsecondary institution and/or its affiliated institutions (including hospitals, research institutes and other non-profit organizations with a mandate for health research and/or knowledge translation) at the time of funding. Individuals working with municipal, provincial and territorial governments are also eligible where the research proposed is not already funded by that government sector.
- Appointments/positions that can be renewed prior to the end of the requested grant term are eligible at the discretion of the administering institution.
- Federal government employees are not eligible in the Nominated Principal Applicant role.

For more information, refer to the [CIHR Guidelines on Determining Eligibility of Nominated Principal Applicant Individuals on Grants](#).

#### **Additional Conditions of Funding:**

- The Nominated Principal Applicant (NPA) will be required to submit, in addition to also meeting all TRANSCAN-4 reporting requirements, an electronic Final Report to CIHR. This online report will be made available to the Nominated Principal Applicant on ResearchNet at the beginning of the grant funding period and can be filled in as the research progresses.
- It is incumbent upon the Canadian researchers to review and understand all expectations of the call text, including the requirement for a Consortium Agreement (CA).
  - The CA specifies the relationship among the funded researchers, outlines how the project will be organized and managed, and includes clauses related to Intellectual Property and FAIR data.
  - The Nominated Principal Applicants who are successful in this competition will be expected to develop and sign a CA - depending on the composed consortium, different rules are applicable.
  - The successful Nominated Principal Applicant must consult the relevant country National Rules and Requirement in this Annex, discuss and plan with your consortium partners when a signed CA is required. It is noted that CIHR does not retain or claim any rights to IP in relation to research that it funds. Accordingly, the Canadian researchers retain full freedom in negotiating the CA required, including whether or not to accept the IP conditions.
  - The NPA does NOT need to send a signed copy of the CA, nor a declaration of the CA to CIHR. The TRANSCAN-4 Joint Call Secretariat will contact you directly for a copy should it be needed.

Funding applications submitted to TRANSCAN-4 will be held in jurisdictions outside of Canada and will not be subject to the provisions of the *Privacy Act*. Information submitted to TRANSCAN-4 as part of the applications will be governed by the provisions of EU data protection laws, the European Data Protection Regulation (GDPR). Please note that all parties on applications must also comply with GDPR (2016/679).

Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<a href="https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp">https://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/InterAgency-Interorganismes/TAFA-AFTO/guide-guide_eng.asp</a>
Submission of the proposal at the national level	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canadian applicants must complete a CIHR Abbreviated Application and submit it using <a href="#">ResearchNet</a> in <b>addition</b> to the proposal submitted to the Joint Call Secretariat.</li> <li>• Canadian applicants must submit an Operating Budget for the project with the amounts quoted in <b>Canadian dollars</b>, and a complete justification for funds requested as part of the CIHR Abbreviated Application using <a href="#">ResearchNet</a> in <b>addition</b> to the proposal submitted to the Joint Call Secretariat. The deadline for submission of this CIHR Abbreviated Application is different than the proposal deadline to the Joint Call Secretariat.</li> </ul>
Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The total amount available from CIHR for this funding opportunity is CAD \$900,000, enough to fund the Canadian component of up to two (2) transnational teams. This amount may increase if additional Canadian funding partners participate. The maximum amount per grant is CAD \$150,000 per year for up to 3 years, for a total of CAD \$450,000 per grant for the Canadian component of the transnational team. This amount should also cover any capacity and capability building activities detailed in the project plan to promote the establishment of multidisciplinary teams and strengthen their capacity and quality of their research.</li> <li>• Of this CAD \$ \$900,000: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ CAD \$450,000 is available to fund the Canadian component of one (1) grant relevant to CIHR’s <b>General Cancer</b> research area.</li> <li>○ CAD \$450,000 is available to fund the Canadian component of one (1) grant relevant to CIHR’s <b>Breast Cancer</b> research area.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>For full details of CIHR’s requirements, please refer to the Funding Opportunity on ResearchNet.</p> <p>Further details will be provided by the national contact persons upon request.</p>

Country	France, INCa and ARC	
Funding organisations	French <a href="#">National Cancer Institute (INCa)</a>	<a href="#">ARC Foundation for Cancer Research (ARC Foundation)</a>
National contact persons	For INCa: <b>Charlotte GUDEWICZ</b> , Research and Innovation Division 52 avenue André Morizet 92513 Boulogne Billancourt Cedex <a href="mailto:cgudewicz@institutcancer.fr">cgudewicz@institutcancer.fr</a> + 33 (0)1 41 10 15 14	For ARC Foundation: <b>Charlotte Audoynaud</b> Translational Research & Innovation – Fondation ARC pour la recherche sur le cancer 9 rue Guy Môquet 94803 Villejuif Cedex, France <a href="mailto:preti@fondation-arc.org">preti@fondation-arc.org</a> +33 (0)1 45 59 58 45
Funding commitment	INCa: 2.0 M€	ARC Foundation: 0.7 M€

<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	INCa : 5-10	ARC Foundation: from 1 to 3 research teams
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Maximum funding per project: €0.3 M. If two eligible partners are involved in the same consortium, the total funding requested by both groups must not exceed €0.5 M.	
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text	
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public research institutions (university, EPST, EPIC, etc.)</li> <li>- Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.)</li> <li>- Hospitals or other health care providers (CHU, CRLCC, etc.)</li> </ul>	
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<i>Please note that, given the level of personal commitment required for the successful implementation of the project, a Principal Investigator (PI) may not simultaneously coordinate more than three projects funded by INCa.</i>	
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p><b>For the research project:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Equipment</u>: up to 150 000 € including taxes per equipment; the total amount of the “equipment” expenses should not exceed a maximum of 30% of the total grant awarded. Please note: If the acquired or rented equipment is used after the completion of the project, only the depreciation costs limited to the duration of the project are eligible.</li> <li>- <u>Consumables and subcontracting</u></li> <li>- <u>Personnel costs</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Salary costs for permanent staff may be included in the budget with the exception of civil servants</li> <li>• Please note that salary for PhD student is not eligible outside activities for capacity building.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <u>Travel and accommodation</u>: only for the partner team members and for project management meetings; the total amount of the “Travel and accommodation” expenses should not exceed a maximum of 8% of the total grant awarded (Travel and accommodation costs to attend the intermediate and/or final TRANSCAN status symposium as specified in the Call Text can be included in addition to the 8%)</li> <li>- <u>Indirect costs/overheads</u>: not eligible.</li> </ul>	
<b>National phase</b>	Not required. Only submission of the joint proposal is required.	

<b>Country</b>	<b>Germany, BMFTR</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	<a href="#">Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)</a>

<b>National contact persons</b>	<p>DLR Projektträger (PT-DLR) - Health Research- Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1 D-53227 Bonn, Germany</p> <p>Hubert Misslisch <a href="mailto:hubert.misslisch@dlr.de">hubert.misslisch@dlr.de</a></p> <p>Sebastian Hückesfeld <a href="mailto:sebastian.hueckesfeld@dlr.de">sebastian.hueckesfeld@dlr.de</a></p>
<b>National programme</b>	Health Research Framework Programme
<b>Funding commitment</b>	3.0 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	10-12
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Max. 300.000€ (including overheads and capacity building) per research consortium; i.e. if two German project partners participate in a consortium, the sum of funding requested by both groups must not exceed 300.000€ (incl. overheads and capacity building).
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public research institutions;</li> <li>- Non-profit organisations (associations, foundations, etc.) ;</li> <li>- Hospitals or other health care providers;</li> <li>- Enterprises (with a maximum of 50-60% of their costs).</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel;</li> <li>- Consumables;</li> <li>- Equipment;</li> <li>- Subcontracting;</li> <li>- Travel;</li> <li>- Overheads.</li> </ul>
<b>National phase</b>	Not required. Only submission of the joint proposal is required.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Hungary, NKFIH</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Research, Development and Innovation Office (NKFIH)

<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Zsuzsanna KÜRTI</b> National Research, Development and Innovation Office Budapest 1077, Kéthy Anna tér 1. <a href="mailto:ncp@nkfi.gov.hu">ncp@nkfi.gov.hu</a> +36 706806421
<b>National programme</b>	2024-1-2-2-ERA-NET national call: <a href="https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/palyazat-era-net-cofund-ejp-cofund-egyeb-multilateralis-programok-2024-122-era-net/palyazati-felhivas">https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/palyazat-era-net-cofund-ejp-cofund-egyeb-multilateralis-programok-2024-122-era-net/palyazati-felhivas</a> To be replaced with 2026 national call in 2026 Q2.
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.3 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	0.3 M€
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Eligible applicants include: Academia Clinical/Public Health Enterprise  Please check the eligibility criteria in the national call.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	- Personnel costs; - Consumables; - Equipment; - Subcontracting; - Travel; - Overhead  Please check the eligibility criteria and the funding intensity in the national call.
<b>National phase</b>	Submission is required only for applicants who were recommended for funding at the full proposal stage.
<b>Further guidance</b>	When submitting the pre- and full proposals, Hungarian applicants are required to consult the requirements of the national call: <a href="https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/palyazat-era-net-cofund-ejp-cofund-egyeb-multilateralis-programok-2024-122-era-net/palyazati-felhivas">https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/palyazat-era-net-cofund-ejp-cofund-egyeb-multilateralis-programok-2024-122-era-net/palyazati-felhivas</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Israel, CSO-MOH</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH)
<b>National contact persons</b>	Liron Even-Faitelson <a href="mailto:Liron.ef@moh.gov.il">Liron.ef@moh.gov.il</a> +972-2-5082168
<b>National programme</b>	
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.3 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Max 140,000 € per project (160,000 € for an Israeli coordinator) If there are two Israeli partners in the same consortium, the amount of 140,000 € (or 160,000 €) will be shared.
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Eligible partners include: Israeli universities, research centres and hospitals
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	CSO-MOH cannot fund private partners. PI should hold a Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D. or equivalent degree and be employed by an eligible institution. Research will not be funded simultaneously by CSO-MOH on more than one grant (European network or national). Researchers can not apply for more than one grant from any European network funded by CSO-MOH or submit more than one proposal for any single program.
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Eligible costs include: Personnel (students, technicians. applicants excluded); animals, materials and consumables; travel (up to 5%); overheads 10%. <b>No computers and permanent equipment allowed.</b>
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	Applicants need to receive a mandatory eligibility clearance from CSO-MOH <b>prior</b> to the submission of their pre-proposals. Once the funded projects have been announced, CSO-MOH will invite the PIs' host institutions of the projects approved for funding to begin the national procedures required to receive the funding.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<b>Prior to submission, researchers must submit to CSO-MOH an abstract approved by their research authority including a detailed budget distribution.</b> This is not the consortia abstract, but an abstract describing the activity of the Israeli researcher within the consortia and a budget table for the Israeli researcher. A template for the abstract can be found here. Lack of submission of an abstract can lead to disqualification of the whole application, as well as the consortium. Bioethics approvals, if applicable, need to be submitted with the application or within 4 months following the approval of the application. Please see detailed instructions at: <a href="http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/International_cooperations/Pages/default.aspx">http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/International_cooperations/Pages/default.aspx</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Italy, IT-MOH</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Italian Ministry of Health (Ministero della Salute, IT-MOH) <a href="http://www.salute.gov.it">www.salute.gov.it</a>
<b>National contact persons</b>	Grazia Papagni g.papagni@sanita.it int-dgric@sanita.it
<b>National programme</b>	<b>Framework National Programme "Health Research" of the Ministry of Health.</b>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.5 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	4 (max. 400.000 € / project)
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Maximum funding per project: 0.4 M€. In case that two eligible partners will be involved in the Consortium, the total amount will be shared between the beneficiary Institutions. Max. 2 beneficiary Institutions can be financed in the same project.
<b>Eligibility of projects duration</b>	Max 3 years
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<b>ONLY IRCCS:</b> Only IRCCS (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico) researchers are eligible to apply.  <b>Non fundable:</b> Universities, other research Institutes, companies.
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	Simultaneous Principal Investigator (PI) participation in different 2026 JTCs funded by the Ministero della Salute is not allowed. No more than two Italian PIs are eligible to apply for the same project. Furthermore, a PI may hold only one active European IT-MOH-funded grant at any given time. Serving as PI on more than one IT-MOH project simultaneously is strictly prohibited. A PI with an active IT-MOH grant is not eligible to submit a proposal to a new Joint Transnational Call (JTC) unless the ongoing IT-MOH-funded project has been officially closed prior to the submission deadline for JTC pre-proposals. For the purpose of determining eligibility, a project is considered closed only upon the receipt and acceptance by IT-MOH of both the final financial report and the final scientific report via the WFR. These restrictions apply exclusively to individuals serving in the capacity of PI. They do not apply to co-investigators, collaborators, or other project team members who are not designated as Principal Investigators.  The Ministero della Salute will <b>ONLY</b> grant applicants an eligibility clearance prior to the submission of proposals through a mandatory pre-eligibility check process. To this end, <b>it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return to the IT-MoH a pre-submission eligibility check form through their corresponding IRCCS, using WFR System-&gt; ER communication code</b> , before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned <b>at least 10 working days</b> before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent written notification of their eligibility

	<p>status. Changes in acronyms and budgets provided in the pre-submission eligibility check are not allowed. The pre-eligibility form can be downloaded here: <a href="https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf">https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf</a></p> <p>The Ministero della Salute will ONLY grant applicants an eligibility clearance prior to proposal submission <b>through a mandatory pre-eligibility check process.</b></p> <p>To this end, applicants are required to complete and submit a pre-submission eligibility check form to the Ministero della Salute via their respective IRCCS, using the WFR System → ER communication code, before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat (JCS).</p> <p><b>It is strongly recommended that the duly completed and signed form be submitted at least 10 working days before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will receive written notification of their eligibility status.</b></p> <p><b>In cases where subcontracting is envisaged, it must be explicitly requested and pre-approved by the Ministero della Salute as part of the eligibility clearance process. Such requests must be submitted at least 20 calendar days before the proposal submission deadline.</b></p> <p>Changes to the project acronym or budget declared in the pre-submission eligibility check are not permitted. The mandatory pre-eligibility check form can be downloaded from the following link: <a href="https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf">https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p><b>Direct Costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel (only temporary contracts or permanent contracts for the number of hours dedicated to the project, Max. 60%).</li> <li>• Consumables/Supplies.</li> <li>• Animals/Model costs.</li> <li>• Equipment (only on leasing or rent).</li> <li>• Travel (Max. 30%).</li> <li>• Dissemination activities (Max. 1%).</li> <li>• Publication costs: Max. 2%; Open Access Max.5%.</li> <li>• Patients’ recruitment costs.</li> <li>• IT Services and Data Bases.</li> <li>• Coordination costs</li> </ul> <p><b>Indirect Costs:</b> Overhead (Max.10%, included in the total).</p> <p><b>Other indirect costs are not eligible.</b> <b>Transfer of eligible funds abroad is not allowed.</b> <b>Subcontracts are allowed ONLY upon approval, by presenting via Workflow – code ER, a request together with the National pre-eligibility form, the latest 20 days before the deadline of the pre-proposal submission. Subcontracting cannot involve the core activities of the project.</b></p>

<b>National phase</b>	After completion of the TRANSCAN-4 JTC-2026 peer review process and endorsement of the final (scientific) ranking list by the Call Steering Committee, the Ministero della Salute will invite the principal investigators of the projects approved for funding to enter the formal national negotiations (according to national regulations). Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministero della Salute.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Further information on the rules of the Ministero della Salute can be found at <a href="http://www.salute.gov.it">http://www.salute.gov.it</a> , section “Ricerca Sanitaria”, or requested to the national contact persons.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Italy – Lombardy, FRRB</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Fondazione Regionale per la Ricerca Biomedica (FRRB)
<b>National contact persons</b>	Giulia ROSSIGNOLO and Fabio RONDINI Piazza Città di Lombardia,1 20124 – Milano <a href="mailto:giuliamaria.rossignolo@frrb.it">giuliamaria.rossignolo@frrb.it</a> ; <a href="mailto:fabio.rondini@frrb.it">fabio.rondini@frrb.it</a> ; <a href="mailto:bandi@frrb.it">bandi@frrb.it</a> +39 02 67650159; +39 02 67650163
<b>Regional programme</b>	FRRB Action Plan 2024
<b>Funding commitment</b>	2.0 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	4-5
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Maximum € 500. 000 per Project Maximum two partners from Lombardy per Project
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Only translational and clinical research projects will be funded; fundamental research is not eligible. For definitions of basic, translational, and clinical research, please refer to the document published on the FRRB webpage dedicated to the TRANSCAN4 JTC 2026 call for proposals.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Eligible applicants must be located in Lombardy: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Public or Private Italian IRCCS (Scientific Institutes for Health Research, Hospitalization and Health Care). They can apply as Partners or Coordinators of a Consortium.</li> <li>2. Public Health Care Providers (ASST). They can apply as Partners or Coordinators of a Consortium.</li> <li>3. Agenzie di Tutela della Salute (ATS). They can apply as Partners or Coordinators of a Consortium.</li> <li>4. Azienda Regionale Emergenza Urgenza (AREU). They can apply as Partners or Coordinators of a Consortium.</li> </ol>

	<p>5. Research Institutes - only in partnership with one of the organisations above (1,2,3,4). They can apply as Partners of a Consortium.</p> <p>6. Universities - only in in partnership with one of the organisations above (1,2,3,4). They can apply only as Partners of a Consortium.</p> <p>Enterprises and for-profit organisations are NOT eligible.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b></p>	<p><b>Rules regarding the Principal Investigator (PI):</b></p> <p>A Principal Investigator (PI) cannot simultaneously hold more than one FRRB grant. PIs who are currently FRRB grant holders cannot apply to a new JTC unless their project is closed before the deadline of the new JTC pre-proposals. A project is considered closed when the final financial and scientific reports have been sent to FRRB. This rule applies only to PIs, not to team members.</p> <p>Personnel costs of PIs who have a permanent contract with their own organisation are <b>NOT</b> eligible.</p>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p>Direct costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel (for public IRCCS and ASST, ATS and AREU, ONLY staff recruited specifically on the project). Personnel costs of PIs who have a permanent contract (contratto indeterminato) with their own organisation are NOT eligible.</li> <li>• Consumables, animals purchase, maintenance and breeding.</li> <li>• Equipment (on hire or eligible amortization rate).</li> <li>• Travel: max 10% of the total direct costs (<i>overheads and subcontracting costs excluded</i>)</li> <li>• Publications (only open access): max 5% of the total direct costs (<i>overheads and subcontracting costs excluded</i>).</li> <li>• Other direct costs: please include here other costs, including those related to patient involvement (insurance, reimbursement, etc.).</li> <li>• Subcontracting: max 20% of the total direct costs (<i>overheads costs excluded</i>)</li> </ul> <p>Indirect costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overheads: 20% flat rate calculated on direct costs (<i>Subcontracting costs excluded from this calculation</i>).</li> </ul> <p>FRRB will require the submission of a financial audit certificate together with the final financial report. This cost, to be included under the “Subcontracting” category will be eligible up to a maximum of € 8.000. Only costs generated over the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible.</p>
<p><b>National (regional) phase</b></p>	<p>According to internal procedures, FRRB will run a check on the potential applicants prior to the submission of the pre-proposals.</p> <p>The pre-eligibility check will be based on the verification of a dedicated form (“Pre-eligibility check form”), available on the FRRB dedicated webpage, to be completed and uploaded on the FRRB platform by the Principal Investigator at least 3 working days before the pre-proposal submission deadline.</p> <p>FRRB will provide feedback on the “Eligibility check form” ONLY in case of major non-eligibility issues.</p>

	In addition, FRRB provides an excel sheet to help applicants abide by FRRB funding rules. This form is meant to support the PIs in the elaboration of the proposal budget, but it does not need to be sent to FRRB. Once the funded projects have been announced, FRRB will invite the PIs' host institutions of the projects approved for funding to sign a funding agreement.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Administrative and Financial guidelines will be provided by FRRB on the website in due time

<b>Country</b>	<b>Italy – Tuscany, RT</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Tuscany Region (RT)
<b>Regional contact persons</b>	Teresa VIERI +39 055 4383289 Ina Vorsa +39 055 4383525 Elisa Nannicini +39 055 4382891 <a href="mailto:transcan4@regione.toscana.it">transcan4@regione.toscana.it</a>
<b>Regional programme</b>	Regional Health Reseach Programme
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.3 M€ Maximum 300 000 € per project. MAXIMUM TWO PARTNERS FROM TUSCANY PER PROJECT (If there are two Tuscany partners in the same consortium, the amount of 300 000 € will be shared).
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partner</b>	1-2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	0.3
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	A. Authorities of the Tuscany Health Service-SST (Local Health Authorities, University Hospitals) and the SST bodies that carry out institutional research activities (Fondazione Toscana Gabriele Monasterio and ISPRO Institute for Study, Prevention and Networking Oncology) located in the territory of Tuscany. B. Universities and other research institutes located in the territory of Tuscany.  <b>NB:</b> Institutions referring to point B are eligible only in partnership with institutions referring to point A.

<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	The Principal Investigator must be affiliated to one of the eligible bodies.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p>Only costs generated over the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel (ad hoc temporary contracts ONLY)</li> <li>- Consumables (no limit);</li> <li>- Equipment (on hire/leasing or eligible amortisation rate ONLY);</li> <li>- Clinical Trials (patients costs)</li> <li>- Capacity building</li> <li>- Travel (Up to 10% of the requested funding) Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with activities only linked to the project;</li> <li>- Other direct costs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• dissemination of results (publications, organisation of meetings/workshops etc. - up to 5% of the requested funding);</li> <li>• Subcontracting (up to 20% of the direct costs of the projects)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Overheads (up to 10% of the direct costs of the project excepted subcontracting).</li> </ul>
<b>Regional phase</b>	Tuscany Region will grant an eligibility clearance to the potential applicants prior to the submission of their pre-proposals. Eligibility check will be performed by Tuscany Region offices after receiving a dedicated form ( <a href="#">available on Tuscany Region institutional web-site</a> or upon request to <a href="mailto:transcan4@regione.toscana.it">transcan4@regione.toscana.it</a> ) duly filled out and signed by the Tuscan Principal Investigator and the legal representative of the applicant entity. The form should be sent to Tuscany Region ( <a href="mailto:transcan4@regione.toscana.it">transcan4@regione.toscana.it</a> ) at least 10 days before the pre-proposal submission deadline.
<b>Further guidance</b>	Financial Guidelines: Decreto dirigenziale n. 6376 del 26.03.2026.

<b>Country</b>	<b>Malta, XM</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Xjenza Malta (XM)
<b>National contact persons</b>	<p>Ana Cuca  <a href="mailto:ana.cuca@gov.mt">ana.cuca@gov.mt</a>,  Christy Baldacchino  <a href="mailto:christy.baldacchino.2@gov.mt">christy.baldacchino.2@gov.mt</a></p> <p>General inbox - <a href="mailto:eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt">eusubmissions.xjenzamalta@gov.mt</a> /+356 23602322</p>
<b>National programme</b>	
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.3 M €

<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	1-2
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	The maximum amount that national partner/s can jointly request per project is 0.3 M €
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Eligible institutions:
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	<p>1. Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, planning to carry out Fundamental Research, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects and must either 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 Cooperative Societies Act, or c. Professional body; or d. NGOs; or e. Non-profit making entities (including Foundations).</p> <p>2. 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)</p> <p>Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of the Malta based entities and the funding route chosen. Eligible costs include the following: personnel; instruments, specialised equipment, and research consumables; IP and knowledge transfer activities; travel and subsistence; subcontracted activities; overheads and other operating expenses. Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website: <a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/open-funding-schemes/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/open-funding-schemes/</a></p> <p>An Interim Technical Report and Financial Report are to be presented to Xjenza Malta at the mid-point of the project. At the end of the project, an End of Project Technical Report and End of Project Audited Financial Report need to be submitted.</p>
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	
<b>Submission of the proposal at the national level</b>	
<b>Further guidance</b>	Please contact one of the National contact persons listed if you have questions regarding the above. Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the Xjenza Malta website: <a href="https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/openfunding-schemes/">https://xjenzamalta.mt/media/openfunding-schemes/</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Poland, NCBR</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) ( <a href="http://www.ncbr.gov.pl">http://www.ncbr.gov.pl</a> )
<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Paulina Puchalska</b>

	<a href="mailto:paulina.puchalska@ncbr.gov.pl">paulina.puchalska@ncbr.gov.pl</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.2 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	3-4 projects
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Max. 300 000 EUR per project if a single entity (research organisation or enterprise) applies for funding.  Max. 400 000 EUR per project if a group of entities applies for funding.
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b> <b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<p><b>Following entities are eligible to apply:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enterprises<sup>5</sup> - Micro, Small, Medium and Large or</li> <li>2. Research organisations (research and knowledge-dissemination organisations)<sup>6</sup> or</li> <li>3. Groups of entities composed of two enterprises or</li> <li>4. Groups of entities composed of one research organisation and at least one enterprise or</li> <li>5. Group of entities composed of two research organisations.</li> </ol> <p><b>Further guidance:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility criteria resulting from Joint Transnational Call for Proposals 2026 (JTC-2026) shall be met.</li> <li>• Entities must be established as a legal person<sup>7</sup> and must conduct its business, R&amp;D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register<sup>8</sup>.</li> <li>• Eligible entities must be registered in Poland.</li> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• 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 application form, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Regarding filling the pre-proposal and full proposal application form:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research (TRL 2-9) in the pre-proposals and full proposal application forms in the 'Project description' section.</li> </ul>

<sup>5</sup> As defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014");

<sup>6</sup> As defined in Article 2 (83) of Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

<sup>7</sup> Legal person - an entity, other than a natural person, that is capable of having and amending legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sue;

<sup>8</sup> if applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the pre-proposal application forms the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro, small, medium, large) in the 'Project Coordinator' or 'Other research partners' sections.</li> <li>• ECR status will be verified based on the definition contained in the Call Text.</li> <li>• The travel costs of Polish partners should be included only in the 'Travel' category in the pre-proposals and full proposal application forms in the 'Total Financing plan: sum of year 1-3' and 'Individual financial plans: sum of year 1-3' sections.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p><b>Please refer to the national document - The Cost Eligibility Guide (Przewodnik Kwalifikowalności Kosztów).</b></p> <p><b>The eligible costs shall be the following:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>For research organisation:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Personnel</li> <li>2. Consumables</li> <li>3. Equipment</li> <li>4. Travel</li> <li>5. Other direct costs - please refer to cost eligibility guide (Przewodnik Kwalifikowalności Kosztów) for more details.</li> <li>6. Subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity. This cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project.</li> <li>7. Overhead – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs should account 25% of all eligible direct costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (6); It means <math>7 = (1+2+3+4+5) \times 25\%</math>.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• <b>For enterprises:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Personnel</li> <li>2. Equipment</li> <li>3. Other direct costs - please refer to cost eligibility guide (Przewodnik Kwalifikowalności Kosztów) for more details.</li> <li>4. Subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity. This cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project.</li> <li>5. Overhead – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs for enterprises include costs related to consumables, travel and other direct costs. Additional overheads costs should account 20% of eligible direct project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs; It means <math>5 = (1+2+3+4) \times 20\%</math>.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check cost eligibility guide (Przewodnik Kwalifikowalności Kosztów) in the call announcement on NCBR webpage: <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr</a></p>

Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development (TRL 2-9) will be funded. Basic research will not be funded. Other types of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) are not eligible for funding as separate WP)/Task.

**National funding rates:**

Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for research organisations. For enterprises, the quota will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account company size and the type of research and development activity, pursuant to Section 2 of the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development (Journal of Laws 2020, item 1456).

The following maximum funding quotas apply:

Type of Organization/ Type of Activity	Micro/S mall Enterpri ses	Medium Enterpri ses	Large Enterpri ses	Researc h Organiz ations
Industria l Researc h	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 %)	100%
Experim ental develop ment	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 %)	100%

For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations.

**National phase  
Further guidance**

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

	<p>Central Bank dated on the day of opening of the call. Detailed information about scope, financial rules, national procedure and national regulations is available on the NCBR's homepage:  <a href="https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy">https://www.gov.pl/web/ncbr/wniosek-krajowy</a></p> <p>In justified cases, the group of Polish entities may be modified prior to the issuance of the funding decision by the NCBR, however, any such modification to the composition of the consortium shall remain in full compliance with the eligibility rules of the call and shall be subject to the prior approval of the international project consortium, the call secretariat, NCBR, and any other funding agencies involved in the financing of the project. Any modification to the composition of the consortium shall not violate the principle of equal treatment of applicants.</p>
<p><b>National funding rates</b></p>	<p><b>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is in line with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• The Cost Eligibility Guide (Przewodnik Kwalifikowalności Kosztów);</li> <li>• Information for Horizon Europe applicants (Informacja dla wnioskodawców Horyzontu Europa).</li> <li>• A declaration confirming the status of a young scientist (Oświadczenie potwierdzające status młodego naukowca);</li> <li>• A declaration by the applicant that he/she is not subject to exclusion from applying for funding due to the sanctions (Oświadczenie sankcyjne); <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The minimum scope of a national consortium agreement (agreement of a group of entities or agreements of a group of entrepreneurs) (Zakres minimalny umowy konsorcjum krajowego).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Country</b></p>	<p><b>Romania, UEFISCDI</b></p>
<p><b>Funding organisation</b></p>	<p>Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), Romania</p>
<p><b>National contact persons</b></p>	<p><b>Mihaela MANOLE</b>  <a href="mailto:mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro">mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro</a>  <u>Nicoleta Dumitrache</u></p>

	<a href="mailto:nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro">nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro</a>
<b>National programme</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> National RDI Plan, Horizon Europa
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.0 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	4-5
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 250 000 euro in case a Romanian institution is the coordinator (together with other Romanian partner(s) – if it is the case);</li> <li>• 200 000 for one/all Romanian partner(s) participating in a proposal.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Eligibility of project duration: up to 36 months Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation. <a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-8">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/pncdi-iv-program-8</a>
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene</a>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	For more information: <a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene</a> Cost eligibility: a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overheads (indirect costs) are calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 25 % of direct costs.
<b>Further guidance</b>	<a href="https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene">https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Slovak Republic, SAS</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) <a href="https://www.sav.sk/">https://www.sav.sk/</a> <a href="https://oms.sav.sk/en/">https://oms.sav.sk/en/</a>
<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Katarina BIBOVA</b> <a href="mailto:katarina.bibova@urad.sav.sk">katarina.bibova@urad.sav.sk</a>

	<b>Martin NOVAK</b> <a href="mailto:martin.novak@urad.sav.sk">martin.novak@urad.sav.sk</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.12 M€
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	Up to 120 000€ per project
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Maximum duration 36 months
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Only research Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%).
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Slovak principal investigator must be affiliated with more than 50% working hours to the SAS organisation for which the project proposal or participation in the project proposal is submitted.</li> <li>2. Other project team members, except for doctoral students, must have a working relationship with the SAS organisation.</li> <li>3. Patient organisations are not eligible to be funded as a project partner.</li> </ol>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	<p><b>Total eligible costs = (DC + IC)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direct costs (DC): Personnel (max. 15% of DC for the Project Partner, max. 30% of DC for the Project Coordinator), Consumables and Travel costs.</li> <li>• Indirect costs (IC, Overheads): max. 20 % of DC.</li> </ul> <p>Limitations and specifications are available here:  <a href="https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udelovanie-grantov-SAV-pre-MVTS.pdf">https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udelovanie-grantov-SAV-pre-MVTS.pdf</a>  <a href="https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financial-rules-for-the-awarding-of-SAS-grants-for-international-research-projects-Valid-within-calls-published-from-1-December-2023.pdf">https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financial-rules-for-the-awarding-of-SAS-grants-for-international-research-projects-Valid-within-calls-published-from-1-December-2023.pdf</a></p>
<b>National phase</b>	Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required once the international evaluation has taken place and the ranking list has been endorsed by the Call Steering Committee (CSC). The Slovak partner will be informed about recommendation for funding by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit <b>the national proposal form (MVTS form)</b> . SAS Presidium makes the final funding approval. Financial and scientific yearly reports are requested during the project implementation.
<b>Further guidance</b>	133 Act of February 19, 2002 on the Slovak Academy of Sciences, Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation <a href="https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Pravidla-pre-schvalovanie-vyskumnych-projektov-MVTS-financovanych-zo-zdrojov-SAV_11-Nov-2021-1.pdf">https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Pravidla-pre-schvalovanie-vyskumnych-projektov-MVTS-financovanych-zo-zdrojov-SAV_11-Nov-2021-1.pdf</a>

<b>Country</b>	Spain, ISCIII
<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Institute of Health Carlos III, (ISCIII) <a href="http://www.isciii.es">www.isciii.es</a>

<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Mauricio Garcia-Franco</b> <a href="mailto:mauriciog@isciii.es">mauriciog@isciii.es</a> Tel: +34 91 822 2885																												
<b>National programme</b>	The Strategic Action in Health (Strategic Lines on Health Research 2024-2027, hereinafter <b>AES 2027</b> )																												
<b>Funding commitment</b>	1.0 M€ <b>Maximum grant duration:</b> 36 months Duration of projects: 24-36 months																												
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	4-6 research groups tentative envisaged to be funded																												
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<p>Spanish applicants must request funding to both funding agencies: <b>ISCIII + FCAECC</b></p> <p>Only two Spanish beneficiaries are allowed per project. Beneficiaries must belong to two different entities. After the evaluation process and based on their budgetary availability and requested funding of selected projects, ISCIII and FCAECC may assume each other's budget request to optimize the available funds following the respective eligibility rules. In this context, please note that overheads will only remain eligible for ISCIII.</p> <p>Depending on the number of Spanish participants in the consortium the following maximum figures for each awarded Spanish project per funding institution and total apply:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="752 743 2018 1171"> <thead> <tr> <th>Role / Number of partners</th> <th>Maximum amount requested to <b>ISCIII</b></th> <th>Maximum amount requested to <b>FCAECC</b></th> <th><b>Total</b> maximum amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>Projects WITHOUT a Spanish coordinator</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1. If there is only <b>one Spanish partner</b></td> <td>110.000€*</td> <td>140.000€</td> <td>250.000€</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. If there are <b>two Spanish partners</b></td> <td>120.000€*</td> <td>180.000€</td> <td>300.000€</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4"><b>Projects WITH a Spanish coordinator</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. If there is only <b>one Spanish partner acting as a coordinator</b></td> <td>150.000€*</td> <td>200.000€</td> <td>350.000€</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4. If there are <b>two Spanish partners and one of them acts as a coordinator</b></td> <td>170.000€*</td> <td>280.000€</td> <td>450.000€</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p><b>*25% of Overheads included</b></p> <p>In scenarios with two Spanish participants (2 and 4) the total budget is to be divided fairly among them according to their role in the project. The funds allocated to each group can never exceed the individual maximum figures indicated above.</p>	Role / Number of partners	Maximum amount requested to <b>ISCIII</b>	Maximum amount requested to <b>FCAECC</b>	<b>Total</b> maximum amount	<b>Projects WITHOUT a Spanish coordinator</b>				1. If there is only <b>one Spanish partner</b>	110.000€*	140.000€	250.000€	2. If there are <b>two Spanish partners</b>	120.000€*	180.000€	300.000€	<b>Projects WITH a Spanish coordinator</b>				3. If there is only <b>one Spanish partner acting as a coordinator</b>	150.000€*	200.000€	350.000€	4. If there are <b>two Spanish partners and one of them acts as a coordinator</b>	170.000€*	280.000€	450.000€
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Accredited Health Research Institutes</b> (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria Acreditados, <b>IIS</b>). Accredited according to the RD 339/2004, of February 27<sup>th</sup> or RD 279/2016. (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26<sup>th</sup>). See the list of IIS at <a href="#">this link</a>.</li> </ul>																												

<p><b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospitals, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS).</b> These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26<sup>th</sup> (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted).</li> <li>• <b>CIBER.</b> Only one Principal Investigator (PI) per consortium may be eligible by ISCIII. To meet the eligibility criteria, the research team must include members from at least two different CIBER groups based in separate home institutions. At least one of these two institutions must be either a hospital, a primary health care or a public health administration body within of the <b>SNS</b> or an <b>IIS</b>. For further information regarding CIBER's eligibility, contact directly <a href="mailto:pai@ciberisciii.es">pai@ciberisciii.es</a></li> <li>• <b>Public Research Institutions (OPIs)</b> as defined in article 47 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 202/2021, of 30 March, <b>private health entities and institutions, public universities and private universities</b> with proven R&amp;D activity capacity, other public R&amp;D centres may participate. However, <b>these entities can only participate if they apply together with Hospitals, primary health care or public health settings of SNS, or IIS</b> in the same proposal. It is not allowed to apply independently, <b>thus there must be two different beneficiary Spanish institutions requesting funding to ISCIII in the same proposal.</b></li> <li>• Applicants from <b>ISCIII</b> are eligible in the same conditions as OPI. Eligibility criteria from AESI 2027 apply. <b>Public Research Centres</b> legally constituted on monographic basis and exclusively dedicated in the field of cancer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Please Note:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The same beneficiary institution cannot participate with more than one partner in the same project proposal</li> <li>• A given PI can apply only once to this call.</li> <li>• PIs that have an ongoing International Collaboration (PCIN) project of the TRANSCAN-3 and that the project has an ending date after the 31st December 2027 will not be able to apply for this call. This incompatibility will affect only the PI, not the team members. This restriction does not apply in the case that the PI participates as coordinator in the new application in the ongoing project.</li> <li>• SMEs and other private companies are encouraged to participate at their own cost, as subcontractors.</li> <li>• Budgets might be subjected to readjustment in case of budgetary restrictions, accordingly to AES 2027.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p><b>BUDGET CRITERIA</b></p> <p>For Spanish applicants simultaneously applying for funding from ISCIII and FCAECC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Candidates shall comply with the eligibility criteria of both Institutions separately. Overheads are only eligible based exclusively on the figure requested from ISCIII.</li> <li>• In the <i>Pre-proposal Application Form</i>, it is compulsory to complete section "12. <i>Global financial plan</i>" with the aggregated amounts requested to ISCIII and FCAECC (please specify as Funding Organisation "ISCIII-FCAECC"). as well as section "13. <i>Individual financial plan</i>" breaking down the budget for both ISCIII and FCAECC, (#Partner a. &amp; #Partner b).</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Eligibility of PI and team members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIs must hold a <b>PhD</b> degree. This is a mandatory requirement</li> <li>• Each PIs can only participate in one project proposal per call.</li> <li>• The PI affiliation must be with the beneficiary entity or the performing center according to AES 2027</li> </ul>

<p><b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PIs affiliated with an IIS may apply <b>ONLY</b> through the <b>IIS</b>.</li> <li>• The PI and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institution.</li> </ul> <p>The following categories of researchers <b>are not eligible to apply as PI</b>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Individuals undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, EIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR, RFIR).</li> <li>• Individuals undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts).</li> <li>• Individuals undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell” or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts).</li> <li>• Researchers contracted by a RICORs and platforms.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b></p>	<p><b>Personnel costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel must be contracted under the appropriate professional category required for the development of the project (e.g. superior technician, BSc (Grado), MSc (Master), or PhD (Doctor). All contracts must be aligned with the official salary tables published on the ISCIII website/ AES 2027. No deviation from these salary tables will be accepted. Personnel cost must strictly adhere to the defined amounts; neither higher nor lower salaries will be eligible. Contracts for PhD students must be framed with the National Subprogramme for Training (scholarships are not eligible).</li> <li>• Duration of the contracts: during the whole or part of the duration of the project with a maximum effort of 36 PM per agency. Budget for personnel is simultaneously eligible for both FCAECC and ISCIII.</li> <li>• Personnel costs will not be eligible if they correspond to civil servants or equivalent personnel, as defined in Article 3.4 of the AES 2027 whether they are employed by the beneficiary institution or are members of the research team.</li> <li>• The hiring of permanent personnel already belonging to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible expenses, unless that applies the exception stated in AES 2027 for eligible personnel costs, for contracts framed under the Law 17/2022, 5 September, article 23bis in the specified Entities of Public sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other eligible costs:</b> Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), publication and dissemination of results and other costs as included in AES 2027 that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</p> <p><b>Overheads:</b> 25% of direct costs (according to AES 2027) <b>Double funding</b> of the same concept is not allowed.</p>
<p><b>National phase</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Spanish applicants are required to do a national eligibility check</b> AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to pre-proposal submission deadline. Principal investigators must fill out a specific form and <b>Annex</b> including the distribution of the funding (available on ISCIII website or upon request to the national contact persons) and send the <b>ISCIII-FCAECC pre-eligibility form (<a href="#">link</a>)</b> to both funding agencies <b>before 14th July 2026</b>. Please contact both funding organisations in the case you need additional information.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additionally, it is mandatory that all the applicants submit the <b>CVA-ISCI</b> of the PI. This document shall be submitted by the PI by electronic email before the proposal submission deadline to: <a href="mailto:mauriciog@isciii.es">mauriciog@isciii.es</a></li> </ul> <p>Due to administrative and legal regulations, Spanish applicants whose proposal is declared fundable for the Call Steering Committee must submit a national application to ISCI, in according the timeline and procedures outlined in the AES 2027.</p>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p><b>Additional requirements on data and repositories</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researchers funded by ISCI must make public human genomic data, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project, and will use open access repositories. Researchers must also make public all necessary information for interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, data instruments and survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood: association of complete genomes (GWAS), single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) arrays and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. Researchers whose projects are funded by ISCI are recommended to store their scientific data at the "<a href="#">ELIXIR Core Data Resources</a>" or, if non-European repositories or databases are to be used, they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).</li> <li>ISCI may not fund any project that may require a repository and/or a database without a plan ensuring sustainability and decommissioning after the end of funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Acknowledgements</b></p> <p>Any publication, database, product or event protected with IPR or not, resulting from the granted project must acknowledge "Award no. XX by Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCI) through AES 2027 and within the TRANSCAN framework" even after the end of the project. For more information, please see ISCI's ROR <a href="#">here</a>.</p>
<b>Requirements for clinical studies</b>	<p>Spanish groups that participate in a proposal performing a clinical study, <b>must include</b> in their team a member from their scientific node of the EU Clinical Trials Network (SCReN or ECRIN-ERIC) or if it does not apply, a member from the personnel of their Clinical Research Supporting Platform of their institutions (UIC). Any proposal performing a clinical study, it has to be specified in the proposal who is exactly the mandatory member of these dedicated Units.</p>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Spain, FCAECC</b>
<b>Funding organisation</b>	The Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (FCAECC)
<b>National contact persons</b>	Estela Cepeda <a href="mailto:estela.cepeda@contraelcancer.es">estela.cepeda@contraelcancer.es</a> Tel: (+34) 91 3108266 – ext. 89266
<b>Funding commitment</b>	2.0 M €
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partner</b>	8-10
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	See ISCI guidelines above.

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	See ISCIII guidelines above.
Additional eligibility criteria	See ISCIII guidelines above.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	See ISCIII guidelines above.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	<p><b>Eligible costs</b> for FCAECC include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Personnel costs</b> for employment contracts (internships are not eligible), with a maximum effort of 36 PM per agency. Budget for personnel is simultaneously eligible for both FCAECC and ISCIII.</li> <li>• <b>Expendable materials</b> (e.g. Laboratory consumables)</li> <li>• <b>Small scientific equipment</b> to be purchased only during the first two years of the project.</li> <li>• Travel and allowances. Please note that the <b>eligible costs for attending a conference or workshop are travel, meals and accommodation</b>; eligible costs <b>for short stays</b> (i.e. short stay in another laboratory to perform experiments or learn techniques/methodologies) are <b>travel, visa expenses</b>.</li> <li>• <b>Capacity building and other costs</b> that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed research activities.</li> </ul> <p><b>Not eligible</b> for FCAECC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Overheads are not eligible</b> and cannot be requested to FCAECC.</li> <li>• <b>Double funding</b> of the same concept <b>is not allowed</b>.</li> </ul> <p><u>Justification</u> of costs will be done in alignment with FCAECC guidelines in force during the execution of the project. May the <a href="#">current guidelines</a> serve as point of reference for this justification. Please note that they may be partially updated by the time of grant award and project implementation.</p> <p><b>General:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please note that budgets will be revised and may be subjected to readjustments according to FCAECC criteria.</li> <li>• After the evaluation process and based on their budgetary availability and requested funding of selected projects, ISCIII and FCAECC may assume each other's budget request to optimize the available funds following the respective eligibility rules. In this context, please note that overheads will only remain eligible for ISCIII.</li> </ul>
National Phase Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spanish applicants are <b>required to do a national eligibility check with both agencies at least one week prior to call deadline</b> submitting the ISCIII-FCAECC pre-eligibility form. See ISCIII table above.</li> </ul> <p><b>Additional requirements on data and repositories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Researchers funded by FCAECC must make public human genomic data, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project, and will use open access repositories. Researchers must also</li> </ul>

	<p>make public all necessary information for interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, data instruments, survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood the following: association of complete genomes (GWAS), single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) arrays and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. Researchers whose projects are funded by FCAECC are recommended to store their scientific data at the "<a href="#">ELIXIR Core Data Resources</a>" or, if non-European repositories or databases are to be used, they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FCAECC may not fund any project that may require a repository and/or a database without a plan ensuring sustainability and decommissioning after the end of funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Requirements for clinical studies</b>	See ISCIII table above
<b>Additional documents required to applicants requesting funding from ISCIII and FCAECC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Spanish applicants are required to do a national eligibility check</b> AT LEAST ONE WEEK prior to pre-proposal submission deadline. Principal investigators must fill out a specific form and <b>Annex</b> including the distribution of the funding (available on ISCIII website or upon request to the national contact persons) and send the <b>ISCIII-FCAECC pre-eligibility form (<a href="#">link</a>)</b> to both funding agencies <b>before 14th July 2026</b>. Please contact both funding organisations in the case you need additional information.</li> <li>In case of award, <b>agreements with FCAECC must be signed before December 1<sup>st</sup> 2027</b> following internal formalization process on FCAECC's Grant Management System.</li> </ul>
<b>Further guidance</b>	<p><b>Additional requirements on data and repositories:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Researchers funded by FCAECC must make human genomic data public, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project, and will use open access repositories. Researchers must also make public all necessary information for interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, data instruments, survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood the following: association of complete genomes (GWAS), single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) arrays and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. Researchers whose projects are funded by FCAECC are recommended to store their scientific data at the "<a href="#">ELIXIR Core Data Resources</a>" or, if non-European repositories or databases are to be used, they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI).</li> <li>FCAECC may not fund any project that may require a repository and/or a database without a plan ensuring sustainability and decommissioning after the end of funding.</li> </ul> <p><b>Acknowledgement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon award all project related communications must include proper acknowledgement of funding: <i>Project funded under the TRANSCAN-4 JTC 2026 international call for proposals by the Scientific Foundation of the Spanish Association Against Cancer (code FCAECC) + ISCIII acknowledgment see above</i></li> </ul>

<b>Country</b>	Taiwan, NSTC
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<b>Funding organisation</b>	National Science and Technology Council (NSTC), <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/?l=ch</a>
<b>National contact persons</b>	<b>Ching-Mei TANG</b> <a href="mailto:cmtom@nstc.gov.tw">cmtom@nstc.gov.tw</a> +886-2-2737-7695
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.81 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maximum funding per project is 270 000 EUR (about 9 000 000 NTD).</li> <li>• The decision regarding to the exact amount of the grant is dependent on the result of NSTC's internal review.</li> <li>• The number of grants of each PI must comply with NSTC's regulation of the maximum number of two international cooperation projects granted by NSTC for the same duration.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Please refer to the Call Text.
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	In compliance with the NSTC's regulation 'Operation Guidelines for NSTC Research Grants': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applicant institutions (i.e., research conducting institutions) shall be approved by NSTC to be eligible recipients of subsidisation in accordance with the 'Operation Guidelines for Institutions Applying for NSTC Grants'. The eligible institutions are classified into three categories as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Taiwanese public/private colleges and universities;</li> <li>2. Taiwanese public/private research institutions;</li> <li>3. Taiwanese medical institutions.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• In principle, NSTC does not directly subsidise industry.</li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	In compliance with NSTC's regulation 'Operation Guidelines for NSTC Research Grants': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Principal Investigator(s) must meet several qualifications. For more information about the qualifications please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch</a></li> </ul>
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	About budget requirements of the projects based on which applicants can apply to NSTC for funding, please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch</a>
<b>National phase</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No official national application is needed in the pre-proposal or full proposal phase. However, applicants must notify the national contact person in the National Science and Technology Council of their application to the JTC-2026 via email, attaching a copy of the application.</li> <li>• Taiwanese project partners shall submit a proposal to NSTC for national financing after the project has been selected and approved for funding through the JTC-2026 evaluation procedure.</li> <li>• Proposals must be submitted to NSTC for funding as soon as possible, as the internal process of NSTC generally takes 6 months.</li> </ul>
<b>Further guidance</b>	Please refer to: <a href="https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch">https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/rfpDetail/c1a582ae-95bc-4449-908f-590d6cb409ea?l=ch</a>

<b>Country</b>	<b>Turkiye</b>
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<b>Funding organisation</b>	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkiye (TÜBİTAK)
<b>National contact persons</b>	N. Selcan Turker, PhD 0090 3122981760 <a href="mailto:selcan.turker@tubitak.gov.tr">selcan.turker@tubitak.gov.tr</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	0.5 M€
<b>Anticipated number of fundable project partners</b>	2-3
<b>Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner</b>	TÜBİTAK national rules dictate a certain upper limit per project and per applicant type; however, these limits will be defined once the initial funding commitment is defined. Moreover, Turkish applicants must add and indicate their Project Incentive Bonus (PTİ) and Institutional Share budgets on top of the national cost of the project itself. Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals, and public institutions and organizations will be funded at a rate of 100% of their approved budgets. Large-scale private companies will be funded at a rate of 60% of their approved budgets, while SMEs will be funded at a rate of 75% of their approved budgets. <b>For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TUBİTAK.</b>
<b>Eligibility of projects</b>	Maximum 36 months
<b>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</b>	Applicants can apply from universities (public and private), research institutes, public and private organizations Foundations/Associations are not eligible. For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TUBİTAK. TÜBİTAK-funded costs of each grant shall be issued and managed by TÜBİTAK in accordance with the rules of TÜBİTAK 1071 Program.  Applicants from Turkiye should apply to TÜBİTAK 1071 Programme via <a href="https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/">https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/</a> in parallel to the 1 <sup>st</sup> stage application.
<b>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</b>	<b>Project Manager, Researchers and Advisors:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University personnel should have a PhD degree or specialization in medical degrees.</li> <li>- Those working in a public institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate degree of 4 years.</li> <li>- The project manager and researchers should reside and work in Turkiye.</li> <li>- An advisor is allowed if the project requires special expertise on a specific subject. The number of advisors in a project is limited to the number of specific subjects in the project. The role of advisor in the project should be explained in detail in the project proposal.</li> </ul> <b>NOTE:</b> The highest level managers of public institutions/organizations (Rector, Chief Physician, Hospital Manager, General Manager etc.) cannot take charge as project manager, but can participate as researcher if they are working in those positions as of the application date.
<b>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</b>	Eligible types of funding under this programme are limited to personnel costs, travel and subsistence, equipment, consumables and subcontracting/services and a fixed amount of overhead budget per each Turkish applicant. Projects intended to build infrastructure cannot be supported. For further information, applicants should follow the announcements regarding this call under the official website of TUBİTAK.

	Capacity building activities are not eligible for funding from TUBITAK.
<b>National phase Further guidance</b>	Participants from Turkiye should also submit their proposals in Turkish to TUBITAK 1071 Programme electronically via <a href="http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr">uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr</a> for pre-proposals. Applicants will be invited for full proposal application to 1071 Programme after TRANSCAN-4 JTC-2026 funding decision.