

Infect-ERA

**FIRST CALL FOR TRANSNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECTS
WITHIN THE EUROPEAN RESEARCH INFECT-ERA**

INFECT-ERA GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS

DEADLINES

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1. General Background

Despite great advances in medicine during recent years, human infectious diseases still pose a serious and increasing threat for public health. Reasons for this are the development of resistance to antibiotics and other anti-infective drugs, the threat of emerging infectious diseases, the spread of pathogens via global travel and the issue of co-infection with at least two pathogens. A broad support of diversified research fields on pathogenic micro-organisms should make a significant and sustainable contribution to counter these threats.

To improve the European coordination of research on pathogenic micro-organisms, the EU established two successful initiatives during Framework Programme 6: 1) *The Trans-European Cooperation and Coordination of Genome Sequencing and Functional Genomics of Human-pathogenic Micro-organisms* (ERA-NET PathoGenoMics) was created to coordinate the research efforts of member states. 2) *The Network of Excellence "Europathogenomics"* aimed at creating scientific impetus in the field of functional genomics of pathogenic bacteria, thereby encouraging collaborations and facilitating training in the field.

Under the umbrella of PathoGenoMics, three transnational calls were launched. The continuing Infect-ERA is launching its first transnational call.

Call topic

In this call, Infect-ERA aims to fund transnational and translational research, bringing together basic, applied and technology-driven research approaches of a broad variety of research topics regarding human infectious diseases. The call will enable multinational, collaborative research projects that address a specific topic of human infectious diseases research.

Scientists' consultation in participating countries provided a catalogue of research topics that indicated the current ID research challenges and the tools and methods to address them in the near future. Based on these topics, two main research themes were identified:

- The microbes' environment and infection including metabolism of microbes, molecular mechanisms and strategies of their pathogenicity
- The host-microbe interaction, co-infection, microorganisms transmissibility and host susceptibility factors

Transnational research proposals must address at least one of the following areas, which are equal in relevance for this call:

- (i) application of novel approaches and technologies such as metagenomics, transcriptomics, and metabolomics to address infection biology as a whole regardless of the pathogen (bacteria, virus, uni-cellular protozoa etc.)
- (ii) integration of new approaches to understand the effect of the pathogen upon infection and to develop biomarkers, preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic tools.

Proposals with topics HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Tuberculosis are not in the scope of the call

Potential topics of the proposals could include:

- research on microbial ecology, population genetics, novel and re-emerging pathogenic microorganisms,
- new tools for the prevention of human infectious diseases and secondary pathologies, development of new vaccines, use of pre-/probiotic potential of microorganisms,
- development of new tools or strategies for diagnosing and monitoring infections, development of new procedures for faster/more cost-efficient diagnostics,
- investigation on host-pathogen interactions, on activation of the host immune system, on development of antibiotic resistances and on development of novel strategies for breaking existing resistances.
- development of new therapies, validation and lead identification of potential new therapeutics, host impact, studies on mode of action/mode of side effects, investigations of the role of micro-organisms in secondary pathologies (e.g. in chronic diseases),
- development and application of new technologies like new sequencing and HTS methods, new animal models, quantitative functional genomics (including

expression profiling, gene silencing, epigenetic mechanisms of gene expression modulation, SNP analysis), infection-relevant protein profiling, systems biology approaches, *in vivo* imaging/screening technologies.

The proposals should go beyond the genome-wide approach of the framework PathoGenoMics. Furthermore, they must: 1) show a close cooperation between academic and clinical or industrial participants, 2) convincingly present the application (exploitation) of the project results, and 3) demonstrate a clear benefit to the public.

2. General Call Information

The European Infect-ERA programme aims to **Coordinate European funding for infectious diseases research**.

The submission process of proposals will be organised in two steps: first, a pre-proposal and second, an invited full proposal.

The Infect-ERA programme offers a partnering tool (<http://www.infect-era.eu/collaborations>), which is designed to support the identification of potential project partners for Infect-ERA proposals.

The call is centrally coordinated by the Infect-ERA Joint Call Secretariat (JCS), which is represented by Project Management Jülich (PtJ, Jülich, Germany). All funding agencies participating in the first call are opening the call simultaneously in their respective countries.

3. Call Timeline

The deadline for submitting pre-proposals is **April 19, 2013** and invited full proposals must be submitted by **August 02, 2013**. Projects will be expected to start at the **end of 2013 or beginning of 2014**.

4. Eligibility of Applications

4.1 Infect-ERA Eligibility criteria

Research proposals may be submitted by:

- higher education institutions,
- non-university public research establishments (including hospitals and clinics),
- commercial companies, in particular small and medium-size enterprises (SMEs),
- scientists according to relevant national regulations.

Applicants must refer and adhere to their own specific national regulations and scientific remits as detailed in the National Announcements (see section 9). Please note that some national agencies do not fund commercial companies.

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each collaborative consortium should have the optimal critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly show an added value from working together. Participants from non-participating countries may be involved in projects if they secure their own funding and if their expertise is indispensable for reaching the objectives. Participants from non-partner countries must also accept all Infect-ERA rules and guidelines.

The following criteria must be taken into account:

- English as the language of the proposal
- Each proposal must involve a minimum of **three** (3) Infect-ERA partner countries and a maximum of **six** (6) project participants.
- Participants from non-partner countries may be involved in projects if they secure their own funding and if their expertise is indispensable for reaching the objectives.
- The consortia should always consist of a majority of eligible project partners.
- Each consortium should favourably include participants from both academia and clinics or industry (please note the national regulations).
- Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national funding agency. Each consortium must nominate a project coordinator to represent the consortium and to be responsible for its internal

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management and progress report communication to JCS as well as representation of the consortium.

- If selected for funding, each consortium should clarify the potential IPR matters (such as licensing in, licensing out, patent, and exploitation strategy) and any other legal matter in a written agreement signed by all participants as detailed in 4.3.

4.2 National Eligibility criteria

Applicants must refer and adhere to the specific regulations of the national funding organisations. Each project partner is responsible for ensuring that he/she meets the national eligibility criteria. Therefore, each project partner is strongly encouraged to contact his/her National Contact Person (see section 8). The national regulations of each partner country are briefly described in section 9.

4.3 Consortium Agreement

All participants should agree to abide by the rules of Infect-ERA as defined in the call text.

All project participants will be required to sign a Consortium Agreement (CA) before the start of the project, which must address (as a minimum), the following points:

- common start date and duration of the research project
- organisation and management of the project
- role and responsibilities of each partner resources and funding
- confidentiality and publishing
- Intellectual Property Rights
- decision making within the consortium
- handling of internal disputes
- the liabilities of the research partners towards one another (including the handling of default of contract)

Any issues regarding funding are a bilateral matter between each project partner and the relevant funding organization and should be excluded from the consortium agreement. The CA, together with any other information required by national regulations, must be made available on request to the national funding agencies.

5. *Submission of Proposals*

The submission of proposals is possible only through the website (www.submission-infect-era.eu). Proposals can only be submitted for open calls during the period specified in the call document. Each project coordinator should make sure to register the proposal early enough as a sharp call deadline is applied. After this deadline, the website does neither accept modification to nor submission of any proposal. Project coordinator should also not underestimate the effort needed to collect the required information from their project partners and in completing the information in the website.

If the application concerns a request for extension of a project funded in previous ERA-Net PathoGenoMics calls (JTC 2004 and 2010), add one page describing the scientific results achieved in that project so far.

A pre proposal consists of two parts:

- Part A which contains the administrative information such as the abstract (summary of the project) and the finances (2000 characters)
- Part B which presents the project idea including the project aims and the expected results and their potential exploitation (6000 characters)

Full proposal consists of following parts:

- Brief CVs of the project partners, including lists of up to five recent publications.
- Summary of the project (work plan, aims and expected results)
- Background and state-of-the-art
- Work plan (including involvement of participants in different work packages, plus lists of milestones and deliverables)
- Added value of the proposed international collaboration

- Potential health impact and exploitation/dissemination of expected project results: Prospects regarding application in clinic and/or industry, market potential, position with regard to IPR both within and outside the consortium (e.g. barriers to sharing materials or results)
- Description of on-going research projects of each participating group related to the present topic (indicating funding sources [include at least: ID number, amount and duration of funded project; funding agency] and possible overlaps with the proposal)

6. Governance of the Call and Evaluation Procedures

Two boards, with the support of the JCS, will manage and direct the evaluation of research projects: 1) the Call Steering Committee (CSC), composed of one member from each participating organisation providing funding to this call, will be in charge of supervising the call and recommending the proposals to be funded to the national funding bodies and 2) the Peer Review Panel (PRP), constituted by international scientific experts, that will evaluate the proposals as detailed below.

To ensure objectivity during the evaluation procedure, the members of these two boards will not submit proposals to this call.

6.1 Evaluation of Pre-Proposals

Joint pre-proposals should be submitted online by **19.04.2013** through the submission tool (www.submission-infect-era.eu). For application also refer to paragraphs 8 and 9 of this document as well as to the details on the submission website.

Each partner country will check the eligibility of their national applicants. The PRP will assess the scientific quality of the pre-proposals and their fit into the scope of the call. **The information given in the pre-proposal is binding.** Thus, any fundamental change between pre-proposal and full proposal (composition of the consortia, objectives of the project) must be communicated to the JCS with detailed justification and will only be allowed with the agreement of the CSC, in exceptional cases.

6.2 Evaluation of Full Proposals

Please note that joint full proposals will be accepted only from those applicants explicitly invited by the JCS to submit them. Full proposals are to be submitted online through the Infect-ERA submission tool by **02.08.2013** (www.submission-infect-era.eu).

The PRP will evaluate the full proposals based on the following scientific criteria:

- Scientific quality, innovation and international competitiveness of the proposal
- Scientific expertise of the consortium and chance of success
- Quality of the organisation and coordination, multidisciplinary, appropriateness of time and work schedule, feasibility according to existing and requested resources (equipment, man power, etc.)
- Impact for public health
- Prospects for the transfer of results into clinical and/or industrial application (quality of exploitation plan, economic innovation potential, market potential and competitiveness, patent situation)

Each criterion will be scored on a 5-point scale (only full points allowed):

5 (Excellent)	Issues under assessment are comprehensively covered.
4 (Good)	Issues under assessment are well covered, with minor suggestions being put forward to enhance the project chances of success.
3 (Acceptable)	Issues under assessment are adequately covered, but the proposal shows weakness in some specific areas of the criterion. Enhancing the project chances of success may require significant additions or changes to some specific parts of the proposal that can realistically be introduced prior to the start of the project.
2 (Defective)	Issues under assessment are sketchily covered and proper evidence of project chances for success is lacking or omitted.

Potential for greater chance of successful outcome(s) requires significant major additions or changes.

- 1 (Failed) The proposal does not adequately cover the issues under assessment and/or demonstrate that it has met the objectives of Infect-ERA.

Each evaluator will individually review his/her assigned full-proposals, score each criterion and fill out a common evaluation form available through the online evaluation tool.

6.3 Decision

The PRP will meet to discuss the evaluation before establishing a ranking list of the reviewed proposals. Based on the PRP recommendation, the CSC will decide on the final list of projects to be funded. Final decisions will be made at the national level. The participants involved in the selected projects will be funded through the national programs (see specific national regulations and contact the respective national contact person). Projects will start end of 2013 or in early 2014.

7. Monitoring

The coordinators of each funded project must submit **a mid-term** and **a final scientific project report** to the JCS together with summary reports from each participant. In accordance with specific national regulations, each participant should also submit periodical financial and scientific reports and a final report to its national funding agency.

The coordinators will present the results of their projects at status seminars to be organized by the JCS. Any publications resulting from the funded projects must acknowledge the national funding agencies and the Infect-ERA, and one copy must be sent to the JCS.

8. National Contacts

In total, the following 12 Infect-ERA partner from 10 different countries will take part in the **first Infect-ERA call** with a “virtual common pot” funding. Please get in touch with your national contacts of the applicable funding agencies before submitting a proposal.

Country	Participating Funding Organisations	Contact details
AT	Austrian Science Fund (FWF)	Dr. Milojka Gindl +43 1-5056740-8209 Milojka.Gindl@fwf.ac.at] www.fwf.ac.at
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FR	French National Research Agency (ANR)	Serawit Bruck +33 (0)173548170 serawit.bruck@agencerecherche.fr www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
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HU	Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA)	Prof. Levente Emödy +36 72331248 levente.emody@aok.pte.hu www.otka.hu
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SW	Swedish Research Council (SRC)	Pontus Holm +46 (0)8 546 44 317 pontus.holm@vr.se www.vr.se

* Participation of Romania is pending on final budget approval expected end of February 2013.

9. National Regulations

9.1 Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austria

Country	Austria
Funding organisation	Austrian Science Fund (Fonds zur Förderung der Wissenschaftlichen Forschung – FWF)
National contact person	Dr. Milojka Gindl , milojka.gindl@fwf.ac.at + 43 (1) 505 67 40 8209
Funding commitment	1 Mio €
Anticipated number of fundable research projects	3-4 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to project partner	No limit /amount of typical (sub)project: ~0.3 M€ for a three-year project
Eligibility of projects	Joint research projects
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Applications for projects from Austria may only be submitted by single natural persons. Affirmation of the research institution of the applicant is mandatory. Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines: http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf
Eligibility of costs,	Only project-specific costs (see rules for FWF stand-alone project). No overhead allowed (according to national regulation there are 5% general costs).
National phase	Only proposals reaching 2 nd stage (full proposal) of the call: PI has to submit one-page project summary in English and in German, application forms (application form, itemization of requested funding and forms for international research partners) Justification for the costs details please see http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/applications/i-internationale_kooperationsprojekte.html
Further guidance	Austria

9.2 Agency for Innovation by Science and Technology (IWT- Flanders), Belgium

Content of 'separate document with the IWT eligibility criteria':

- It is mandatory that the Flemish companies apply at IWT at latest 14 days before the closing of the call, by means of the abstract of the project, innovation goal and valorization perspective of the Flemish partner.
- A project cannot receive double public funding.
- The minimal funding subsidy for the Flemish partners is 50,000.00 EUR. The maximum funding is 250.000,00. The budget for the Flemish partners should follow the IWT cost model.
- The company must have a stable financial situation. Financial statements of the last 2 years should be included (in case of a start-up company, the business plan should be included as well).
- The company must at all times have made reasonable efforts to comply fully with all the legal, regulatory and judiciary provisions and decisions that are or where applicable to it.
- The company must have enough financial means to fund its own part of the project.
- The project must be compatible with the regional program. Any kind of research supporting military purposes is not funded.
- The application should contain all information needed for evaluation of the scientific technical aspects as well as the aspects related to the valorization of the research results.
- The company must be registered in the Flemish region in order to receive funding. Moreover, the company must be well established in the region.
- The project must add benefit to the regional economy. Companies should describe the added value for Flanders ("Toegevoegde waarde in Vlaanderen" - max 5 pages). This document should be part of the hard copy sent to IWT. Companies which do not create enough added value for Flanders will not be considered eligible.
- Applying companies should have complied with all contractual obligations in previously funded projects.
- The duration of the project is max 3 years.
- Large companies can be funded.
- Subcontractors can be funded.
- At the closure of the call the consortium coordinator should send the pre-proposal of the project to the international call secretary office. Latest at the same day the Flemish partner has to send the innovation goal, the valorization perspective and the accessibility statement to IWT. In case there are changes with respect to the first version a version with track changes has to be sent to IWT as well.
- If authorization by an ethical commission is required for project execution in Flanders, the official approval should be sent to IWT as soon as possible. In any case, for projects that have been selected for funding, the official authorization document has to be made available to IWT after the funding decision was made by the board of IWT. If not, project funding will be denied.
- Declaration (in Dutch and included in the hardcopy sent to IWT) that
 - The Infected-ERA -procedures and rules will prevail on IWT-procedures and rules.
 - IWT can perform all due diligence to evaluate the international project.
 - There are no government claims on the company and there is no double financing.
 - That the given financial information is correct.
 - Electronic version of the application sent to Infected-ERA is identical to the hard copy of the application sent to IWT.

9.3 Danish Agency for Science, Technology and Innovation (DASTI), Denmark

Please see The Danish Council for Strategic Research “Guidelines – Transnational calls-31 January 2013”.

Link to the document on our website:

<http://fivu.dk/forskning-og-innovation/rad-og-udvalg/det-strategiske-forskningsrad/for-ansogere/skemaer-og-vejledninger/guidelines-transnational-calls-january-2013.pdf>

9.4 French National Research Agency (ANR), France

Country	France		
Funding organisation	French National Research Agency		
National contact persons	Serawit Bruck , serawit.bruck@agencerecherche.fr +33 (0)173548170		
Eligible organisation	<p>Applicants from public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, universities, hospitals, etc... or from private bodies such as large enterprises or SMEs, private associations etc... are all eligible to apply.</p> <p>Conditions of eligibility:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) A French person coordinating a proposal is authorized to submit as coordinator only one proposal to all ANR calls of 2013 edition. 2) The evaluation panel must not judge the project proposal to be similar¹ to a project that is already funded, or to one that is currently being evaluated under a call for proposals in the ANR programme planning on the closing date of the present call for proposals. 3) The evaluation panel must not judge that the project proposal infringes an intellectual property right characterising a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property. 		
Funding quota	Category	Maximum funding	
	Public research institute	100% of marginal cost	
	Large enterprise	30% of total cost	
	SME	45% of total cost	
Further information on funding conditions	Consult the call document on the ANR website		

¹ A project proposal will be judged similar to another if its principal objectives are the same, or result from a simple adaptation to the terms of the call for proposals **AND** the composition of the consortium is largely identical.

9.5 Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) represented by Project Management Jülich (PtJ), Germany

Country	Germany		
Funding organisation	Project Management Jülich (PtJ)		
National contact persons	Dr. Bülent Genç , b.genc@fz-juelich.de +49 (0) 2461 61 5265 Dr. Henrike Knizia , h.knizia@fz-juelich.de +49 (0) 2461 61 9758		
Eligible organisation	Applicants from public research institutes such as universities, hospitals, research institutions or from private bodies such as large enterprises or SMEs are all eligible to apply.		
Funding quota	Category	Maximum funding	
	Public research institute	100% of marginal cost	
	Large enterprise	Up to 50% of total cost	
	SME	Up to 50% of total cost	
Further information on funding conditions	Consult the German call document on the BMBF website and see ANBest, BNBest and NKBF 98 for the funding regulations, the follow up and reporting of publicly funded projects. Proposed projects must be in line with the national announcement on Infect-ERA		

9.6 Hungarian Academy of Science (HAS), Hungary

Country	Hungary
Funding organisation	Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary
National contact persons	Béla Nagy , bnagy@vmri.hu +36 1 2522455 / +36 1 467 4085 Levente Emőd y, levente.emody@aok.pte.hu, +36 72 536 000 ext. 31904, / +36 20 446 3501
Funding commitment	see: OTKA
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	see: OTKA
Eligibility of project duration	Max 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, Academy institutions, State laboratories, SME partners
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Consumables, travel and conferences, investigator work contract (but no salaries for applicants), small equipments, overhead No double funding (including national funding from OTKA or HAS)
Submission of the proposal at the national level	According to the rules of OTKA
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	According to the rules of OTKA
Information available at	http://www.otka.hu

9.7 Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), Hungary

Country	Hungary
Funding organisation	Hungarian Scientific Research Fund (OTKA), Hungary
National contact persons	Levente Emőd y, levente.emody@aok.pte.hu, +36 72 536 000 ext. 31904, +36 20 446 3501 Béla Nagy , bnagy@vmri.hu +36 1 252 2455 / +36 1 467 4085
Funding commitment	0.13 Mio€; with a maximum/per project of 0,075 Mio€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	1-2
Eligibility of project duration	Max. 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, Academy institutions, State laboratories, SME partners
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Consumables, travel and conferences, investigator work contract (but no salaries for applicants), small equipments, overhead No double funding (including national funding from OTKA or HAS)
Submission of the proposal at the national level	According to the rules of OTKA

9.8 Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH), Israel

National contact person	Dr. Benny Leshem , chief.scientists@moh.health.gov.il Dr. Irit Allon , allonirit1@gmail.com
Funding commitment	Up to 240K€
Anticipated number of fundable research projects	Up to 4 projects
Maximum funding per grant awarded to project partner	Up to 60K
Eligibility of projects	The projects must prove relevance to health, medicine or biomedicine
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	Researchers or clinicians from universities, hospitals and research centers Further details: http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/Documents/instructions.rtf
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Salaries for principal investigators or partners are not eligible Permanent equipment is non-eligible Project-related travel: up to 4000 € Further details: http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/Documents/instructions.rtf
Further guidance	http://www.health.gov.il/Subjects/research/Documents/instructions.rtf

9.9 National Science Centre (NCN), Poland

NCN Eligibility Requirements for applicants based in Poland

- **Who can apply?**

Higher education institutions, non-university public research establishments (including hospitals and clinics).

The applicant who intends to act as Project Coordinator or Principal Investigator in an Infect-ERA Consortium must be a researcher with a doctorate degree. Principal Investigators must be employed at a Polish research institution, have necessary qualifications, the required infrastructure and sufficient free capacity to carry out the requested project in full.

- **Total funding:** 500 000 Euro

- **Maximum funding per project:** 250 000 Euro

- **What are the eligible costs for Polish researchers?**

You can apply for funding for all costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project including:

- Personnel costs;
- Equipment – the cost of an individual item of equipment must not exceed PLN 500.000
- Material costs e.g.:
 - Travel & accommodation & meeting costs
 - Costs for knowledge transfer
 - All joint publication costs (incl. editing and translation costs)
 - Other consumables

Please note:

- Overhead costs must not exceed a maximum of 30% of eligible costs (excl. equipment) and may not be increased during the course of a research project.
- Administrative personnel costs have to be covered from overheads.
- No double financing is permitted.

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9.10 National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland

Country	Poland
Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development www.ncbr.gov.pl
National contact persons	Marcin Chmielewski , Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme (<i>Krajowy Program Badań</i>)
Funding commitment	1,0 M€
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	3-5
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The NCBR does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010.
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development following entities are eligible to apply, i.a.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific institution; • Scientific consortia; • Scientific network; • Industrial Scientific Centre; • Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences; • Legal entities with a registered seat in Poland; • Enterprises having the status of R&D centre; • Enterprises conducting R&D activity in other than aforementioned organizational form.
Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member	The cost of PHD fellowship is not eligible.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	The eligible costs shall be the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs

	<p>corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; 4. cost of contractual research, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, where the transaction has been carried out at arm's length and there is no element of collusion involved, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel; 5. other operating costs, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; 6. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 8% for enterprises, 15% for private universities and research institutes and 20% for public universities and institutes of the Polish Academy of Sciences of all eligible project costs; That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs. It means $6=(1+2+3+4+5)*x\%$. <p>The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.</p>
<p>National phase</p>	<p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.</p>
<p>Further guidance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. <p>All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.</p>

9.11 Science and Technology Foundation (FCT), Portugal

Country	Portugal
Funding organisation	Foundation for Science and Technology
National contact person	Anabela Lopes Isidro , anabela.isidro@fct.pt ; +351 21 391 1552
Funding commitment	0.4 Mio€; with a maximum/per project of 0,2Mio€
Anticipated number of fundable research groups	2-3
Eligibility of project duration	Max. 3 years
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D centres; Associate laboratories; State laboratories; Private non-profit institutes whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities; Companies provided that they participate in projects headed by public or private non-profit institutions; Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, networks & consortium funding, mobility and overheads
Submission of the proposal at the national level	Yes, only for proposals which are recommended for funding
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level	Yes submission of financial and annual scientific reports at national level is required according with the rules of FCT
Information available at	http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamento.phtml.en

NOTE: The dedication time of researchers to project is not applicable for this JTC.

9.12 National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS), Romania

Participation of Romania is pending on final budget approval expected end of February 2013.

Please consult the submission website or the national contact person for up to date information.

9.13 Swedish Research Council (SRC), Sweden

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