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Annex IX

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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	1,500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	500,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 48 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	None					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.vlaio.be/en/vlaio-netwerk/agricultural-trajectories-la-trajectories https://www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/research-project https://www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/development-project					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x				x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
National Annexes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission form agricultural trajectories, research project or development project Cost model Sources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.vlaio.be/nl/vlaio-netwerk/landbouw-la-trajecten/hoe-een-la-traject-aanvraag-indienen https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject/aanvraagprocedure-voor-de-subsidie-onderzoeksproject https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject/aanvraag-en-evaluatieprocedure 						

Applicants who want to submit a proposal are requested to contact VLAIO as soon as the consortium is complete.

The national annexes have to be submitted latest 1 week before the international submission deadline.

VLAIO will organize an informative session with each applicant after submission.

The maximum funding per project is 500 000 euro.



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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	1,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	1,000,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 48 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	/					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	The projects must have a favourable impact on the Walloon economy and it should align with the priority of the regional Smart Specialization Strategy (S3 Wallonia).					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information						
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x				x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Please indicate in the submission system in your partner profile from which Belgium funder you will request funds from. This is obligatory as three funders from Belgium participating in this call.						
Legal, administrative and financial conditions						
<p>The Walloon decree on RDI support (25/06/2008) is the Walloon legal basis to determine the funding of the participants. Participants must be based in Wallonia and the Walloon company(ies) must have a business unit in Wallonia. The companies have to present an innovative RDI project with a favourable impact on the Walloon economy and it should align with the priority of the regional Smart Specialization Strategy (S3 Wallonia). The participants cannot benefit from any other public funding for the same activities. The participants have fulfilled their obligations in the context of previous support allocated by the Region. The companies in difficulty, in accordance with the European legislation, cannot be funded. The participants must demonstrate their capability to carry out the tasks assigned to them in the project, exploit the results of the latter and have positive impacts on Wallonia from a socio-economic and sustainable development perspective.</p>						
Consortium configuration						

The Walloon partners of the consortium must include at least one company and the research budget of the Walloon partner company(ies) must correspond to at least 40% of the total budget of all Walloon partners.

Eligibility of costs

The eligibility of costs is in accordance with the guidelines issued the 8th October 2021 by the Service Public de Wallonie (SPW) available on https://recherche.wallonie.be/files/B_Je-dois-savoir/B2_Savoir-apres/Guide-des-d%C3%A9penses-admissibles_aides-g%C3%A9n%C3%A9rales_20211008.pdf



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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	300,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	187,500 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Only Theme 1: Enhancing agroecology at farm level					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	Within this call, the Flemish Government/ Agency For Agriculture and Fisheries only subsidizes research that is situated within organic primary production.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://lv.vlaanderen.be/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/ citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Please indicate in the submission system in your partner profile from which Belgium funder you will request funds from. This is obligatory as three funders from Belgium participating in this call.						
SCOPE and objectives						
Within the AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded call, the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries only subsidizes research that is situated within the organic primary production . Only research within Technology Readiness Level (TRL 4 up to 6) will be funded.						
All research in the context of this call must ultimately benefit Flemish organic farmers and horticulturists. The research must meet the legal conditions as imposed by the legislation regarding organic production in Flanders . If an exception is to be granted for research purposes, this must be discussed before submission of the pre-proposal with the Agency for agriculture and fisheries.						
Within this call following theme can be subsidized:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Theme 1: Enhancing agroecology at farm level. 						
Theme 2: Implementing agroecology at the landscape level of the AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded call is NOT eligible for subsidy from the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries.						

Project period

The minimum project duration is 24 months, and the maximum is 36 months. The earliest possible start date for projects recommended for funding is April-May 2025. All projects must be completed by 2028.

Projects can only start when the ministerial decree for the project is signed.

How much subsidy is given?

The Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries has provided a budget of 300 000 euros for this AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded call. The maximum funding per project is 187 500 euros.

The budget for the research projects must be drawn up based on the estimated real costs that will be incurred exclusively by the Flemish organizations and institutions. These costs must be proven based on a final statement after the end of the project. The projects are subsidized up to a maximum of 100% of the total project costs, except for overhead costs that are not subsidized.

The cost price of the project must be justified in relation to the expected result.

Funding modalities and Who can apply?

Unless otherwise stated in these regional terms and conditions, the rules as set out in the AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded call apply.

Flemish research institutions and Flemish educational institutions (universities and university colleges) without commercial objectives can apply for funding. Apart from these, other institutions and organisations (non-profit organizations and private companies including farmers) will be involved in the submission of the application and the implementation of the project; they are further on referred to as "Flemish partners".

It is imperative that one institution in Flanders is designated as the **applicant institution**. This is the institution member of the Project Consortium within AGROECOLOGY 1ST Co-funded call responsible for the realization of the **Flemish part of the project**. This institution is responsible for submitting the project proposal, carrying out the project and submission of payment applications. This doesn't imply, however, that this applicant institution is the coordinator for the whole Project Consortium within the AGROECOLOGY call.

The research should address real needs within the Flemish organic sector and focus on fundamental / applied research. Proposals should aim to connect fundamental research with operational solutions and innovation activities, integrating farmers' knowledge, or focus on applied research. Therefore, preferably a consortium is set up with practice centers. The collaboration increases the impact of the research and a successful implementation of the results in Flemish organic sector. The partnership with practice centers is maximum 30% of the total eligible costs. Non-profit organizations and private companies including farmers can be a subsidized partner in case they take up substantial tasks within the project to achieve the project objectives. This concerns therefore a project support that is spread over the entire project duration. The total budget for these partners does not exceed 10% of the total project budget.

Apart from the research institutions involved, cooperation with the non- profit sector, farmers, extension services,... is encouraged as to meet the project requirement of a multidisciplinary and integrated approach with a multi-actor perspective. For more information on the financial conditions, see section 6.

Before the project proposals are prepared, applicants are strongly advised to contact the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries.

For submission of the preproposal, a detailed template is provided by the AGROECOLOGY 1st Co-funded call. A Dutch project application form will be distributed to the Flemish partners in projects that

received a favourable advice and positive recommendation for financing from the AGROECOLOGY Funder Board including the Flemish Government/ Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries.

Technical conditions

Research in organic farming

The projects are written, implemented, and monitored together with the organic sector, concerning both the practical applications and the more fundamental research aspects. Cooperation and partnership between the professional field (applied research centers, organic farmers' networks, etc.) and the submitting institutions is indispensable and a prerequisite for the project. Research in the context of these projects is preferably conducted on-farm.

To be eligible for participation, a certificate is required that the research proposal is supported by the organic sector (e.g. the report of a meeting with farmers, a list of signatures or a written agreement,...This should be made available when submitting the pre-proposal.

Key performance indicators must be listed in the application form.

Dissemination of results within Flanders

Within the project, the project plan must clearly state how the results of the project are being disseminated to the organic farming and horticulture sector concerned: to both farmers and horticulturists, to advisers and the government. This must be done during the duration of the project. The project is an open knowledge project, in which all results are disseminated in an open knowledge system.

All communications must display the logo of the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries.

The final technical report and/or brochure must be made publicly available at least as a digital document.

Establishment of the Flemish steering group

The aim of this steering group is to collaborate within the Flemish context with as many actors as possible that are relevant for and active on the topic, to guide the project and to help disseminate the results about the Flemish organic agricultural and horticultural sector.

A proposal for the composition of the project steering group should be mentioned in the Dutch project application form, which will be sent after a favourable advice and positive recommendation for financing from the AGROECOLOGY Funder Board. The selection of the final steering committee is made in consultation with the responsible official of the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries who monitors the project administratively and technically. Attention must be paid to the presence of a sufficient number of participants from the Flemish organic agricultural and horticultural sector, so that they are sufficiently involved and can provide feedback during the course of the project. At the latest one month after the starting date of the project, the responsible official is contacted to determine the date for a first meeting of the steering committee. At least 1 steering committee meeting is organized per year.

Communication with the government involved

All activities in the context of the project in which the Flemish partners are involved, both in-country and abroad, are reported to the relevant officials of the Flemish government who follows up the project administratively and substantively. They receive an invitation for the activities within Flanders. The coordinates of the people being notified are communicated at the start of the project period.

Financial conditions

General

The costs must be specified in detail per cost category (investment expenses, personnel costs, operating costs, outsourcing) in the application form. In the case of cooperation between several Flemish partners, this may have to be split per partner.

The division into cost category is important; at the time of financial settlement, shifts between the cost categories (investment costs, operating costs, etc.) are only accepted up to a maximum **of 10% of the total approved project amount**. These shifts must be motivated and requested in writing or electronically and must be approved by the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries.

Only expenses incurred during the project duration are accepted, and for which invoices and proof of payment can be submitted.

Only the following expenses can be submitted:

- expenses related to activities that took place within the project period and
- expenses for which the date of the invoices or other accounting documents concerned, is within the project period, and
- expenses for which proof of payment of the effective payments can be presented. These payments must have been made either within the planned project period or at the latest 30 days after the end date of the project. Costs for which payment is made later are not accepted as eligible costs.

VAT can only be charged for the non-refundable part. Therefore, the current VAT status of the applicant must always be stated and substantiated at the financial settlement. In case of a mixed VAT status, the applicant must state what percentage of the VAT is recoverable.

Investment expenses

Investment costs are only accepted as costs if:

- made during the course of the project;
- contribute directly and demonstrably to the realization of the project;
- verifiable.

The depreciation period must always be stated and can be proven in the bookkeeping of the organization. The eligible cost is the depreciation cost during the duration of the project and proportional to the deployment of the equipment on the project. For example, if the investment was made in August and the project runs until the end of the year, then only 5/12th of an annual depreciation is acceptable.

In preproposal phase, investments can be listed as 'Consumables / Equipment' in the financial table of the preproposal template.

Personnel costs

A subsidized partner can deliver performance in a project in various ways; the following situations are distinguished:

- Situation A: the project employee is an employee in an organization/company
- Situation B: the project employee is self-employed

Situation A: The project employee is an employee within an organization/(private) company that is a subsidized partner of the project.

The employee is employed by an organization/company via an employment contract. The wage costs of staff members directly involved in the project can be included as personnel costs. Also the wage costs of personnel who provide specific services for the project, such as project accounting and project

administration are eligible. Indirect support staff as well as the wage costs for supervision are not included in personnel costs.

In addition to contractual staff, appointed staff (such as Independent Academic Staff and statutory staff), who contribute directly to the project and whose remuneration is charged to the general operating resources of research institutions and governments, can be financed on the project.

In this respect, the employer is obliged to ensure that the government does not double finance these persons for the same work. This can be done, for example, by means of a statement that they are replaced by others for their regular duties.

For the declaration of personnel costs, one must work by means of a standard hourly rate (SUT).

To calculate the eligible hourly rate, the following formula is applied: $\text{hourly rate} = 1.2 / 100 \times \text{gross monthly wage}$. The standard hourly rate for a staff member with a monthly gross wage of, for example, 3,500 euros is: $3,500 \text{ euros} / \text{month} \times 1.20\% = 42 \text{ euros} / \text{hour}$.

The gross monthly wage is in proportion to the required qualifications. The eligible standard hourly rate is limited to a maximum of 100 euros / hour.

The basis for calculating the standard hourly rate is the fixed gross monthly salary (without allowances, premiums, ... as these are included in the factor 1.2) as stated on the payslip of January (or the first full month after commencement of employment) of the calendar year in which the hours are performed. For staff members with a part-time employment contract, the full-time gross monthly salary is taken as the basis for calculation. If a staff member has several employment contracts, the basis for calculating the standard hourly rate is the total of the wage, unless the deployment in the project only relates to one employment contract.

The obtained standard hourly rate is then applied to the actual hours worked in the context of the project and applies to the entire calendar year. A new SUT is calculated in January of each year. An interim adjustment of the SUT is only possible based on a new employment contract.

If a person has other income, for example from part-time employment elsewhere, then the acceptable personnel costs can only relate to the remaining time. This means that a person with a full-time professional activity outside the project or a full-time replacement income cannot introduce personnel costs.

If a staff member works part-time on the research project and also part-time on other projects, also indicate how many and for which projects the other man-days of this staff member have been worked.

Situation B: Project employee is a self-employed person within a company that is a subsidized partner.

Farmers, advisors and other entrepreneurs (e.g. processors, distributors,...) who are a subsidized partner in the project through their company and who take up substantial tasks within the project to achieve the project objectives, can be compensated. Note that in case the self-employed person is a farmer and the related cost is lower than 3000 euro, this can also be included under 'Operating costs' (see 6.4).

In the event that the project employee is the manager of the company, he himself delivers the performance and he receives compensation through funds from his company. The project employee does not have a pay slip as a basis for settling their personnel costs. The costs for performance must be specified in terms of an hourly rate and number of man-hours performed. The eligible rate is limited to 120 euros/hour.

In general, for personnel costs (situation A or B):

- In the project application, you must provide a description of the estimated functions (project coordinator, researcher, worker,...) and the estimated staffing needed in the framework of the

project. In addition, you should estimate the number of days each member of staff will work on the project.

- In the reporting the hours worked for the project must be calculated per project employee and registered per day.

The following documents must be submitted with the interim and final reports:

- time registration: for reporting personnel costs, the hours worked for the project are recorded per staff member and per day. The reported project hours may not exceed the number of contractually performed hours for a month. Beneficiaries can rely on their own registration system. If such a registration system does not (yet) exist within the own organization, beneficiaries can rely on the template that is made available.
- if applicable, the January payslip for each year in which the employee participates in the project, or first full-month payslip if the employee was later employed or a pay statement from the social secretariat. This serves as proof of costs and as proof of payment.

With the standard hourly rate method, it is therefore not required to prove the real wage cost. The check will be made on the correct application of this method. Furthermore for situation B, a check will be made of the application of the limited rate of 120 euros/hour.

Kilometric allowances for assignments are included in operating costs.

Operating costs

Only operating costs that are directly related to the project and that are also verifiable are accepted as operating costs. In other words, it are costs and expenses that would not have occurred without the project. The following may be accepted as operating costs:

- the expenditures directly related to the project for consumables, supplies, raw materials and tools, the expected lifetime of which does not exceed the duration of the project;
- allowances to farmers: if less than 3000 euro subsidy, this can be declared under operating expenses under the respective partner; all costs incurred must be proven to be directly related to the project. If it concerns a fee for a time spent, the time spent must be demonstrated in detail. If an invoice is not possible (for the farmer), a cost statement claim can be included
- travel costs for project employee according to the project, to the extent that they do not exceed the amounts accepted for tax purposes (for car costs, the kilometric allowance is used as stated in the [annual circular letter](#) in the Belgian Official Gazette);
- rent to be paid to third parties for the use of buildings, premises, equipment and infrastructure, if this rent is necessary and directly linked to the project and for the relevant period of the project duration.

Internal invoicing is only **exceptionally possible** (e.g. for analyses in one's own lab), with prior request (with justification of the amounts, e.g. price list) and approval by the Agency for Agriculture and Fisheries. Internal invoicing is acceptable if:

- it concerns purely supporting supplies or services;
- the calculation is made at cost price (no margin); only the costs actually incurred are accepted;
- an internal invoice can be submitted;
- the billing department has complied with the law on public procurement.

The law on public procurement does not apply to invoicing of works/deliveries/services between purely internal departments of the same organization.

The following are not acceptable as operating costs:

- depreciation costs for the use of existing infrastructure (buildings, equipment, installations, furniture and rolling stock, etc.),
- expenditure related to distribution, marketing and advertising, unless explicitly stipulated and justified in the project application,
- rental to itself or "internal rental bill"; this is the charging of a rental price for making a building and infrastructure available,
- costs charged by educational or research institutions for the use of existing basic equipment when the beneficiary is the research institution itself.

Outsourcing

This category includes the costs of the services provided by external parties within the framework of the project (e.g. allowances for study, engineering and consultancy firms).

If the project applicant hires external services, this must be stated in advance in the **project proposal** or be **requested in advance** and must therefore be **approved**. Outsourcing category can only cover external services if it concerns services that the project partners themselves can not deliver. The project proposal or the application must specify in detail what the contracted performance entails. The invoice must also state in detail what the contracted performance entails. The rates must be in line with the market. When hiring external services, the law on public procurement must be complied with.

Overhead expenses

Overhead costs (e.g. electricity and heating costs of office space) are **not taken into consideration** for subsidies.



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National regulation

Indicative budget	750,000 CHF					
Maximum funding per project	250,000 CHF					
Project duration	Min. NA months			Max. NA months		
Themes and topics to be funded	/					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x	x	x	x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Terms and conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for Swiss partners in a AGROECOLOGY partnership consortia is granted according to national regulations, which are stated in the "Verordnung über die landwirtschaftliche Forschung vom 23. Mai 2012 (VLF; SR 915.7)". The planned research activities must be consistent with the Swiss legal regulations for research on Human as well as animal research and for genetically modified organisms (GMO). The project should be an innovative project. By applying a project, the researcher confirms, to his knowledge, that no similar projects have already be done or are in progress at a national and international level. If the oversubscription for Swiss partners exceeds the amount defined in the AGROECOLOGY consortium agreement, FOAG is entitled to selected the Swiss projects via a national selection. <p>Eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eligible are personnes working for a public and private research institutions as well as small and medium enterprises (SME), if they are legally established in Switzerland. This is also applicable for subcontractor (the subcontractor need to be clearly defined in the proposal) 						

Funding

- The overall funding amount for Swiss partners is CHF 750.000. The requested amount for Swiss partners in each application shall not exceed CHF 250.000.
- Due to budget organization, the Swiss project partner will receive the 1st payment part from the FOAG not before January 2025, even the project starts in 2024.
- Funding is limited to 75% of the total reported costs of the Swiss partner. The remaining costs must be covered by own resources of the applicant or by other funding bodies. The exchange rate is 1 CHF = 1 EUR.
- The funding will be granted as a global contribution, usually one third as an advance payment, one third as an intermediate payment after the midterm reporting and one third as a final payment after the final reporting. The formalities of each contribution will be regulated in a contract between the FOAG and the corresponding research partner(s).
- Additional funding will not be provided afterwards.
- Funding does not cover expenditures for activities carried out before the project has been granted.
- Swiss budget must be justified and clearly described in the proposal (e.g. in the partner information's part). Please contact FOAG to ask for the excel file- or click on the link [here](#).
- Budget for salary for permanent position in public institute (such as Agroscope and University) is not allowed. Budget for additional salary of part-time permanent position (i.e. Increasing the part-time or "percentage") can be increased to a maximum of 100%.



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National regulation

Indicative budget	2,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	500,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x	x	x	x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Legal entities established and based in the areas, which are under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus. Research Organisations, Enterprises (small, medium, large), Other Private Sector Organisations, Other Public and Broader Public Sector Organisations					
Eligible type of research and TRL	Basic research, applied research, experimental development TRLs 1-8					
Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level	Mandatory IRIS Portal					
Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency	Please check National Regulations at: RIF's website RIF IRIS Portal					
Eligible costs	Personnel cost Cost for Instruments and Equipment					

	Cost for External Services Consumables Other Specific Costs Overheads
Website with additional information	RIF's website RIF IRIS Portal



Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	3,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	700,000 € (max. funding per German partner is 500,000 €) 800,000 € (in case one German partner has the coordinator role, max. funding per German partner is 600,000 €)					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	Projects must have a clear added value to the national funding programme.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.bmbf.de/SharedDocs/Publikationen/de/bmbf/FS/316_17_Nationale_Biooekonomiestrategie_Langfassung_en.pdf					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
X	X	X			X	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal and to refer to the National Announcement (“nationale Bekanntmachung”) where all national requirements for funding are defined (https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shreddocs/bekanntmachungen/de/2024/03/2024-03-08-Bekanntmachung-Agroecology.html). Non-profit organisations have to contact the National Contact Persons to approve eligibility. The maximum funding per project is 700,000 €, however max. 500,000 € per German partner; only if a German project partner is the Coordinator of the transnational project, the maximum funding is increased to 800,000 €, however max. 600,000 € per German partner). BMBF funding of the 1st AGROECOLOGY call is provided as delineated in the national announcement “Förderung der <i>Agroecology</i> in landwirtschaftlichen Betriebssystemen und regionaler Landschaft” https://www.bmbf.de/bmbf/shreddocs/bekanntmachungen/de/2024/03/2024-03-08-Bekanntmachung-Agroecology.html. 						

- German applicants who are eligible to receive “Projektpauschale” must make sure, that this is drawn in the section “Finances” under “Overhead”. Additional explanations are to be added in the section “Comments on finances”. More information is available in the “FAQ zur Projektpauschale”:
<https://foerderportal.bund.de>
- Funding bases on §§23 and 44 BHO (“Bundeshaushaltsordnung”) and associated administrative regulations. The main items are as follows:
 - The procedure (“Verfahren”) is according to the above-mentioned protocol (see Chapter “Application Procedure”). Funding will be awarded as non-repayable project grant.
 - The funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects are regulated according to the national announcement “Förderung der *Agroecology* in landwirtschaftlichen Betriebssystemen und regionaler Landschaft” and NKBF 2017, NABF and BNBest-mittelbarer Abruf-BMBF, respectively. Additionally, reporting duties as delineated in this Call Announcement in the Chapter “Project monitoring and meetings” must be respected as well.
 - Research institutions, which receive basic financing, can be funded subject to specific conditions.
 - **Private companies** must be registered in Germany and must be well established in Germany with plants, laboratories, employees, etc. The proposed project must be beneficial to the national economy. In order to prove their financial ability to participate in the proposed project, **Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs)** have to submit the following documents to the contact person written below together with the electronic submission of the proposals (documents received latest on **26th April 2024**):
 - 1) Financial statements for the last two years (Jahresabschlüsse der letzten zwei Jahre)
 - 2) Confirmation of the financial own contribution (Erklärung zur Aufbringung des Eigenanteils)
 - 3) Business assessment (Aktuelle BWA)

The documents have to be submitted to:

ptj-agroecology-call-office@fz-juelich.de



Bundesministerium für Ernährung und Landwirtschaft (BMEL)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	250,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Theme 2 only					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.ble.de/EN/Project-Funding/Funding-Contracts/EU-research-affairs-EMFF/EU-research-affairs_node.html					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal.</p> <p>BMEL funding of the 1st AGROECOLOGY call is provided as delineated in the National Announcement published in the Bundesanzeiger: Bekanntmachung Nr. 02/24/32 zur Förderung von transnationalen Forschungsvorhaben im Rahmen des ersten Aufrufs der Partnerschaft „Agroecology“ - “Förderung der Agroecology in landwirtschaftlichen Betriebssystemen und regionaler Landschaft” (https://www.bundesanzeiger.de/pub/de/amtliche-veroeffentlichung?24).</p>						

Innovation Fund Denmark

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National regulation

Indicative budget	1,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	See details below					
Project duration	Min. 12 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	Guidelines: https://innovationsfonden.dk/sites/default/files/2024-03/Guidelines%20International%20Collaborations%20March%201%202024.pdf					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Maximum funding per project</p> <p>The maximum amount per Danish partner in international projects is 300,000 €. The maximum amount for all Danish partners, if the project has two or more Danish partners, is 500,000 €.</p> <p>Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information</p> <p>Only registered legal Danish entities are eligible for investments from IFD. Foreign entities not funded by their national authorities can be subcontractors to Danish partners after approval by IFD, but not become partners if subcontracted by Danish partners funded by IFD grants. Any legal entity (such as an enterprise, a research institution, or a public institution) in Denmark directly involved in the international project activities, is eligible to participate and receive funding from IFD.</p>						



Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Danish AgriFish Agency
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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	500,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	Priority to projects addressing the organic sector.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://gudp.lbst.dk/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x		x	x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Name of & link to the funding programme and other relevant information: https://lbst.dk/tilskud-selvbetjening/tilskudsguide/groent-udviklings-og-demonstrationsprogram-gudp</p> <p>Institutional eligibility criteria: The funding from the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries of Denmark for this call is under the auspices of the Board of the “Green Development and Demonstration Programme” (GUDP) and is administered by the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries. GUDP is a funding programme that aims to motivate and promote ambitious, innovative activities focussing on the green transition of the Danish agriculture, fisheries and food sector and therefore shall meet the needs of the respective industries. For further information please consult: https://gudp.lbst.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/GUDP/Filer/GUDP_Strategi_2023-2027_20042023.pdf https://icrofs.dk/fileadmin/icrofs/ICROFS_strategi_2023-2025/ICROFS_STRATEGI_2022_2025.pdf</p>						

Projects are subject to the rules and regulations of GUDP as specified in GUDPs general national guidelines.

Submission of an **additional questionnaire** prior to the preregistration deadline is mandatory for Danish applicants. **The Danish project partner has to send the questionnaire directly to the Danish contact person** (see contact details above).

Additional information:

For Danish applicants, the rules of GUDP prevail, but the international application- and budget templates have to be used; only in case of granted funding, a budget scheme including a Gantt chart for the Danish part of the work, and participant datasheets have to be submitted.

Applications for funding can be submitted by:

- Large, medium and small size enterprises (incl. other stakeholders such as independent institutions, private research organizations, and owners, tenants and users of farms)
- Research and other public knowledge institutes
- Technical Service Institutes (GTS) – are classified as companies
- Non-profit organizations

Funding from GUDP cannot be granted directly to foreign institutions or businesses registered outside of Denmark. However, those may participate as an external consultant to a Danish applicant.

AE call specific requirements for MFVM funding:

The Danish MFVM funding under this call gives priority to projects addressing research-based knowledge and technologies that support the continuous growth and development of the organic sector, and increase the credibility, sustainability, and contribution to public goods, of and from the organic sector.


**REGIONAAL- JA
PÖLLUMAJANDUSMINISTEERIUM**
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National regulation

Indicative budget	100,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	100,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	no exceptions					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel -EN veebr.2023.pdf					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x		x	x	
others	The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account.					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.</p> <p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal, the total requested budget can be still max 100 000 € per proposal.</p> <p>It is mandatory for all Estonian applicants to follow the national eligibility criteria. Please note that if one of the partners is not eligible, the entire proposal might be considered ineligible.</p>						



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National regulation

Indicative budget	300,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	300,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://etag.ee/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Vastavusnouded-RV-uhiskonkurssidel -EN veebr.2023.pdf					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x		x	x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>If several Estonian institutions are applying in one proposal as partners, the total requested budget can be still max 100 000 euros per proposal. If the Estonian partner participates in the project as a coordinator, support of up to 300,000 euros can be requested for the Estonian sub-project. If several Estonian partners participate in the application coordinated by Estonia, the total budget of all Estonian partners participating in this project can be max 300,000 euros.</p>						



Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	1,350,000 €	
Maximum funding per project	<p>One AEI applicant in the proposal: 175.000 €</p> <p>One AEI applicants in the proposal acting as Coordinator 275.000 €</p> <p>Two AEI applicants in the proposal: 250.000 €</p> <p>Two AEI applicants in the proposal with one of them acting as Coordinator: 325.000 €</p>	
Project duration	Min. 24 months	Max. 36 (preferably) months
Themes and topics to be funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research and innovation activities in all AGROECOLOGY topics in this call are eligible. ▪ Spanish investigators are strongly encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. Spanish Industrial partners can apply to CDTI (participant in the agroecology call) for funding. 	
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mere diffusion, communication or other activities will not be eligible for funding. 	
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	<p>https://www.aei.gob.es/sites/default/files/page/field_file/2021-11/PEICTI_2021_2023.pdf</p> <p>The projects granted by the AEI must be aligned with the main objectives described in the Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica, Técnica e Innovación, and will be funded through the instrument “Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional (PCI)” 2025.</p> <p>Applicants are strongly encouraged to consult the PCI 2023-2 call text and especially the PCI requirements document on the national call website because they will be similar, as well as check their eligibility with the National Contact Point prior to the submission.</p> <p>Submission of proposals at the national level will be required at a later stage.</p>	

Following partners are eligible for funding:

Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer / citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	Check with NCP				check with NCP

Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information

Example of maximum funding per project	CD (€)	CI (25%) (€)	TOTAL (€)
One AEI applicant in the proposal	140.000	35.000	175.000
One AEI applicants in the proposal acting as Coordinator	220.000	55.000	275.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal	200.000	50.000	250.000
Two AEI applicants in the proposal with one of them acting as Coordinator	260.000	65.000	325.000

Additional amount of € 30.000 maximum (direct costs) can be requested per proposal if the work plan includes substantial experimental tasks to be carried out by the AEI applicants and which must be clearly justified in the budget.

Centers formed by different Spanish legal entities will be considered as a unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above (for example, mixed centers).

The final funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of industry and stakeholders and the financial resources available.

Eligible Costs:

- Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (PI contract excluded). The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs.
- Direct costs such as current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.
- Overheads (25 % of all direct costs, including the subcontracting costs).

The AEI will avoid double funding and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded through other national or EU calls.

- The eligible beneficiaries are non-profit research organizations (such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain) which must comply with the requirements established by this transnational call and with the rules on eligibility defined in the corresponding Spanish national funding instrument "Proyectos de Colaboración Internacional" PCI and the [PCI requirements document](#).

The entities must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls. They have to ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator (PI) during all the implementation of the project.

Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must:

- Be eligible to the corresponding PCI (see [PCI2023-1](#) as an example) call [and the PCI requirements document](#)
- Demonstrate experience as investigators in projects funded by the Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016, Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020, 2021-2023, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national and international programmes.
- Spanish PIs must have a contractual relation with the beneficiary covering the expected total length of the project (2025 – 2028).

Incompatibilities (these must be taken into account when participating in different transnational calls funded by PCI):

- PIs must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational joint call and the national PCI call should the proposal be recommended for funding.
- PIs will not be eligible for funding if applying in more than one proposal of this transnational call, in more than one proposal in the same PCI call and in PCI calls of consecutive years.
- PIs will be declared ineligible if they submit, as PIs or as coordinators, more than one preproposal to this transnational call, if they have submitted any proposal to another international call which may be funded through Spanish PCI calls in the same or in consecutive years, or if they have obtained a PCI project in the previous year. Financing of two PCI projects, with the same PCI, and in the same or consecutive years, is not allowed.
- **Important:** The applicants shall include the PI's full name and identification number as they appear in their DNI in the application form, as well as the full name of their institution in the original language and the CIF. The DNI and the CIF may be included in the same text box as their Family name and Legal full name of the research organization respectively.

It is very important to check the eligibility before sending the preproposal to avoid unwanted situations and damages to third parties.

Further requirements:

In addition to the national regulations, specific rules for the consortia may be applicable within the transnational call; please read carefully the Joint Call text and all the related instructions.

Important and mandatory acknowledgement: Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must be done in accordance with the publication requirements in the PCI 2025 call.

Data Protection: By submitting a grant application to the AEI, the applicants consent to communication of the data contained in the application to other public administrations, with the aim of further processing of the data for historical, statistical or scientific purposes, within the framework of the Organic Law 3/2018, of December 5, on Personal Data Protection and Guarantee of Digital Rights.



Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico y la Innovación E.P.E (CDTI)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	Non applicable					
Project duration	Min. 12 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	CDTI only funds activities that can be classed as industrial research or experimental development					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.cdti.es/financiacion-nacional-sera					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
					x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	For-profit enterprises (large or SMEs) established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain. Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other not-for-profit private institutions are not eligible.					
Eligible type of research and TRL	Applied research TRL: 4-7					
Submission of the (pre)proposal at the national level	Each Spanish company participating in a project and requesting funding from CDTI, must apply via CDTI's electronic submission system. CDTI's application process consists of completing an online application form (PAR application form) which is accompanied by a short technical report written in Spanish. The report must focus on the activities (and associated budget) that the company will assume in the project (please check Type of research funded and Eligible costs sections in this table). Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules, before submitting a proposal.					

Additional eligibility criteria for the funding agency	Please note that failing to comply with the national application process by the deadline, will deem the company ineligible to participate in the call.
Eligible costs	Projects should support transnational collaboration; therefore, no single participant or country can exceed 70% of the total project costs. Eligible costs: • Staff costs related to technical staff directly involved in the R&D project. Project management costs, max. 58 hours per month (approximately 0,4PM) • Instrument and equipment costs • Implementation costs e.g., technical knowledge, patents, or consultancy services, intended exclusively for the research project and procured from external sources at market price. • Other costs including goods and services to be used exclusively for the research project e.g.: (national) audit costs max EUR 2,000 per year/beneficiary, travel costs associated with the implementation of the project (EUR 8,000 max. for the duration of the project). • Overheads (indirect costs as a percentage of personnel costs) are calculated automatically by CDTI's electronic submission system.
Website with additional information	CDTI Website
Additional information	CDTI will only fund technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation nº651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. Please note that non-technological activities e.g. developing new business models, are excluded from CDTI funding. R&D activities to be financed must be within the TRL 4-7 range and be implemented in Spain.



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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	200,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	200,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months (preferable)		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	no					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	The regional contribution will be co-funded with the European Regional Development Fund					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
X	X	X		X	X	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Junta de Extremadura (JUNTAEX) will finance the activities to be developed by the Extremadura entities identified above as eligible partners for funding in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura.</p> <p>Eligible costs will be those directly related and strictly necessary for the implementation of the project activities and taking place within the project period.</p> <p>The categories of eligible costs in the case of Extremadura entities applying for regional grant will be the following: personnel costs necessary for the execution of the activity, costs of other goods and services directly related to the activities of the project, travel and depreciation of scientific and technological equipment.</p> <p>Indirect costs will be calculated as a percentage of 7% of the total amount executed.</p> <p>In the case of enterprises, the contribution of the Junta de Extremadura will be limited to industrial research or experimental development projects carried out by small and medium-sized enterprises in the Autonomous Community of Extremadura with the following specifications:</p>						

PROJECT	SMALL ENTERPRISE (%)	MEDIUM-SIZED ENTERPRISE (%)
Industrial Research (TRL 2-4)	80	75
Experimental Development (TRL 5-7)	60	50

Finally, the results of the project will need to be widely disseminated through conferences, publications, open access databases or free or open source software for access to these aid intensities for enterprises.

Non-profit organisations and public bodies will have access to an intensity of 100% of the eligible costs including indirect costs.

After the resolution of the international call for proposals, the Junta de Extremadura will initiate an award procedure with the Extremadura beneficiary entities that will include the specificities of communication, justification and payment of the grants.

The Regional Government of Extremadura will coordinate with the other Spanish funders for the efficient use of the resources allocated to Extremadura entities.

Applicants who want to submit a proposal are requested to contact agroecology@fundecyt-pctex.es as soon as the consortium is complete.



Maa- ja metsätalousministeriö
Jord- och skogsbruksministeriet
Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Finland (MMM)

National contact points

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National regulation

Indicative budget	450,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	200,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	The project must belong to agri-food area					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
X	X	X		X	X	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>The main national criteria emphasizes that the research & development projects shall benefit the agri-food livelihood by potential business innovation, otherwise no specific topic priorities in this call. MMM uses so called total cost model where funding for research organizations and universities covers 70 % of the project's gross eligible costs. For companies the maximum funding is 50%. Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported. The results of funded projects must be open for access by all potential user groups. Funding does not cover expenditures for activities carried out before the project has been granted.</p> <p>MMM urges all applicants to get in touch with the national contact person already in the early phase of the project planning.</p> <p>The general conditions of RDI projects funded by MMM: https://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet (in Finnish) Maa- ja metsätalousministeriön rahoittaman tutkimus-, kehittämis- ja innovaatiotoiminnan (TKI-toiminnan) vakioehdot (will be available also in English).</p>						



Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

National contact points

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National regulation

Indicative budget	2,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	see details below					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities						
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://anr.fr/fr/plan-daction-2024/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	x
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Maximum funding per project</p> <p>The maximum amount that can be requested from ANR <u>by each proposal</u> with French applicant(s) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 400.000 € if the Coordinating Partner is requesting funding to ANR and is eligible for funding by ANR ▪ 300.000 € (for standard French Partners) <p>The minimum amount per beneficiary is 15 000€.</p> <p>If there are several French partners requesting funds from ANR, the total requested funding from ANR (300 000 €, extended to 400 000 € if the coordinating partner is requesting funding to ANR) must be split among them.</p> <p>For calculation of overheads, please check the ANR Funding Regulations for at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/.</p> <p>Eligible Institutions</p> <p>ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for</p>						

undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France.

In this call, to be eligible, the consortium must include at least one French public research organization (EPA, EPSCP, EPST, EPIC).

The involvement of an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory. **If a non-French enterprise is involved in a project and requests funds from a funding organisation other than a French funding organisation, it is mandatory to involve a French enterprise; otherwise the French partners requesting funding from ANR will be declared ineligible.**

Partners from countries subject to sanctions applicable to the research field by the European Union authorities are excluded from this call for ANR. ANR will declare Partners requesting its support ineligible if they apply with Partners established in these countries. At the date of publication, these exclusions concern Partners from the following countries: Russia, Belarus. This list may evolve in case of new sanctions decided by the European Union.

See more information on the eligibility of institutions on the ANR Funding Regulations <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>.

Eligible Costs

Please check the ANR Funding Regulations at: <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>.

Additional eligibility criteria:

To be eligible, a proposal must not be deemed similar to another proposal still undergoing evaluation in another ANR call, or already funded.

Depending on the consortium composition, a Consortium Agreement may be mandatory for ANR at the funding stage for successful applications. Please refer to the ANR funding regulations for more details: <https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>

Regarding project partners' commitment:

- Access to genetic resources and traditional knowledge associated with genetic resources
- Ethics and scientific Integrity
- Publications and Open Science Policy
- Scientific, Technical and Industrial Culture
- GDPR
- "PPST"

Please consult the complete terms and conditions for French Partners on the ANR website for more details (Document "Modalités pour les Partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR")



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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	300,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	300,000 € (1 to 2 projects anticipated to be funded)					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Both themes: at farm and at landscape/territorial level					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	None					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.paysdelaloire.fr/parteneriat-agroecologie					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
		x		x	x	
others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Small, Medium and large companies, which must have been created since more than one year ▪ Eligible organisations must be established and carrying out R&D activities in Pays de la Loire. 					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria						
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	<p>Projects may comprise industrial/applied research or experimental activities.</p> <p>Projects are expected to make relevant progress towards the demonstration of technology to TRL 6 or above (target TRL).</p>					
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	<p>No additional submission of proposal at regional level.</p> <p>The submission platform is available at https://agroecology.ptj.de.</p>					

Additional eligibility criteria	Project activities in the proposed work plan funded by the Pays de la Loire Regional Council must be implemented in Pays de la Loire.
Eligible costs	<p>Personnel costs (gross salary without overheads) for the people involved in the project.</p> <p>Travel, accommodation and meal costs of people directly involved in the project and exclusively for the purpose of the project.</p> <p>Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, and costs for consulting and equivalent services intended exclusively for the research activity.</p> <p>Instrument and equipment costs, to the extent and during the period in which they are used for the research project.</p> <p>Communication expenses: communication tools (services for creation, publishing costs), communication event (room renting, travel costs of people directly involved in the project).</p> <p>Indirect costs and other operating expenses (including costs for material, supplies and similar products): 15% of total eligible costs.</p>
Information available at	https://www.paysdelaloire.fr/parteneriat-agroecologie
Other	The regional grant is expected to have an incentive effect. Thus, the expenses are eligible from the date of full proposal submission.
<p>b) Funding rates</p> <p>Support levels will be determined by the legal status of the applicant, the size of company and the proposed activity. The support level may vary from one work package to another. The final support level and its form will be definitively defined after the selection phase.</p>	



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ÉS INNOVÁCIÓS HIVATAL

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National regulation

Indicative budget	240,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	140,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://nkfih.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2023-122-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x		x	x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
/						



An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine



Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) & Agriculture and Food Development Authority (Teagasc)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	2,000,000 € (DAFM) 372,000 € (Teagasc)					
Maximum funding per project	500,000 € (DAFM) 124,000 € (Teagasc*) Where funding from both DAFM and Teagasc is sought the total combined DAFM/Teagasc maximum funding per project is: 624,000 € per project. *Additional information on Teagasc funding is provided below in the additional information section					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Submissions for both Themes 1 Theme 2 are eligible. All of the issues described under each theme are eligible for inclusion into a proposal.					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	N/A					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	gov.ie - Research and Codex (www.gov.ie)					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
X	X					
others						
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
National Eligibility Criteria <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grant applications will only be accepted from approved Irish RPOs (see section 4 of the Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants) 						

- The grant request by Irish RPOs must not exceed the maximum funding per project as set out above.
- Address at least one of the scientific areas related to the call scope (as set out in the central Call announcement/documents under the Agroecology First Co-funded Call)
- Avoid duplication of recent national and international research work already funded or ongoing that incorporates the scope of the scientific topic areas in the Agroecology First Co-funded Call.
- Closely align with relevant national policy and foresight documents including but not restricted to Food Vision 2030, IMPACT 2030, Programme for Government, Ag-Climate, Climate Action Plan 2024, and Sectoral Adaptation Plan for Agriculture, and also align with relevant strategic research and innovation priority areas and agendas.

Applications that do not adhere to these criteria will be deemed ineligible and in such cases the application will not proceed for expert review.

Eligible Funding Partners

Please note: Project partners that are not eligible for funding are encouraged on an in-kind or self-financing basis.

Teagasc Funding

It is not mandatory for Irish applicants to request grant-aid from both DAFM and Teagasc.

Where grant-aid is sought from Teagasc this must be stated clearly in the Budget Comments section of the pre-registration and full proposal application forms.

The grant-aid from Teagasc must be in the form of €124,000 for a four-year Walsh Scholarship-funded PhD – please refer to the ‘Funding Rules’ (Section 5) of the Guidelines for Irish Applicants and to the Teagasc website ([Teagasc Walsh Scholarship Programme](#)) for more details on how the Walsh Scholarship funding is structured.

Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants

Please see the ‘Call Guidelines for Irish Applicants’ located on the DAFM website which sets out in more detail the rules for Irish applicants seeking grant-aid from the Agroecology First Co-funded Call and **must** be read in conjunction with the requirements set out in this National Annex, the Call Announcement document and the Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda ([SRIA](#)) of the Partnership on Agroecology.

Further Information

Applicants should note that the discussions and decision regarding the eligibility of any Irish applicants to the Call or on the final selected projects is taken by DAFM only.



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National regulation

Indicative budget	300,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	300,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	/					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x				
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
https://www.rannís.is/media/rannsoknasjodur/IRF_Handbook.pdf						



**MINISTERO DELL'AGRICOLTURA
DELLA SOVRANITÀ ALIMENTARE
E DELLE FORESTE**



Ministero dell'agricoltura, della sovranità alimentare e delle foreste
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National regulation

Indicative budget	1,200,000 €	
Maximum funding per project	300,000 € The maximum requested funding by Italian applicants to Masaf per 1 project cannot exceed 300.000 €. Please, consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ One UO not acting as Coordinator: the requested funding to Masaf cannot exceed 140.000 €. ▪ One UO acting as Coordinator: the maximum allowed requested funding to Masaf cannot exceed 160.000 €. Coordination costs can be requested up to a max amount following the rules indicated in the User's manual 2023 (see below further details on coordination costs). 	
Project duration	Min. 36 months	Max. 36 months
	The eligible project duration is 36 month, shorter projects will be declared not eligible for Italian applicants.	
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics	
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	The Italian applicants requesting funds to Masaf in this call must perform activities with expected outcomes useful in the wider context of the sustainable production not limited to the specific requirements of the regulated organic production.	
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	PSIR: https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9065 Masaf - International call: https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/9079 User's Manual 2023: https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644	

Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
X	X	X				
others	<p>National public and private no profit research institutions and universities. See details in User's Manual 2023 https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644</p> <p>No profit organization are eligible if research is included among main scopes of their statutory acts</p> <p>SMEs and organisations with other statutory nature are welcome as participants if an added value to the project is proven and if their costs are covered by their own or other external resources. Costs cannot be covered by Masaf.</p>					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In this call the beneficiaries eligible to be funded by the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano are not allowed to request funding to Masaf, they will be declared ineligible by Masaf. ▪ Italian applicants must specify in the submission system (proper box) they request funds from Masaf. ▪ Please note that the same person cannot be coordinator, participant or team member in more than one proposal. <p>Financing and cost eligibility</p> <p>In defining the eligibility for funding of project costs, national applicants must strictly refer to the regulations indicated in the standing User's Manual 2023 https://www.politicheagricole.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/IT/IDPagina/19644</p> <p>The selected national institutions will be financed up to 99% of the eligible requested funding (<i>costo approvato</i> - in the national template- eligible for Masaf). The total requested funding (100%) must be indicated in the project financial section of the project proposal (see the submission tool) and must be consistent with all eligible costs which will be declared in the national financial forms (if the project will be selected).</p> <p>Eligible costs are defined as follows (for any item see User's Manual 2023 for details):</p> <p>A) Personnel</p> <p>A 1) Permanent personnel – no contribution if already paid with public funds; for private no-profit institutions permanent scientific staff can be reimbursed if not already paid with public funds.</p> <p>The cost of permanent personnel working in the project must be declared (as own contribution not higher than 30% of the total project cost) even if it will not be reimbursed.</p> <p>The minimum 250 hours/year requested in User Manual 2023 for permanent personnel is not requested for this call; this value can be lower and proportional to the foreseen activity.</p> <p>A2) not-permanent scientific staff in public institutions/universities or private no-profit can be reimbursed; not-permanent administrative staff can be paid only if included in the coordination activity, if the research unit is also the coordinator.</p> <p>Travel ARE INCLUDED IN E (lump-sum operating expenses) - for coordinator travels see point F.</p>						

B) Consumables

(in the online application form this item is included in „consumables and equipment“: please specify each amount in the finance comments).

C) External activities – advisory/consultant services, specialistic services supply (scientific, logistics for meetings, open access publications, equipment rental, etc.).

C1) consultants/professional job (IVA)

C2) Services

These costs (C1+C2) can not exceed 30% of the sum of the not-permanent personal (A2) + Consumable (B).

(in the online application form include this item C under „subcontracts“: please specify C1 and C2 amount in the finance comments).

D) Equipment – Only use cost (related to the project duration) for scientific equipment will be reimbursed.

(in the online application form this item is included in „consumables and equipment“: please specify each amount in the finance comments)

E) Lump-sum operating expense – The requested amount must not exceed 20% of the total costs for Personnel (A1+A2). In this item travel are included.

(in the online call application form lump-sum/overheads are split in different items. The Italian applicants are invited to only fill in the cell „overheads“ of the column „subcontracts“, reporting the total lump-sum operating expenses amount).

F) Coordination - If the Italian applicant is also playing the role of coordinator, the eligible costs are those indicated in the User's Manual 2023. Masaf will reimburse the coordination cost. This cannot be higher of the maximum amount allowed calculated on the total international project requested funding.

Please note: travels related to the coordination activity are included in the coordination costs.

No cost for project monitoring by an expert is foreseen, therefore this budget cannot be requested.

(in the online application form coordination cost has to be included in „subcontracts“: please specify each amount in the finance comments)

TO FILL THE ONLINE FORMAT CONSIDER THE BELOW TABLE OF CORRESPONDANCE

National document to be presented by Italian participants **before the proposal submission deadline**

Public entities/universities

No documents have to be submitted to Masaf.

No-profit private research bodies

Documentation stating their research mission (statute and/or articles of incorporation or memorandum of association, etc.) must be sent to the following PEC address:

aoo.cosvir@pec.politicheagricole.gov.it specifying in the object "Project *acronym* Bando AGROECOLOGY 2024 – ente privato no profit".

National document to be presented by Italian participants (beneficiaries) **after the final funding decision** (communication by Call Office to selected projects for funding)

Only after the official communication sent by the Call Office to the coordinators (expected by December 2024), Masaf DISR IV will formally request to each Italian U.O. of the projects selected for funding to fill in the national template, based on the User's Manual 2023. The template will be sent along with the letter indicating the approved budget amount and requesting to apply for the national grant. The template must be written in Italian and must follow the User's Manual 2023 rules and specific indications, if any, provided to the UO.

Correspondance between eligible costs (Masaf) and financial table submission system

Masaf item	Agroecology 1 st Call (financial table submission system)	Notes
A1 and A2 Personnel/Personale	Personnel	Personnel not reimbursed must be indicate as "own contribution" Details and figures in cost explanations
	Travel	Details and figures in cost explanations (travel costs are included in lump-sum – column "other" Table 2 Submission tool)
B. Consumables/Materiali di consumo	Consumables and equipment	Details and figures in cost explanations
C. External activities/Attività esterne	Subcontracts	Details and figures in cost explanations
D. Equipment/Attrezzature	Consumables and equipment	Details and figures in cost explanations
E. Lump sum /Spese forfetarie di funzionamento	Subcontracts (cell „overheads“)	Details and figures in cost explanations (travel costs are included here)
F. Coordination/ Coordinamento (if any)	Subcontracts	Details and figures in cost explanations

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Autonomous Province of Bolzano / Bozen – South Tyrol (BOZEN)

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Regional regulation

Indicative budget	450,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	300,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 12 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Research activities in all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x					
others	Beneficiaries are Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol, as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the "Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)", as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council n. 1063 / 2019					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Eligible environment(s)	No restrictions					
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Partners must be Research and Knowledge Dissemination Organisations based in South Tyrol, as defined in article 2, point 1, letter from a) to f), of the "Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)", as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019. The funding rate is 100%. Companies may participate, but cannot be funded, unless their primary activity is research or knowledge dissemination in South Tyrol.					

<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects apply (see Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7315 / 2021).</p> <p>The eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -personnel costs -travel costs -costs for equipment -consumables -costs for external services (max 30% of the overall admitted budget per partner) -management or indirect costs (max 10% of the overall admitted budget per partner) .
<p>Should VAT be included in the budget figures provided?</p>	<p>Yes, if it cannot be deducted</p>
<p>Additional specific eligibility rules</p>	<p>The projects submitted within this call will be treated by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen as “Joint Projects – International cooperation projects”, as defined in the Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 19779 / 2021 and will be managed along the “Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects” as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7315 / 2021.</p>
<p>INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:</p>	<p>https://www.provinz.bz.it/innovation-forschung/innovation-forschung-universitaet/default.asp and https://www.provincia.bz.it/innovazione-ricerca/innovazione-ricerca-universita/default.asp</p>
<p>Submission of the pre- and full proposal and other administrative requirements to be completed at the national/regional level</p>	<p><u>1st step:</u> South Tyrolian partners has to provide an additional budget divided into the Joint Project’ costs categories: the document must be sent per certified email (Pec) to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the pre-proposals.</p> <p><u>2nd step:</u> A provisional division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan”) must be submitted to the same office within 10 days after the call-deadline for the submission of the full proposals.</p> <p>In case of purchase of equipment with a value over 1.500,00 euros, at least a quotation must be submitted as well.</p>
<p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national/regional level</p>	<p>A financial and an activity report must be sent to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen by July 31st, of each year following the year in which the activities have been carried out (e.g. activities carried out in 2025 must be reported by July 31st, 2026) The financial report lists the detailed expenses. The activity report briefly describes the project development and in particular the activities of the South Tyrolian partner that generated those expenses. Please, note: the activity report is neither the mid-term report nor the final report of the call. Concerning the financial and an activity reports,</p>

	<p>the “Guidelines regarding eligible expenditures for research projects” as approved by Decree of the Director of the Department for Innovation, Research, University and Museums of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen no. 7315 / 2021 apply</p>
<p>Other important information</p>	<p>In case of a positive funding decision, the South Tyrolian beneficiaries must send a formal “Request for funding” to the Office of Scientific Research of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen within 10 days after the notification from Agroecology partnership.</p> <p>An updated division of costs per years and activities (Time schedule of the costs “Cronoprogramma delle spese –Zeit-und Kostenplan”) must be submitted as well, if significant changes have occurred since the previous submission.</p> <p>The forms/ templates to be used are the ones for the “Joint Projects”-Action: https://www.provincia.bz.it/it/servizi-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884 https://www.provinz.bz.it/de/dienstleistungen-a-z.asp?bnsv_svid=1036884</p> <p>Please, note: projects can start in May-June 2025.</p> <p>Please, note: <i>in this call the beneficiaries eligible to be funded with national funds (form Masaf) are not allowed to request funding to the Autonomous Province of Bozen/Bolzano and will be declared ineligible.</i></p> <p>Other obligations that apply are listed in the “Criteria for the promotion of scientific research (Provincial Law no. 14/2006)” as approved by Resolution of the Provincial Council no. 1063 / 2019.</p>



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National regulation

Indicative budget	300,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	150,000 €					
Project duration	Min. / months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	None					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://lmt.lrv.lt/lt/veiklos-sritys/mokslo-finansavimas/tarptautinio-bendradarbiavimo-priemones/europos-partnerystes-era-net-ir-kitos-koordinavimo-veiklos/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Funding is provided according to GENERAL RULES FOR THE COMPETITIVE FUNDING OF RESEARCH AND DISSEMINATION PROJECTS OF THE RESEARCH COUNCIL OF LITHUANIA, approved by the Order No V-176 of the Council on the 4th of April, 2019.</p> <p>A public or private legal entity registered in the Republic of Lithuania may be a partner of the Lithuanian project implementing institution which is eligible for LMT funding.</p> <p>No national official paperwork is needed until positive evaluation decision.</p>						



LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS
ŽEMĖS ŪKIO MINISTERIJA

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National regulation

Indicative budget	240,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	120,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics, Theme 1, Theme 2					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	No					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x				
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>LIETUVOS RESPUBLIKOS ŽEMĖS ŪKIO MINISTRAS</p> <p>ĮSAKYMAS</p> <p>DĖL ŽEMĖS ŪKIO MINISTERIJOS 2024–2027 METŲ TARPTAUTINIŲ MOKSLINIŲ TYRIMŲ IR EKSPERIMENTINĖS PLĖTROS PROJEKTŲ ADMINISTRAVIMO TAISYKLIŲ PATVIRTINIMO</p> <p>2023 m. gruodžio 15 d. Nr. 3D-862</p> <p>Vilnius</p> <p>Vadovaudamasis 2022 m. gruodžio 14 d. Komisijos reglamentu (ES) 2022/2472, kuriuo skelbiama, kad tam tikrų kategorijų pagalba žemės bei miškų ūkio sektoriuose ir kaimo vietovėse yra suderinama su vidaus rinka pagal Sutarties dėl Europos Sąjungos veikimo 107 ir 108 straipsnius, 2021</p>						

m. balandžio 28 d. Europos Parlamento ir Tarybos reglamento (ES) 2021/695, kuriuo sukuriamas bendroji mokslinių tyrimų ir inovacijų programa „Europos horizontas“, nustatomos su ja susijusios dalyvavimo ir sklaidos taisyklės ir panaikinami reglamentai (ES) Nr. 1290/2013 ir (ES) Nr. 1291/2013, nuostatomis ir Lietuvos Respublikos žemės ūkio, maisto ūkio ir kaimo plėtros įstatymo 8 straipsnio 4 dalimi,

t v i r t i n u Žemės ūkio ministerijos 2024–2027 metų tarptautinių mokslinių tyrimų ir eksperimentinės plėtros projektų administravimo taisyklės (pridedama).

Žemės ūkio ministras

Kęstutis Navickas



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National regulation

Indicative budget	1,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	250,000 € 350,000 €, in case a Dutch project partner is the Coordinator of the transnational project or with cooperation of 2 applicants					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Both Themes					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	Projects must have a clear added value to the national funded projects.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Terms and conditions</p> <p>Applicants need to follow the rules and regulations of the transnational call and of the national requirements.</p> <p>Applicants are advised to contact the National Contact Point. For increase of the budget applicants need to contact the National Contact Point for permission.</p> <p>Eligible applicants are Dutch universities, universities of applied sciences, research institutions, knowledge organizations domiciled in The Netherlands.</p> <p>Non-profit organizations and private organizations must be registered and well established in the Netherlands. These organizations may apply but have to contact the National Contact Persons to approve eligibility and to get further terms and conditions.</p> <p>The subsidy is coming from the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (LNV). The following conditions apply:</p>						

1) *For Wageningen Research (WR) and other TO2 institutes:*

The 'TO2 regeling' (<https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0040605/2018-07-25>). and the tariff agreement under it apply.

2) *For other organizations and universities:*

De Kaderwet EZK- en LNV subsidies (<https://wetten.overheid.nl/BWBR0007919/2019-01-01/> - artikel 2a) applies.

Eligible costs are personnel costs for the performance of the project and direct costs such as materials, small scientific equipment, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. Projectmanagement can be maximum of 10% of the total projectcosts. Travelexpenses can be maximum of 5% of the total projectcosts.

After the project is granted in the transnational process the National contracting negotiations will commence to get the requested budget from the Ministry.

The proposed project must be beneficial to the national challenges and must have a clear added value to the national programme.

The Dutch participation should be in line with the knowledge and innovation agenda KIA Landbouw, Water, Voedsel (<https://kia-landbouwwatervoedsel.nl>) and other relevant policies on agroecology.

Projects on both themes are eligible. However If selection is necessary priority will be given to theme 1 (on farm) over theme 2 (landscape).



Norges Forskningsrad (RCN)

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National regulation

Indicative budget	2,000,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	400,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Theme 1 and Theme 2					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	N/A					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	The funding is within the remit of the https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/Portfolios/Land-based-food-environment-bioresources/portfolio-plan-for-land-based-food-the-environment-and-bioresources/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
others	other stakeholders can participate but must secure their own funding.					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Specific eligibility rules applying for the Norwegian partners in the proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Only proposals which also are relevant for the context of Norwegian circumstances are eligible for funding. The Norwegian applicants are encouraged to make clear how this criterium is fulfilled. ▪ Only proposals based on terrestrial resources are eligible for funding. ▪ Sole proprietorships ("enkeltpersonforetak"), some farmers, e.g., are eligible as partners. However, payroll and indirect expenses will not be covered for the owner and the spouse. The payroll and indirect expenses for any other employees of sole proprietorships can be covered, as well as expenses relating to participation in a project, provided that they are described in the sole proprietorship's accounts. 						

- If the project is awarded funding, it is required to sign a **Consortium Agreement** before the partner(s) funded by RCN can receive funding.

General information:

For more information about RCN conditions for funding, please read: [General application requirements](#).

Support from the Research Council constitutes [state aid](#) when it is awarded to an "undertaking", i.e. an actor that carries out an economic activity consisting of offering products or services on a given market.

After funding decision, the Norwegian part of funded projects must **register through the RCN portal**. Further information will be provided to the relevant partners.

Reporting to RCN: <https://www.forskningsradet.no/en/financing/received-funding/project-reports/>

Eligible costs: Find information here: [What to enter in the project budget](#).

The budget applied for shall be stated in Euro. Conversion from Euro to Norwegian kroner is based on the official **exchange rate** per application date for preproposals. The official exchange rate can be found here: [Exchange rate \(InforEuro\) \(europa.eu\)](#)

Open access / Open science: The Research Council seeks to lead the way in making research as open as possible and as closed as necessary. The Research Council of Norway has stipulated requirements relating to self-archiving and open access to publications and research data produced in connection with R&D projects funded by the Research Council. Read more about The Research Council's Principles for [Open Science](#).

Additional Information

Depending on the volume of submitted and eligible projects, up to 25 % additional funding may be allocated to the call to fund additional projects on the ranking list.

In doubt, contact the National Contact Persons mentioned above.



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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000,00 €					
Maximum funding per project	250,000 € for coordination 150,000 € for participant in a consortium					
Project duration	Min. 12 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Applicable regulation	Applications requesting funding from FCT under this call will be subject to <u>FCT Regulation on projects funded solely by national funds</u>, as amended by the Regulation no. 5/2024, of 3 January, hereinafter referred to as FCT Regulation, which amends and republishes Regulation no. 999/2016, of 31 October, and to other applicable national and EU legislation.					
Type of beneficiaries	For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see Article 3 of FCT Regulation .					
Criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility	For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility, see Article 5 of FCT Regulation .					
Projects typology and areas to be supported	Theme 1 – Enhancing agroecology at the farm level Theme 2 – Implementing agroecology at the landscape level For complete information regarding projects typology and areas to be supported under this call, see pages 8-9 of the Call Text.					

Criteria of projects' eligibility	For information on the criteria of projects' eligibility, see article 6 of FCT Regulation .
Funding allocation to be granted and conditions	<p>FCT budget allocation for this call is 500 000,00 €.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a Portuguese Main Applicant is 250 000,00 €.</p> <p>The maximum amount of funding to be requested to FCT by a consortium with a Portuguese Project Applicant is 150 000,00 €.</p> <p>If more than one Portuguese applicant participating in the same international consortium applies for funding by FCT, the combined funding demanded by all the Portuguese applicants may not exceed the maximum financial threshold for proposals with a Portuguese Main Applicant (250 000,00 €) or with a Portuguese Project Applicant (150 000,00 €). Portuguese Main Applicants and/or Project Applicants in the same international consortium will therefore have to share the funding that will be granted by FCT.</p> <p>For information on funding rates, see no. 2 of article 7 of FCT Regulation.</p>
Limits to the number of applications to be submitted by the RC and the beneficiary	The maximum number of applications submitted or participated in by each Researcher in Charge, Co-Researcher in Charge or member of the research team, or by each beneficiary (Proposing Institution), is indicated on page 13 of the Call Text.
Rules and limits to the expense eligibility	<p>For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to eligible expenses and in article 9 to non-eligible expenses.</p> <p>Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the salaries and other remuneration supplements of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration.</p> <p>Expenditure on adapting buildings and facilities is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses.</p> <p>The project's indirect costs are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs.</p>
Projects assessment criteria	For information on the projects assessment criteria under this call, namely the description of the assessment methodology and the minimum merit thresholds, see pages 19-22 of the Call Text.
Applicable forms of payment	In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation , the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on real costs . As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation .
Elements to be sent by the beneficiary	For information on the elements that must be guaranteed by the participants in the consortium in order for the proposal to be submitted on the submission platform, see page 16 of the Call Text.
Additional information	FCT and CCDRC as Portuguese funding agencies on this call, reserve the right to evaluate the possibility of transferring application(s) to the other Portuguese funding agency if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other

	<p>Portuguese funding agency, which will from then on be responsible for managing the application(s). The transfer of applications will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</p> <p>If FCT or CCDRC reach the limit of the budget that each of the agencies has set for funding projects under this call before the number of applications recommended for funding by each of these agencies has run out, the applications recommended for funding that lack funding may be transferred to the agency that still has the budget to fund applications. The transfer of applications recommended for funding will be carried out in accordance with the terms set out in the MoU signed between the parties.</p> <p>The percentage of time dedicated to transnational projects will not be added to the percentage of time dedicated to existing national projects.</p> <p>Statement of Commitment:</p> <p>Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to marta.norton@fct.pt; pedromiguel.ferreira@fct.pt.</p> <p>The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment, as long as it is signed, in the Autenticação.gov application, with professional attributes that identify the functions performed by the signatory.</p> <p>Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that <u>do not apply for funding from FCT do not need</u> to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT.</p>
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**Unitatea Executiva Pentru Finantarea Invatamantului superior a
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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250,000€ if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project; The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200,000€ if Romania is partner in the transnational project..					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	n/a					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	
others	Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit OMCID no. 21.324/02.11.2023 approving the scheme of State aid for Program 5.8: European and international cooperation.					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
The following categories of expenses are eligible:						
A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);						

B. **Consumables** (materials, supplies or similar);

C. **Equipments** (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;

D. **Subcontracting** (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);

E. **Travel expenses** (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members);

F. **Overheads** (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed max. 25% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.

To EU countries: no

To Non-EU countries: no

Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, 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.



REPUBLIKA SLOVENIJA
**MINISTRSTVO ZA KMETIJSTVO,
 GOZDARSTVO IN PREHRANO**

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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	200,000 € for all Slovenian partners within one consortium					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	N/A					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	https://www.gov.si/drzavni-organi/ministrstva/ministrstvo-za-kmetijstvo-gozdarstvo-in-prehrano/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x				
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
Eligible Institutions	<p>Research organizations as defined in the national Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (<i>Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti</i>). All participating institutions have to be registered in the Slovenian Research Agency register of research institutions (<i>Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS</i>). Organizations that fulfill these requirements may be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - universities, - public research institutes - private research institutes - non-governmental organisations - large, medium or small enterprises 					
Eligible Applicants	<p>All participating Slovenian researchers <u>have to be registered</u> in the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of researchers (SICRIS) and must have available research hours.</p> <p>The project activities of each Slovenian partner have to be under the supervision of the <u>primary investigator/primary researcher</u> who fulfills the requirements for project leader as defined in Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a</p>					

	research project (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta</i>) and Methodology of Call proposal evaluation (Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav na razpise).
Eligible Costs	<p>MKGP will fund all eligible costs of successful Slovenian transnational projects, recommended for funding, in accordance with the Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije</i>). Eligible costs are defined based on the FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency's research project categorization (A, B, C or D based on the research conducted). Eligible costs must be directly related to the research conducted and mandatory include all the following categories as elements of the FTE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>personnel</u> (including social security, health, pension, and other contributions according to national legislation); - <u>material</u> (travel and meetings costs, consumables, dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, other costs); - <u>depreciation</u> costs. <p>Overhead or indirect costs are eligible. The value is calculated based on the FTE value of category A, B, C, or D research projects, under the condition that costs under each of the specific FTE elements are appropriately decreased (by a max. of 25% for indirect costs). Providing the stipulated conditions are met, the Public Procurement Act (<i>Zakon o javnem naročanju</i>) applies.</p> <p>Up to 100 % of eligible costs can be funded for research organisations (universities, public and private research institutes) whose financed activity is non-economic in accordance with the provisions of Communication from the Commission Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation. Wide dissemination of all research results on a non-exclusive and non-discriminatory basis is required.</p> <p>Maximum funding percentages for applied research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Universities and research organisations 100 % - non-governmental organisations 100 %
Additional criteria	<p>eligibility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Eligible type of research and TRL: basic and applied – for Slovenian partner eligible TRL range is 2-6. The type of research conducted by Slovenian researchers must be defined and explained in the project proposal (e.g. in the Comments on budget section). - Period of eligibility of expenditures on the project: From the starting date of the transnational project stipulated in the consortium agreement for a period of 36 months, with a prescribed additional 30-day period for the payment of invoices related to the project costs. The period of eligibility of expenditures on the project can only start from the date the national contract enters into effect. The exact duration of the project will be defined in the contract between MKGP and the selected Slovenian partner. - Period of eligibility of public expenditures: Budgetary years 2025, 2026, 2027 and 2028.
Relevant documents	<p>Legal basis – National regulation:</p> <p>State Administration Act (<i>Zakon o državni upravi (Uradni list RS, 113/05 – UPB, 89/07 - odl.US, 126/07 – ZUP-E, 48/09, 8/10-ZUP-G, 8/12-ZVRS-F, 21/12, 47/13, 12/14, 90/14, 51/16, 36/21, 82/21, 189/21, 153/22 in 18/23)</i>)</p> <p>- Article 16 and 38.č; Agriculture Act (<i>Zakon o kmetijstvu (Uradni list RS, št. 45/08, 57/12, 90/12 – ZdZPVHVVR, 26/14, 32/15, 27/17, 22/18, 86/21 – odl. US, 123/21, 44/22, 130/22 – ZPOMK-2, 18/23 in 78/23)</i>); Public</p>

	<p>Finance Act (<i>Zakon o javnih financah (Uradni list RS, št. 11/11 - uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 14/13, 101/13, 55/15 - ZFisP, 96/15 - ZIPRS1617, 13/18, 195/20 – odl.US, 18/23 – ZDU-10 in 76/23)</i>) - Article 106. j; Regulation on the procedure of standards and manners to allocate means for the promotion of the evolutionary programme and the preferential tasks (<i>Uredba o postopku, merilih in načinih dodeljevanja sredstev za spodbujanje razvojnih programov in prednostnih nalog (Uradni list RS, št. 56/11)</i>); Act Regulating the Implementation of the Budgets of the Republic of Slovenia for 2024 and 2025 (<i>Zakon o izvrševanju proračunov Republike Slovenije za leti 2024 in 2025 (ZIPRS2425) (Uradni list RS, št. 123/23)</i>), Integrity and Prevention of Corruption Act (<i>Zakon o integriteti in preprečevanju korupcije (Uradni list RS, št. št. 69/11 – uradno prečiščeno besedilo, 158/20, 3/22 – ZDeb in 16/23-ZZPri)</i>); Resolution on the Slovenian Scientific Research and Innovation Strategy 2030 (<i>Resolucija o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski strategiji Slovenije 2030 (Uradni list RS, št. 49/22)</i>); Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 35/22, 144/22 in 79/23)</i>), Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21 – ZZrID</i>); National strategy of open access to scientific publications and research data in Slovenia 2015-2020 (<i>Nacionalna strategije odprtega dostopa do znanstvenih objav in raziskovalnih podatkov v Sloveniji 2015-2020, št. 60300-5/2015/5 z dne 3. 9. 2015</i>), Government of the Republic of Slovenia Act (<i>Zakon o Vladi Republike Slovenije (Uradni list RS, št. 24/05-UPB, 109/08, 28/10-ZUKN, 8/12, 21/13, 47/13-ZDU-1G, 65/14, 55/17 in 163/22)</i>).</p>
<p>Additional Information</p>	<p>No submission of the pre- and full proposal at national level is needed.</p> <p>National contracting negotiations will commence after the projects are selected for funding on the level of the transnational call. National documentation, including evidence of the starting date of the transnational project (in the form of a Consortia Agreement or statement on the starting date by the transnational project coordinator), will be a prerequisite for signing the contract at national level. The needed evidence on project expenses will be more precisely determined in the national contract.</p> <p>All Slovenian applicants are strongly advised to contact the Slovenian National Contact Person / NCP.</p> <p>Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level will be required three times: each year after the end of the annual project implementation.</p>
<p>Useful Links</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resolution: Our food, rural areas and natural resources after 2021 (<i>Resolucija o nacionalnem programu o strateških usmeritvah razvoja slovenskega kmetijstva in živilstva »Naša hrana, podeželje in naravni viri od leta 2021« (Uradni list RS, št. 8/20): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=RESO125</i>) - Action plan for the Development of Organic Farming until 2027 (<i>Akcijski načrt za razvoj ekološkega kmetijstva do leta 2027 (ANEK): https://www.gov.si/assets/ministrstva/MKGP/Dokumenti-/ANEK/ANEK_Sl.pdf</i>) - Scientific Research and Innovation Activities Act (<i>Zakon o znanstvenoraziskovalni in inovacijski dejavnosti, Uradni list RS, št. 186/21 in 40/23): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7733</i>)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency register of research institutions (<i>Informacijski sistem o raziskovalni dejavnosti v Sloveniji - SICRIS</i>): https://cris.cobiss.net/ecris/si/en - Rules on criteria for establishing compliance with the conditions for being the head of a research project (<i>Pravilnik o kriterijih za ugotavljanje izpolnjevanja pogojev za vodjo raziskovalnega projekta, Uradni list RS št. 53/16 in 186/21-ZZrID</i>): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=PRAV12558 - Methodology of applications evaluation in scientific research calls (<i>Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za (so)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti na razpise</i>): ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Metodologija ocenjevanja prijav v postopkih za (so)financiranje znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti (neuradno prečiščeno besedilo št. 3) (aris-rs.si) - Decree on the scientific research funding from the budget of the Republic of Slovenia (<i>Uredba o financiranju znanstvenoraziskovalne dejavnosti iz Proračuna Republike Slovenije, Uradni list RS št. 35/22, št. 144/22 in 79/23</i>): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=URED8468 - FTE value according to the Slovenian Research and Innovation Agency's research project categorization: ARIS - Zakoni, predpisi, normativni akti - Veljavni akti - Sklep o ceni ekvivalenta polne zaposlitve za leto 2023 (arrrs.si) - Public Procurement Act (<i>Zakon o javnem naročanju, Uradni list RS št. 91/15, 14/18, 121/21, 10/22, 74/22 – odl. US, 100/22-ZNUZSZS, 28/23 in 88/23-ZOPNN-F</i>): http://www.pisrs.si/Pis.web/pregledPredpisa?id=ZAKO7086
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National regulation

Indicative budget	240,000 € for 2 projects					
Maximum funding per project	120,000 € per 1 project (3 years), 80,000€ per 1 project (2 years)					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
	x					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Eligibility criteria</p> <p>Only research Institutes of Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organizations for funding (up to 100%).</p> <p>Participation of early career researchers is strongly recommended. Applicants from other organizations or industrial partners can be self-funded consortium members and cannot coordinate the project consortium.</p> <p>The Slovak project partner or coordinator must have a job contract for more than 50% working hours in the SAS organization for which the project proposal or participation in the project proposal is submitted.</p> <p>Other researchers participating in the project, must have a working relationship with the SAS organization. Doctoral students must be affiliated at SAS research institute.</p> <p>For further details on criteria and SAS procedures see:</p> <p>https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Pravidla-pre-schvalovanie-vyskumnych-projektov-MVTS-financovanych-zo-zdrojov-SAV_11-Nov-2021-1.pdf</p>						

Funding and project duration

The maximum amount of requested funding per project is up to 120.000 € for a 36-month duration.

Total eligible costs = Permanent salaries + Other costs, Permanent salaries 45 000 € (36 months), Other costs (i. e. additional personnel costs, consumables, travel, services, publication costs, overheads): 75 000 € (36 months)

Detailed SAS financial rules are available at:

<https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udeloovanie-grantov-SAV-na-medzinarodne-vyskumne-projekty-platne-na-vyzvy-zverejnene-od-1.12.2023.pdf>

Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level

Annual financial and activity report is requested.

Parallel/Additional application submission

SAS participants are requested to submit the document “Letter of Commitment ” within the deadline for submission of the project proposals. For more details, please contact kecerova@up.upsav.sk

The template may be provided upon request. Researchers who are partners in projects recommended for funding will be requested to submit an application (MVTs Form A). The SAS Presidium makes the final funding decision.



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National regulation

Indicative budget	150,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	150,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 month		
Themes and topics to be funded	All topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	/					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	/					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
	x					x
others	Organizations under governance of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Slovak republic in accordance with national legislation					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
One of the project's SK partners have to be research organisation under governance of the MARD. Other eligible organisations in Slovakia according to the general criteria of the call can apply without the contribution of the MARD.						
Legislative base:						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Act No. 172/2005 on the organization of the state support for research and development ▪ Act No. 523/2004 on the budgetary rules of public administration 						
More information on https://www.mpsr.sk/?navID=1&id=19091						



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National regulation

Indicative budget	2,500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	300,000 € per project 500,000 € per project if the coordinator is from Sweden.					
Project duration	Min. 36 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	Both themes					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	n/a					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	n/a					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
x	x	x			x	X
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
<p>Eligible organizations</p> <p>Universities, research institutes, private companies, private and public organisations that engage in economic activity, public authorities, and NGOs. State aid rules apply when Formas provides grants to companies and other organisations engaged in economic activity. The applicant must be a Swedish legal entity.</p> <p>Specifications: Economic activity is generally defined as any activity consisting in offering goods or services on a given market. If an organisation falls in the economic activity category, then state aid rules apply.</p> <p>Please find more information on State aid rules below!</p> <p>Eligible applicant</p> <p>The main applicant in the Swedish project group does not need to be a researcher with a PhD, or from a research-performing organisation.</p>						

However, at least one partner in the Swedish project group must have a PhD and be employed by a research-performing organisation.

Eligible Costs

Formas' standard eligibility criteria apply. Please see Formas' general instructions: [How it works - Formas](#) VAT should not be included in the budget figure.

Please note that all costs must be submitted in Euros (EUR) in the international submission platform for both pre and full proposals, and in Swedish crowns (SEK) in the Swedish submission platform Prisma if invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage. Use the historic exchange rate (EUR to SEK) from the date when the first step for pre-proposals close. The exchange rate used must come from Sveriges Riksbank ([Sök räntor och valutakurser | Sveriges Riksbank](#))

Additional Information

It is a transnational eligibility requirement of this call that applications are written in English. You should write the application in English since the expert panel consists of international reviewers. Swedish applicants are also able to provide an additional Swedish version of their application. For additional applications, or parts of applications written in Swedish, these can be translated by professional translators into English. In such cases, it will not be possible for applicants to view or make linguistic adjustments to the application after it is translated and submitted to the expert panel for assessment.

All scientific publications resulting from projects funded by Formas must be published using immediate open access (OA).

Swedish applicants who have submitted a pre-proposal to the AGROECOLOGY Partnership (the international submission platform) and are invited to submit a full proposal at the second stage, will be contacted by Formas for further information on how to register their full proposals with Formas' system Prisma.

Swedish applicants in the same project consortium must apply in Prisma under one single project application after they have been invited (full proposal).

Project duration is 3 years.

Reports are to be submitted according to the regulations of both the AGROECOLOGY Partnership and FORMAS.

Additional information on state aid rules

The provisions enabling Formas to provide funding to organisations are contained in the Swedish Government's Regulation (2017:195) on state aid for research and development and innovation in the environment, agricultural sciences and spatial planning. It is based on the European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) 651/2014 Article 25. Further information is provided via the links below:

- [Terms and Conditions for Grants - Formas](#)

- [State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas](#)

Applicants who would be receivers of state aid, in case funding is approved by Formas, need to be aware that the legal requirements for transparent reporting of state aid have been changed in 2023. This means that approved state aid which amounts to 100 000 euro or more to one Project Party (or if the project concerns primary agriculture sector or fishery and aquaculture sector 10 000 euro), must be reported openly within the EU. Formas is responsible for this reporting. Those who submit an application are considered to be informed about this requirement of reporting and are considered to approve that this reporting will be made above the legal thresholds.

Applicants engaged in economic activities are strongly advised to find the latest updated information on state aid rules on Formas' web page. [State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas](#)

Funding rates

For an explanation of the numbers within brackets, see (in Swedish): [tabell för Stödnivåer Formas stödförordning.pdf](#).

Maximum funding percentages:

Organisation type	Basic research	Industrial research/Applied Research	Experimental development/Innovation
Large Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	50% (65%)	25% (40%)
Medium Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	60% (75%)	35% (50%)
Small Enterprises (GBER) Article 25	100%	70% (80%)	45% (60%)
Universities, public research organisations Public authorities	100%		
Associations without economic activities, NGOs	100%		
Associations* with both economic and non-economic activities, who apply for aid only for non-economic activities	100%		

*Such applicants must be aware, that if the funding is used in the economic activity of the association, funding will be reclaimed in full with interest.

Please consult the "State aid regulations" webpage for details and documents regarding these funding rates. [State aid regulations – for private and public organisations that engage in economic activity – Formas](#)



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National regulation

Indicative budget	100,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	50,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	all topics					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	none					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	none					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other
	x					
others	Only TAGEM affiliated research institutes are eligible to receive funding					
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
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TÜBİTAK

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National regulation

Indicative budget	500,000 €					
Maximum funding per project	240,000 €					
Project duration	Min. 24 months			Max. 36 months		
Themes and topics to be funded	All					
Exceptions for funding of the research topics based on your national priorities	Applications cannot be made from, nongovernmental organizations (foundations, associations, etc.), trade unions, chambers and commodity exchanges and their economic enterprises; cooperatives, unions, sole proprietorships and ordinary partnerships.					
Link to funding programme and other relevant information	<p>Eligible types of funding under this programme are limited to personnel costs, travel and subsistence, equipment that would be used for R&D purposes, consumables and subcontracting/services need for R&D work. Projects intended to build infrastructure cannot be supported. Turkish applicants are strongly recommended contacting to national contact point given above before application. Percentage of Funding: Universities (public and private), research institutes and public institutions: %100 of budget will be funded by TÜBİTAK. Large-size Enterprises: %60 of budget will be funded by TÜBİTAK. Small and Medium-size Enterprises: %75 of budget will be funded by TÜBİTAK. At the same time with international application, project coordinator of Turkish team in the consortium must apply project application system m of TÜBİTAK (https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/)</p> <p>If there is more than one partner from Turkey in the same international project, single joint application should be submitted to national application system.</p> <p>https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/3125/agroekoloji_2024_ulusal_basvuru_kurallari.pdf</p>					
Following partners are eligible for funding:						
Universities	Research institutes	Non-profit organizations	Consumer/citizens	Civil society representatives	Private companies	Other

x	x				x	
Any additional national/regional rules or documents or information						
SMEs can receive funds as 75% of all eligible R&D costs and large companies receive funds as 60 % of all eligible R&D costs.						
Higher education institutions, their institutes, research hospitals and R&D centres can receive funds as 100% of all eligible R&D costs						
Name of the programme/initiative						
1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation						
Universities (public and private), research institutes and public institutions are eligible. For principal investigators (PI) of organisations; • University personnel should have a PhD degree, • Public institution personnel should have an undergraduate diploma, University presidents, surgeon generals, hospital presidents and institution/company presidents are not allowed to be partner.						
Please check national rules in TÜBİTAK web page for partnership requirements and other details.						