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## ALGERIA

✓ **Name of the Funding Party, address and country**

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✓ **Participation criteria**

This call is open to Algerian legal entities established and based in Algeria.  
The Algerian partner could be: a team/a division/a laboratory/ a research centre/ a research unit or a public or private entity from socio economic sector.  
The partner responsible for the project should have the means and heavy facilities for a better implementation of the proposed project.

✓ **Funding criteria**

- Funding per project:

The funding provided by the DGRSDT concerns only the expenses for running or functioning cost which is governed by the ministerial order fixing the list of revenue and expenses of the National fund for scientific research and technological development, and capital expenditure are not included.

✓ **List of eligible costs**

- REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

- Travel costs of Algerian researchers in Algeria and abroad (7 days maximum).

- Scientific events: organizational expenses, accommodation, catering and transport.
- Investigators fees.
- Guide fees.
- Experts and consultants fees.
- Study, work and services costs done for the research entity.

- EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE

- Materials, scientific and audiovisual instruments.
- Renewing computing materials, purchasing accessories, software and consumables.
- Maintenance and repair.

- SUPPLIES

- Chemicals.
- Consumables.
- Electronic, mechanical and audiovisual components.
- Stationery and office furniture.
- Periodicals.
- Documentation and research books.
- Laboratory furniture (animals, plants, etc...).

- ADDITIONAL CHARGES

- Printing and publishing.
- Postage charges.
- Telephone, Fax and Internet.
- Other costs (taxes, custom duty, financial costs, insurance, storage costs, etc).
- Data bank (acquisition and subscribing).

- CAR PARK

- Car rent for research in the field.

- COSTS OF VALORIZATION AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

- Costs of training and support of project holders.
- Costs of intellectual property:
  - § Anteriority research.
  - § Patent, brand and template deposit request.
  - § Software deposit.
  - § Protection of vegetable , animal obtentions and other.
  - § Costs of representatives.

- Costs of design and definition of the project to be developed.
- Incubation costs.
- Costs of valorization services.
- Costs of design and developing prototypes, mock-ups, test series, pilot facilities and demonstrations.

NB: It should be noted that according to the provisions of the regulations in force, other costs under the international projects are subject to a request for the DGRSDT.



## **CROATIA**

*The National Regulations of this country will be published as soon as possible.  
Applicants should contact with the respective NCP, directly.*



## CYPRUS

✓ **Funding Body:**

CYPRUS  
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RPF

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✓ **Beneficiaries:**

Research Organisations, Enterprises, Other Organisations (Other Private Sector Organisations or Public and Broader Public Sector Organisations).

Each Cypriot Consortium participating in a proposal may consist of up to three (3) participating organisations.

✓ **Project Activities:**

The projects may include Fundamental and/or Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development activities.

✓ **Duration of Project Implementation:**

12- 36 months.

✓ **Maximum Funding per Project (For the Cypriot Consortium):**

€80.000

In the occasion that the Cypriot Organisation undertakes the coordination of the Transnational Consortium, the maximum funding for the Cypriot organisations can be up to €100.000.

✓ **Eligible Costs:**

Personnel costs, Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services, Foreign Travel Costs, Consumables, Other Specific Costs, Overheads (up to 20% of the direct costs).

✓ **Dissemination Activities:**

All activities pertaining to dissemination and exploitation of the research project results (Cost Categories “Costs for External Services” and “Other Specific Costs”), even those to be carried out after project Implementation Completion, must acknowledge the RPF financial support with the use of logos and/or appropriate reference. In the event of non-compliance with the EU information and publicity regulations, the relevant expenditure may be deemed ineligible, requiring the recovery of part or all of the relevant amount disbursed.

✓ **VAT Eligibility:**

VAT is eligible only in the cases where the beneficiary has no obligation or right to register in the VAT Registry or cannot recover VAT on revenue stemming from research activities. In order to consider VAT as an eligible cost, the beneficiary must submit to the RPF the relevant correspondence with the VAT Commissioner proving the above. Until submission of said correspondence, VAT shall be deemed non-eligible.

✓ **Subcontracting Rules:**

The Costs for external services must not exceed 10% of the total project budget pursuant to the Project Contract and 40% of the budget of the organisation implementing the cost.



✓ **Links and references to find specific (national) requirements:**

<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/index>

<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/calls>



## EGYPT

✓ **Name of the Funding Agency, address and country**

Science and Technology Development Fund (STDF)  
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✓ **National Contact Point:**

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✓ **Participation criteria**

Research proposals may be submitted by an Egyptian PhD holder, affiliated to an Egyptian research institution (Universities, Research Centers/institutes ...etc.).

An applicant, who is already participating as a principal investigator (PI) in two running STDF projects or participating as a team member in three running STDF projects, is not eligible for funding.

Note:

Upon proposal acceptance, project contracts are made between three parties: STDF, the legal representative of the host institution, and the PI of the project.

The fund is allocated to both the host institution and the PI, administered by the host institution's financial department, and managed by the PI of the project. Non-governmental host institutions are requested to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the amount of fund, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

✓ **Scientific criteria:**

STDF thematic areas and topics to be funded:

Thematic area 1: Sustainable water management for arid and semi-arid med areas

Thematic area 2: Sustainable farming systems under Med environmental constraints

✓ **Funding criteria**

Thematic area 1: Sustainable water management for arid and semi-arid med areas (Each project can receive up to 150,000 €, to be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds)).

Thematic area 2: Sustainable farming systems under Med environmental constraints (Each project can receive up to 100,000 €, to be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds))

The amount of funding is divided into instalments, to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical progress reports.

✓ **Eligible costs:**

- Incentives for the project's team/Personnel cost: incentives are allowed for members of the project team and must not exceed 25% of the Egyptian Total Project Budget. Also, STDF abides by its approved scheme for incentives which takes into consideration each team member's academic credentials and the percentage of time spent on performing the project's activities.
- Equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material: funds required for the purchase of equipment, spare parts, expendable supplies and material required to fulfil the objectives of the project are allowed.
- Services: services necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project are allowed. These include manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, registration and protection of the IP and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- Events: in general all costs directly related to the preparation, implementation and/or attendance of events like workshops, conferences, training courses etc. are eligible.
- Travel: the most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. Upgrades to business class are to be done at one's own expense.
- Daily subsistence (per diem) allowance: calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate - Ministry of Higher Education - and depending on the visited country. Sometimes it's limited by the internal regulations of the PI's institution.
- Indirect cost: costs incurred by the PI's institution in order to facilitate performing project activities, support financial administration, manage the facilities, etc. (overheads).

Indirect Cost must not exceed 20% of (Total Direct Cost minus Equipment cost).

Note:

Egyptian Total Project Budget is equal to the Total Direct Cost plus the Indirect Cost

- ✓ **Consortium agreement** is not mandatory and not binding if it violates STDF regulation



## EGYPT

✓ **Name of the Funding Agency, address and country**

Academy of Scientific Research and Technology (ASRT)

✓ **National Contact Point:**

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✓ **Eligible Institutions**

This call is open to Egyptian legal entities established and based in Egypt. The Egyptian partner could be: research institutes, academic, non-academic organizations including NGOs and innovation agencies, industry, with special attention to small-medium size enterprises (SMEs).

✓ **Eligible Applicants**

Egyptian legal entities established and based in Egypt.

Egyptian PI must not participating as PI in more than two ongoing projects funded by the Academy.

The Egyptian Team must follow the National regulation “general contractual conditions “for the Academy of scientific research and technology.

✓ **Eligible Costs**

- a- Incentives up to 40% of the total requested contribution (per Egyptian applicant)
- b- Costs that are necessary for fulfilling the objectives of the project and include, but not restricted to, manufacturing of specimens & prototypes, IP protection and publication, acquiring access to specialized reference source databases or computer software, fees for use of facilities in other national institutions, etc.
- c- Materials, kits and consumables.
- d- Equipment (shall be fully justified and must not exceed 25% of the total budget per Egyptian partner).
- e- Travel and subsistence costs. Daily subsistence costs are calculated according to the current governing rules of the Mission Directorate, Ministry of Higher Education, and

depending on the visited country. Sometimes are limited by the host institution's internal regulations. In this respect, institutional policy for travel and subsistence costs shall be respected. In all cases, the most economical means of transport consistent with effective pursuit of the project should be used. In all cases, upgrades to business class flight tickets are to be done at one's own expense.

- f- Organisational costs of events and projects' meetings.
  - g- Overhead cannot exceed 5% of the total requested fund
- The budget of the following activities shouldn't exceed 15% of the Egyptian Applicant's requested funding:  
Activities that are supporting academic teaching programs, development and launching of project website, design and development of original teaching tools.

- ✓ **Funding commitment**  
**15M Euro for 10 years**  
**1.5M Euro per year**

Maximum Amount for the Egyptian participation per proposal is up to 100,000 euro

- ✓ **Other Funding Criteria**

#### **Conditions of funding of companies and Private Sector**

This call is also open for private sector including SMEs. Terms of funding companies are based on the local regulations of the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology, in Egypt where beneficiaries are required to either submit a Letter of Guarantee against the fund amount, or follow a post-activity milestone payment schedule.

- ✓ **Relevant documents**  
**National Regulations** (<http://www.asrt.sci.eg> )

- ✓ **Additional Info**  
The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements, where the body selected for financing will sign an agreement with the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology. For more information, please contact Egypt NCP

- ✓ **Useful Links**  
[www.asrt.sci.eg](http://www.asrt.sci.eg)  
[www.stip.eg.net](http://www.stip.eg.net)



## FRANCE

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** The amount of money a project can require must be between 15 000 € and 250 000 €, 300 000 € if a French partner is coordinator. If there are more than one French partner, then the 250 000 € (300 000 €) have to be shared. A partner cannot require less than 15 000 €.

### ✓ French funding body details

Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR)

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The conditions of participation, including the criteria of eligibility, and important recommendations presented herein, come in addition to the provisions figuring in the call for proposals text.

### ✓ National eligibility criteria

The French part of the project proposal **must not be judged similar to a project that is already financed** by the ANR. A project proposal will be judged similar to another if its principal objectives are the same, or results from a simple adaptation to the terms of the call for proposals AND the composition of the consortium is largely identical.

An applicant (i.e. researcher) cannot be involved in more than 3 proposals in the framework of the ANR 2018 Action Plan (all calls combined), i.e. **at most a coordination and 2 partnerships or 3 partnerships**.

Project proposals lasting **4 years** maximum are expected.

- **Participation criteria**

ANR funding is limited to project partners residing in France. To be eligible the consortium must include at least one French partner of a public research organisation. The association with an enterprise is encouraged but not mandatory and in collaboration with an enterprise from a Southern country (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt)

- **Requested funding limits**

The amount of money a project can require must be **between 15 000 € and 250 000 €, 300 000 € if a French partner is coordinator. If there are more than one French partner, then the 250 000 € (300 000 €) have to be shared. A partner cannot require less than 15 000 €.**

- ✓ **Scientific criteria**

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded by ANR  
**ANR supports all the topics of PRIMA call.**

- ✓ **Funding criteria**

It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of ANR funding (<http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>) before submitting a research project.

Eligible expenditures are listed in the “règlement financier” available at <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/RF>

### **Important recommendations**

The total (in person months) of the non-permanent personnel (postdocs, fixed-term contracts, temporary workers) receiving ANR funding should not exceed 30% of the total (in person months) of the staff (permanent and non-permanent personnel) of the French partners assigned to the project.

The financing duration for each post-doctoral fellowship cannot be less than 12 months.





## GERMANY

### ✓ **Funding body details**

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)  
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### ✓ **National criteria**

#### ○ **Participation criteria**

Research proposals maybe submitted by German research institutions, universities and companies (small and medium enterprises – SME) based in Germany.

Research institutions receiving basic funding from the Federal Government and the Länder can only be granted funds to cover extra expenditure in addition to their basic financing.

Applicants are advised to liaise with the National Contact Point to check the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible, before a consortium submits an application.

- **Funding limit**

There is no specified funding limit for German applicants in joint research projects. The budget calculation of German applicants shall cover direct/indirect costs and a lump sum of 20% for universities, if requested (see below).

The “total indicated amount allocated to the call” and the “expected number of grants”, as set out in the Annual Work Plan (“Information about the Section 2 Call – 2018”), should be considered as guidance on the expected financial volume of the project.

- ✓ **Scientific criteria**

- **Thematic areas and topics to be funded**

Grants will be issued for projects in all thematic areas and all topics of Section 2.

- ✓ **Funding conditions and criteria**

- **Funding Conditions**

The legally binding regulations are specified in the respective announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA call and will enter into force on the date of publication in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger).

The announcement of the BMBF will be published on the following website: <https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/> and [http://www.internationales-buero.de/de/laufende\\_bekanntmachungen.php](http://www.internationales-buero.de/de/laufende_bekanntmachungen.php).

Projects with German participation must not have started before the grant will be issued. Only costs arising after the start of a project, as fixed in the grant agreement, are eligible.

The assessment bases for universities, research and scientific institutions and similar institutions are the eligible project-related expenditures (at Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft - FhG - the eligible project-related costs), which can be individually supported up to 100%. The grants for SMEs are calculated on the basis of the total project-related costs eligible for funding. As a rule, up to 50% of these costs can be covered by government grants, depending on how close the project is to application. The BMBF policy requires an own contribution towards the eligible costs incurred - as a rule at least 50%.

The European Commission's Community Framework for State Aid for Research and Development must be taken into account when calculating the respective funding ratio. This Community Framework allows a differentiated bonus arrangement for collaborative projects involving applicants in the new German Länder and for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), which may result in a higher rate of funding.

Funding is provided upon the conclusion of a consortium agreement prior to the start of the project.

✓ **Eligible costs**

Activities eligible for funding in joint research projects include research and development activities, coordination activities, capacity building, training and the organization of workshops.

Dissemination activities and travel expenses for congresses, fairs or conferences are eligible for funding only in justified cases.

○ **Direct costs**

**a. Costs of personnel**

Costs of scientific staff, technical staff and/or student assistants, required in connection with the proposed project can be funded.

**b. Costs of durable equipment**

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

**c. Consumables and supplies**

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation (expendable items, devices, business needs, transportation expenses, literature, rents, orders, etc.) may be considered as direct costs. Consumables are only eligible costs if bought after the start date of the project. Consumables belonging to the basic facilities of an applicant are not eligible.

**d. Subcontracting**

The general rule applies that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, it should be accepted that as an exception certain parts that are not "core" parts of the project may be subcontracted, such as rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context of the organization of events or printing services etc. The EU regulation on public procurement has to be considered: <https://www.bmwi.de/Redaktion/DE/Downloads/P-R/richtlinie-vergabe-oeffentlicher-auftraege.html>.

**e. Events**

Workshops with already known partners or workshops aiming at the development of new cooperation potentials can be funded in Germany as well as in the partner country. For the execution of workshops various expenses / costs can be funded. This includes, for example, the accommodation of guests, transfers, the provision of workshop documents, appropriate catering for the participants and the rental of premises. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the event and the number of foreign guests.

**f. Travel costs**

Project related expenses / costs for travels and stays of German scientists and experts can be funded. Travel and stays of foreign scientists and experts can only be funded in well-justified exceptional cases.

Please consult the announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA call in the Federal Gazette (Bundesanzeiger) for specific regulations on travel costs.

- **Indirect Costs and overheads**

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system. Universities (public/non-public) and university hospitals (regardless of their legal status) can apply for an additional lump sum of 20% (Projektpauschale) of the requested funding for research projects.

Detailed information and guidance documents on national project applications on expenditure basis / cost basis are available on the following website:

[http://www.internationales-buero.de/de/download\\_center.php](http://www.internationales-buero.de/de/download_center.php).



## GREECE

✓ **Funding body details (country, name and acronym).**

Hellenic Republic (Greece), General Secretariat for Research and Technology of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (**GSRT**), <http://www.gsrt.gr>

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✓ **National criteria:**

○ **Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.**

All Legal Entities, in particular Enterprises and Research Organizations (HEIs, Research Centers, etc.)

It is noted that “Undertaking in difficulty” according to article 2(18) of the EU regulation 654/2004 are not eligible for funding.

○ **Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal (if applicable).**

An indicative upper limit of the total public funding will be 400.000 € per proposal (including indirect costs), for all Greek partners. This upper limit can be increased to 500.000 € per proposal (indicative) if a Greek partner assumes the project coordination.

○ **Duration of the project**

The duration of the projects can be up to 4 years. Nevertheless, a partner can receive funding for less than 4 years according to PRIMA funding organisations eligibility criteria and regulations.

○ **Scientific criteria: Thematic areas and topics to be funded.**

All thematic areas and topics, of the Prima AWP 2018, are eligible to Greek partners for funding.

○ **Funding criteria: total budget and budget per thematic area/topic (if applicable)**

The allocated budget for the AWP 2018 is 2.000.000 €. Budget breakdown, per thematic area, as follows, is flexible to reallocation within thematic areas:

- *Thematic area 1* Sustainable water management for arid and semi-arid med areas: 750.000 €
- *Thematic area 2* Sustainable farming systems under Med environmental constraints: 600.000 €
- *Thematic area 3* Mediterranean Food Value Chain for Regional and Local development: 650.000 €

We expect 6 to 12 projects to be funded, at least 2 projects per thematic area.

GSRT will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

○ **Eligible costs: (according to E.U. regulation No 651/2014 regarding state aid rules.)**

- I. FOR ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES:** (It basically concerns private sector and research organizations and other entities for economic activities).

**ELIGIBLE COSTS AND AID INTENSITY PER AID CATEGORY**

**Aid for research and development projects (article 25)**

- **Direct costs: personnel, travels, subsistence, equipment, materials, consumables, etc.**

Eligible direct costs of R&D projects shall be the following:

(a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project (regarding the individual enterprises the contracts should abide by the national legislation and guidelines);

(b) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible;

(c) costs of buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. With regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible;

(d) costs of contractual research, knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at arm's length conditions, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project;

(e) other expenses, including costs of materials, consumables and similar products, incurred directly as a result of the project.

**Aid Intensity (grant) depends of the kind of research/activities.**

- (1) up to 100% of the eligible costs for basic research
- (2) up to 50 % of the eligible costs for industrial research;
- (3) up to 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development;
- (4) up to 50% of the eligible costs for feasibility study. The total eligible cost for the feasibility study will be the cost of the study.

The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 80 % of the eligible costs as follows:

(a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises;

(b) by 15 percentage points if one of the following conditions is fulfilled:

(i) the project involves effective collaboration:

— between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70 % of the eligible costs, or — between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organizations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results;

(ii) the results of the project are widely disseminated through conferences, publication, open access repositories, or free or open source software.

The aid intensities for feasibility studies may be increased up to 10 percentage points for medium sizes SMEs and 20 percentage points for small enterprises.

**Aid to SMEs for participation in fairs (article 19)**

The eligible costs shall be the costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand for the participation of an undertaking in any particular fair or exhibition.

The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs.

**Innovation Aid for SMEs (article 28)**

Eligible costs:

(a) costs for obtaining, validating and defending patents and other intangible assets;

(b) costs for secondment of highly qualified personnel from a research and knowledge-dissemination organization or a large enterprise, working on research, development and

innovation activities in a newly created function within the beneficiary and not replacing other personnel;

(c) costs for innovation advisory and support services;

The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs. In the particular case of aid for innovation advisory and support services the aid intensity can be increased up to 100 % of the eligible costs provided that the total amount of aid for innovation advisory and support services does not exceed EUR 200 000 per undertaking within any three-year period.

### **Aid for Training (article 31)**

Eligible costs:

- (a) Trainers' personnel costs
- (b) Trainers' and trainees' operating costs
- (c) Advisory services
- (d) Trainees' personnel costs and general indirect costs.

The aid intensity shall not exceed 50 % of the eligible costs. It may be increased in the case the aid is granted to medium size and small enterprises.

- **Indirect costs and overheads.**

Eligible Indirect costs up to 5% of the total budget allocated to Greek partner/s per project.

- **Dissemination activities (if applicable).**

While not obligatory, it is recommended that both dissemination and communication activities are included.

- **Capacity building, training and mobility (if applicable)**

They are eligible and encouraged.

## **II. FOR NON-ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES (Usually HEI, Research Centers/institutions)**

- **ELIGIBLE COSTS AND FUNDING PERCENTAGE**

**All aid categories and eligible costs mentioned above for economic activities are also eligible for funding for non-economic activities.** (funding up to 100% of the eligible costs.)

In addition, the costs for transnational mobility of both Greek and foreign graduates, PhD students, post-doctoral students and researchers from or to Universities, research centers and research organizations in general for a short period of time (maximum 5 month) are eligible. The mobility should be linked with Capacity building, training and research actions.

The maximum monthly cost for the relevant research organization (host organization or origin organization) is 2000 €. It will include travel expenses, subsistence expenses, daily allowance,



equipment and installations rental expenses for events hosting etc. according to the law 4336/2015, in particular the articles 2, 5, 17, 23, sub-paragraph D9).

- **VAT eligibility.**  
Only not reclaimable VAT is eligible.
- **Operational and coordination costs (if applicable).**  
Yes, they are eligible. For the economic activities it is eligible within the relevant eligible direct cost/aid intensity. In the case of the non-economic activities it could be mentioned as a separate cost category. It both cases it will include personnel cost, travel expenses and other expenditure necessary for the reports preparation, coordination activities as kick off meetings, results presentation, projects monitoring etc.)
- **Subcontracting rules (if applicable).**  
Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget and it should be well justified.
- **Consortium agreement requirements (if applicable).**  
The consortium agreement will be in English and should be submitted to GSRT before the first instalment.
- **Other Non-eligible cost (Non-exhaustive list):**
  - any costs not directly related to the specific aided project but related instead to other research and development activities of the beneficiaries, or to their regular activities
  - any profit
  - excessive expenditure or expenditure of no avail
  - costs for advertisement, distribution and promotion of commercial products and activities
  - any forecast for possible future damages or debts
  - any interest or return on invested capital
  - unsubstantiated debts
  - entertainment costs
  - costs pertaining to other projects that have been funded by third parties
- **Links and references to find specific (national) requirements:** [www.gsrt.gr](http://www.gsrt.gr)
- **Legal Basis:**
  1. National Law 4310/2014, as it has been modified and it is in force.
  2. EU Regulation No 651/2014, regarding state aid rules.
  3. Joint Ministerial Decision 95637/2017 (FEK 2234, B)
  4. Another Joint Ministerial Decision for the section 2 (national regulation) is in the pipeline.

- **Additional requirements and information.**

It is obligatory for Greek applicants to submit on-line, in Greek language, a short proposal description, providing more details regarding the work undertaken by Greek partners, within 10 working days after the first and the second Stage submission deadline.

An implementation guide, in Greek, providing detailed information regarding the terms and procedures for both the submission and implementation phase, is currently under preparation.



## ISRAEL

✓ **Funding body**

Israel Innovation Authority, through ISERD (the Israel-Europe R&D Directorate)  
<https://innovationisrael.org.il/>

✓ **National Contact Point details**

Mrs. Karniol Ayala, [ayala@iserd.org.il](mailto:ayala@iserd.org.il) ,+972-3-5118119

✓ **Participation criteria**

The national office requires applicants to complete a "company profile" form in Hebrew.

SME	20%-50%	No limit	
LARGE COMPANY	20%-50%	No limit	
UNIVERSITY			Only as a subcontractor to a company
RESEARCH ORGANISATION			Only as a subcontractor to a company
OTHER			Only as a subcontractor to a company

✓ **Funding criteria : total budget and budget per thematic area/topic**

<https://innovationisrael.org.il/rules>

1. Following a positive funding decision by the PRIMA Independent Expert Panel, the Israeli participant(s) in the project need to fill up an Israel Innovation Authority application.
2. The application includes a project description (based on a Word template downloadable from the Israel Innovation Authority site), a budget (based on an Excel template

downloadable from the Israel Innovation Authority site) and several company-related administrative documents.

3. After the submission of the application, an Israel Innovation Authority evaluator writes a report which is submitted to the Israel Innovation Authority Research Committee; the committee decides which funding percentage will be granted (between 20% and 50%).
4. Prior to receiving the grant, the company needs to prove that it has the "matching" funds (i.e., the remaining 50% to 80%) needed to finance its part of the project.
5. The process, from the submission of the application to the Israel Innovation Authority until the final funding decision by the Israel Innovation Authority takes up to three months.

✓ **Links and references to find specific (national) requirements**

Restrictions on the IP: the IP generated by the Israeli partner(s) during the lifetime of the project has to remain in Israel – or the company needs to pay a fine of up to 6 times the grant (this applies for example when a foreign company acquires the Israeli partner and wants to register the acquired IP outside of Israel).

If the project fails (no revenue) the funding is a grant (no need to repay); if the project succeeds, the funding becomes a loan and has to be gradually repaid over several years (as a percentage of the project's annual revenue).

Israel Innovation Authority in English:

<http://www.economy.gov.il/English/RnD/Pages/RnD.aspx>

ISERD (Israel-Europe R&D Directorate):

<http://www.iserd.org.il/>

Direct Link to National Information Webpage:

<https://innovationisrael.org.il/>



## ITALY

✓ **Funding body**

**MIUR – Ministry of Education, University and Research**

Via Michele Carcani 61

00153 ROMA

ITALY

✓ **Applicable laws and rules**

- Decreto legge n. 83/2012;
- Decreto Ministeriale n. 593 del 26 luglio 2016;
- Linee guida al DM del 26 luglio 2016 n. 593

✓ **Participation criteria**

1) Type/nature of participants

The following entities are eligible, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: enterprises, private research bodies and end users, universities, research institutions, research organizations in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014-

2) Legal/administrative /financial conditions:

The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry.

The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.

The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni".

The participant must not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 593/2016 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014.

The participant must be in compliance with the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC).

The judicial and pending records of the legal representative of the participant are negative.

3) Financial conditions

For any participant, with the exception of public universities and public research institutions (Enti pubblici di ricerca), the following financial criteria, calculated using

the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled. In case a participant does not fulfil these criteria, it can be admitted only if it provides an adequate financial guarantee.

$$CN > (CP - I)/2$$

Where:

CN = net assets (Capitale netto)

CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year

I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects

$$OF/F < 8\%$$

Where:

OF = financial charges (Oneri finanziari)

F = turnover (Fatturato)

#### ✓ Funding criteria

Overall funding commitment for the call: € 7.000.000 as grants.

The maximum amount of grants allowed per project is € 500,000, if the project coordinator is Italian, and € 350,000 if the project coordinator is not Italian.

#### Funding Rates:

The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rate listed in the following table.

Activity Typology \ Applicant typology		Funding Rates			
		Enterprises, consortia, end users and private research bodies (which do not meet the requirements of research organization under EU Reg. no. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)			Universities, public research institutions, research organizations (public and private) in accordance with Reg. EU n. 651/2014 of the Commission - June 17, 2014)
		Small Enterprises	Medium Enterprises	Large Enterprises	
Basic Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	70%
Industrial Research	grant	40%	30%	20%	50%
Experimental Research	grant	30%	20%	10%	25%

On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to:

- 80% of the total contribution for public entities
- 50% of the total contribution for private entities

The remaining part of contribute will be paid in instalments after each financial and progress reporting period.

✓ **Research topics to be funded**

All topics can be funded.

✓ **Eligible costs**

All activities classifiable as Basic Research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic and Industrial research activities altogether must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (i.e. altogether, the cost of Basic and Industrial research activities must be greater than the cost of the Experimental development activities).

All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and Overheads.

Overheads (spese generali) shall be calculated as a percentage of the personnel costs and cannot be higher than 50% of them. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs are to be included in the overheads.

✓ **Double submission**

The same project proposal cannot be submitted to section 1 and 2 of PRIMA call. Two projects will be judged as identical if at least 75% of the project is similar in terms of objectives, methodology and consortium composition.

A coordinator (as a person and not as an institution) cannot submit more than one proposal to PRIMA per year, independently from the call section.

✓ **Submission of the proposal at national level**

In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, **the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MIUR, through the national web platform**, available at the following link: <http://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it>

The content of such documentation is defined in the cited web platform.

**These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the first step of the PRIMA international joint call.**

**Any participant who does not submit its national documents, duly signed as specified in the web platform, by the deadline of the first step of the PRIMA call, will be considered not eligible for funding.**

The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.

✓ **Other requirements**

The participants to a project recommended for funding shall sign a Consortium agreement in order to be funded.

✓ **Funding Party Contact person**

Aldo Covello, tel. 06 5849 6465, e-mail: [aldo.covello@miur.it](mailto:aldo.covello@miur.it)

✓ **PRIMA National Contact points**

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MIUR website:

<http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/era/art-185-del-trattato-dell-unione-europea/prima.asp>





## JORDAN

- ✓ **Name of the Funding Party, address and country**  
Scientific Research Support Fund (SRSF) / Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research
  
- ✓ **National Contact Points:**
  - Omar amawi  
Telephone: 0096265335288, Mobile 00962776756675  
Email: [omaramawi@hotmail.com](mailto:omaramawi@hotmail.com); [o.amawi@hcst.gov.jo](mailto:o.amawi@hcst.gov.jo)
  - Rasha Smadi: [rasha.s@hcst.gov.jo](mailto:rasha.s@hcst.gov.jo)
  
- ✓ **Procedures of Presenting and Evaluating the Proposals of Scientific Research Projects:**
  - 1- The Pre-Proposal shall be submitted by the principal researchers online through the official form of the Fund.
  - 2- The Fund shall check the pre-proposals and classify them according to the knowledge and academic sectors, and the general manager will refer them to the specialized sectoral committees.
  - 3- The specialized sectoral committees will study the pre-proposals and submit their recommendations through the official form to the general manager which will in turn be referred to the Scientific Committee.
  - 4- The Fund shall inform the principal researchers of the decision of the Scientific Committee concerning the pre-proposals and in accordance with due and proper practice.
  - 5- The detailed proposals of the pre-proposals nominated and agreed upon according to the form adopted for this purpose will be submitted through the public and/or private national institution in which the principal researcher works accompanied by a recommendation in which is stated the amount and extent of its contribution technically and financially to the research project.
  - 6- Two hardcopies and an electronic copy on a CD or a “flash memory” shall be provided for each detailed proposal provided that is in the form of PDF+WORD.

- 7- The concerned departments at the Fund shall check the detailed proposals and the general manager will refer them to the specialized sectoral committee which will either be in electronic and/or in hardcopies.
- 8- The specialized sector committees shall prepare for each detailed proposal a list of the names of five specialized evaluators whose scientific capability is attested to among those working in academic and research institutions and centers inside and/or abroad the Kingdom in case this is necessary.
- 9- The chairman of the specialized sector committee may nominate one of the members of the committee to evaluate a detailed proposal of a research project in case the research project falls within his precise field of specialization.
- 10- The general manager shall choose at least three evaluators from the list prepared for each research project, and it is admissible to send the project for the external evaluation of two evaluators at most in case this is necessary.
- 11- The detailed proposals and the official evaluation form of the evaluators accompanied by official letters shall be sent in hard and/or electronic copies provided that the evaluation response is received by the Fund within two weeks from the date of the evaluators of the proposal receiving the proposal.
- 12- After the issuance of the reports of the evaluators the concerned department head at the Technical Affairs Directorate will register their comments in the special official form, and their reports are then referred to the specialized sectoral committee for study.
- 13- The specialized sectoral committee will submit their recommendations to the scientific committee along with scientific justifications and reasons.
- 14- In case the evaluation of the evaluators differs clearly and starkly then the general manager may refer the proposal to a fourth evaluator or the scientific committee shall adopt a decision in this regard.
- 15- In case necessary, the specialized sector committee shall conduct the necessary communications and interviews with the principal researcher to perform any amendments or modifications suggested by the evaluators and/or specialized sector committee.
- 16- In case any amendments are made, the principal researcher must send the required amendments electronically, provided that a corresponding hardcopy signed by his institution properly and duly is sent.
- 17- The scientific committee shall study the recommendations of the specialized sectoral committees, and shall recommend to the Council what it deems suitable concerning supporting scientific research projects.
- 18- The General Manager may communicate with any university and/or public or private institution related to the research project to consider the possibility of applying the outputs of the research project.

- 19-In case the outputs of the scientific research project supported by the Fund require completion of another research phase (Phase 2) then the researcher must submit through his institution a new detailed proposal without need for a pre-proposal, whereupon the evaluation procedures adopted by the Fund will come into effect.
- 20-The Council shall adopt the suitable decisions in light of the recommendations of the scientific committee, and the principal researcher will be informed thereof by official means irrespective of whether the decisions are negative or positive.

✓ **Standards and Mechanism of Supporting Research Projects**

**Standards of offering support for research projects for the year 2014 provided to the Scientific Research Support Fund:**

- 1- The scientific research project shall be submitted by a principal researcher specialized in the subject of the research project whether an individual researcher or the head of a multi-disciplinary and/or institutional research team, in accordance with the official form for this purpose.
- 2- It is required for the principal researcher to be an employee of one of the public and/or private institutions in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, provided that the number of Jordanian participating researchers is not less than (50%) of the research team.
- 3- It is required for the researcher to be registered in the national database of researchers in the university and the scientific centers.
- 4- It is required for the principal participating researcher(s) to possess the scientific experiences and capabilities necessary for accomplishing the research project.
- 5- It is admissible for the new researchers to apply for or participate in the scientific research projects within their field of specialization in case the published scientific research is unavailable to them.
- 6- It is permissible for distinguished researcher(s) from abroad the Kingdom to partake in the specialized research fields, in case such participation leads to technology transfer and contributes to innovation, invention and development, provided that the principal researcher provides adequate justifications that are convincing to the Fund.
- 7- It is permissible to involve full-time researchers with the approval of the board of directors and to pay them financial recompense to be determined by the board.
- 8- Preference is given to scientific research projects that are of economic or practical dividends or which could lead to patents and technological development.

## **Standards for the Participation of Researchers in Research Projects Supported by the Fund and their Recompense**

- 1- The standards and value of the recompenses disbursed to the researcher(s) are determined based on the decision of the board of directors, provided that they are at a maximum (40%) of the value of the overall funding, in case the researchers are more than three, and (30%) if they are two, and (20%) in case of a single researcher, and in all cases the financial recompense to a single person in a single year shall not exceed (20%) of his overall salary in a single year.
- 2- It is permissible to involve full time scientific researchers with approval of the board of directors, and they shall be given financial recompense approved by the board.
- 3- It is admissible for the principal researcher in a research project supported by the Fund to submit a request for the funding of another one or more research project prior to the expiry of the period specified for accomplishing his first research project, provided that he had successfully completed not less than (50%) of the phases of the project being implemented.



## LEBANON

### 1. Name of the Funding Body:

National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-L)

### 2. Participation criteria

#### Eligible organizations:

CNRS-L Research Centers, Research Centers recognized by the CNRS-L, and Universities - with priority for universities who signed joint agreements with the CNRS-L and the CNRS-L Charter of Ethics.

#### Consortium:

The project consortium must comprise project partners from at least three different countries of which at least one from an EU Member State/Associated Country and one from a Mediterranean Partner Country.

The CNRS-L will fund a maximum of two Lebanese partners per proposal.

#### Conditions of proposals:

- Each individual can participate in more than one project but can be the main investigator in only one project.
- Key researchers should be included by name (and position) in the proposal to enable evaluation of their qualifications and experience. Researchers who have not been included by name at the proposal stage should be identified by scientific expertise.
- Applications should be submitted by full time staff through their institution.
- The consortium should include one of the CNRS-L Research Centers when the topic of the proposal is also addressed by the National Centre For Geophysical Research

or the National Centre For Marine Sciences or the National Center For Remote Sensing or the Lebanese Atomic Energy Commission.

**Letter of Commitment:**

- Letters of Commitment from the hosting institution/s for 50% co-funding signed by the president of the university/institution should be sent to the CNRS-L before the online deadline of submission to:
  - Email to: [rula.atweh@cnrs.edu.lb](mailto:rula.atweh@cnrs.edu.lb) / [enjeim@cnrs.edu.lb](mailto:enjeim@cnrs.edu.lb)
  - Mail (Original Hard copy) to the following address:  
Attn: Rula Atweh (Room 312) / National Council for Scientific Research, CNRS  
59, Zahia Salmane street, Jnah / P.O. Box 11-8281, Beirut, Lebanon
- A template for the letter of commitment is annexed below  
The letter should indicate the commitment towards:
  1. Hosting the project activities (facilities, equipment and technical functions for project implementation),
  2. Commitment of staff time and effort for the project,
  3. Financial (in-cash) commitment of the organization,
  4. Commitment for financial reporting to the CNRS-L

**3. Funding criteria**

- The total Lebanese contribution for the present call is a maximum of 500,000 Euros (Cost sharing: 50% CNRS-L and 50% Lebanese Institutions).
- To be eligible for CNRS-L funding, all participating institutions are required to cost share 50% in any proposal.
- The CNRS-L contribution for each project cannot exceed **50%** of the total Lebanese requested budget, and ranging between 30,000 to 50,000 Euros per project.

**4. List of eligible costs**

Budget Lines	CNRS-L Upper Funding Limits (as Percentages)
<b>Personnel</b>  <i>Indemnities for temporary research assistants and technicians only. Permanent staff is not</i>	30% of Budget

<p><i>allowed to charge salaries or any additional indemnities from the present project.</i></p> <p><b>PhD Scholarships: Co-Tutelle and Co-Direction</b></p> <p><i>* For inclusion of a PhD Student, the rules of the CNRS-L Scholarship Programme will apply. Please contact the CNRS-L for further details. PhD Candidates will need to undergo the selection process of the CNRS-L. It is recommended to co-fund the scholarship with other partners from the consortium.</i></p>	<p>(Upper limit can reach 50% of Budget only in the case that a PhD Scholarship is included.)</p>
<p><b>Event Costs</b></p> <p><i>Expenses for local dissemination of results to the scientific community and society (organization of meetings and seminars). It is noted that activities relating to product commercialization or the protection of intellectual property rights are not covered.</i></p> <p><i>As the call for proposals highlights the importance of innovation, we strongly encourage participants to include, if possible, stakeholders, SMEs and Enterprises in their project events for the dissemination of their results, in order to be aligned with the call's purpose</i></p>	<p>10% of Budget</p>
<p><b>Travel Costs</b></p> <p><i>Includes <u>ticket</u> costs &amp; insurance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5 day trip) for project events/project coordination.</i></p> <p><i>(Economy Tickets)</i></p>	<p>25% of Budget</p>
<p><b>Per Diem/Daily Allowance</b></p> <p><i>Includes Daily Allowance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5 day trip) for project events/project coordination.</i></p>	

<i>(Max. 180 Euros/Day)</i>	
<p><b>Invitation to Foreign Researchers</b>  <i>Includes both tickets and daily subsistence for foreign experts (NOT PROJECT PARTNERS) to the project (max. 5 day trip).</i>  <i>(Economy Tickets &amp; Max. 180 Euros/Day)</i></p>	
<p><b>Consumables and Supplies</b>  <i>Expenses for consumables that are necessary for project implementation.</i>    <i>General office material, printing paper, ink, CDs etc. are not included. Computer hardware and software are not considered as eligible</i></p>	20% of Budget
<p><b>Subcontracting</b>  <i>Can be included to subcontract a temporary expert/researcher (particularly for external expertise necessary for project implementation).</i></p>	10% of Budget
<p><b>Documentation</b>  <i>Printing of publications, publication of articles in technical and scientific journals</i></p>	5% of Budget
<b>Other Costs</b>	5% of Budget
<b>Durable Equipment</b>	Can be included on Institution/s Budget (up to 10%) but are <b>Not Applicable</b> for CNRS-L Reimbursement.
<b>Operating Costs</b>	Not Applicable for CNRS-L Funding
<b>Shipping Costs</b>	
<b>Communication Costs</b>	
<b>Indirect Costs/Overheads</b>	

For any additional information, CNRS rules on Grant Research Project and scholarships will be applied. ([www.cnrs.edu.lb](http://www.cnrs.edu.lb))



## 5. PRIMA National Contact points

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*CNRS-L Lebanon*

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(Please Print on Official Letter Head of Your Organization/Institution)

### **Commitment Letter**

On behalf of the (Name of University/Institutions); we submit to the National Council for Scientific Research - Lebanon (CNRS-Lebanon), within the PRIMA Section 2 Call (2018) and within the following Research Topic: (Specify research topic as per PRIMA Section 2 Call for Proposals).

Title of the Proposal: .....

Acronym of the Proposal: .....

Consortium Partners & Countries:

- Lead Applicant (Partner 1):
- Partner 2:
- Partner 3:
- Partner 4:

(Please add/delete as necessary)

***(In the case of more than one Lebanese Partners - a maximum of 2 - please complete the figures below as relevant to your institution only; kindly ensuring that all other Lebanese partners within this proposal submit their respective commitment letters.)***

**(Your Institution's)** TOTAL Budget for the proposal: ---,---.00 Euros (100%)

Requested Contribution from the CNRS-L to **(Your Institution)**: ---,---.00 Euros (50%)

Committed Contribution from **(Your Institution)**: ---,---.00 Euros (50%)

In light of the above, the **(Name of University/Institution)** commits:

- a) To host the project activities, including placing all necessary equipment, facilities and technical functions for project implementation.
- b) Commit staff-time and efforts for the project (noting that no permanent staff salaries or indemnities can be charged to the project).
- c) To fund in real-cost (in-cash contribution) the amount stipulated above (Representing 50% of the Institution's share in the budget of the proposal).
- d) To submit to CNRS-L financial and administrative reports as per a grant agreement to be signed by partner institutions and the CNRS-L (for accepted projects only).

Name of Authorized Signatory

Signature & Date

NB: In the case that the project does not pass the external evaluation (administrative and/or scientific) and/or the selection process of the PRIMA; no financial commitment will be incurred by either the Lebanese Partner Institution above, or the CNRS-L


## LUXEMBOURG

### ✓ **Funding body**

Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

### ✓ **National Contact Point details**

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helena.burg@fnr.lu

The conditions of participation for Luxembourg project partners, including the eligibility criteria, the rules for eligibility of costs, as well as specific requirements concerning the project submission are summarised in the FNR INTER guidelines available at <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/> .

### ✓ **Participation criteria**

FNR supports project partners based in Luxembourg only. To be eligible, the consortium must include at least one Luxembourg partner eligible for financial support from the FNR (i.e. public institutions performing research in Luxembourg, non-profit associations and foundations performing research in Luxembourg and that have obtained a special authorization from the Luxembourg Ministry for Higher Education and Research).

A project consortium should seek a balanced contribution (in terms of human resources) of all involved project partners.

The Luxembourg Principal Investigator must be an experienced researcher who holds a doctoral degree. He/she must have a proper employment contract with the eligible beneficiary institution at the starting date of the project and the employment contract must last for the full duration of the research project.

Collaboration with an enterprise and/or other stakeholders is encouraged but not mandatory.

### ✓ **Requested funding limits**

The maximum FNR contribution per research project is 300.000 €. Funding is limited to projects with a minimum duration of 2 years.

### ✓ **Scientific criteria**

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded by FNR

**FNR supports all the topics of PRIMA call.**

### ✓ **Funding criteria**

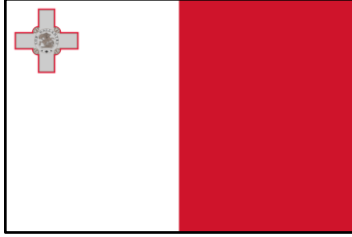
It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of FNR funding (<https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/>) before submitting a research project.

Eligible expenditures are listed in the “FNR INTER Guidelines” available at <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/>

Please note, Luxembourg-based researchers applying for bi- and multilateral projects where the FNR provides funding (e.g. in PRIMA) must always submit call documents to the FNR as well.

### **Important note**

The FNR attaches great importance to the impact of research outputs on science, industry, policy making and society in general. To maximise the possibilities for impact of research outputs, results from FNR-(co)funded research are expected to be disseminated via high-quality, peer-reviewed publications that are made freely available ([FNR Policy on Open Access](#)).



**MALTA**



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**National Rules for Participation**

**Abridged version (kindly consult MCST website on launching of the Call for the full  
detailed version of the National Rules)**

**December 2017**

**1. Funding body and National contact point details**

**Funding party details:**

Malta Council for Science and Technology for and on behalf of the Foundation for Science and Technology (MCST), Villa Bighi, Kalkara, KKR 1320, Malta

## **National contact point details:**

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## **2. Definitions**

**Industrial Entity** is defined as a Maltese Legal Entity having more than 50% private shareholding, including but not limited to, a privately owned company or commercial enterprise the objects and activities of which include the output of a specified product and service, and have the financial means to execute the project and a potential to use the results. In addition to research and innovation contributions and knowledge transfer, the entity may contribute to the Project Consortium by developing, testing, commercializing or using such a product or service. Provided that a registered NGO, or a Professional Body as defined in this Section is considered as forming part of this definition.

**Maltese Legal Entity** means any entity created under the laws of Malta which has legal personality and which may, acting under its own name, exercise rights and be subject to obligations.

**Public Entity** means any Maltese Public Service Department or Maltese Public Sector Entity, or any Maltese Legal Entity which has more than 50% government shareholding. Public Service refers to all Ministries and Departments; and Public Sector Entities refers to authorities, corporations, agencies and commercial public sector entities in which the Government has a majority shareholding and that are not listed on the stock exchange. Public Entities also include foundations, local councils and public academic entities. In the case of public academic entities, this includes but is not limited to a higher education entity or a research institute, whether as a whole body or as a component unit or department within such body, provided that the entity's ongoing education and research is scientifically in line with the subject of the application being submitted during this call provided that the higher education entity must be in possession of a license for Higher Education according to the Further and Higher Education (Licensing, Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations – Subsidiary Legislation 327.433. This does not include the license for a tuition centre.

**NGO** means any Voluntary or Non-Governmental Organisation set up in accordance with The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta).

**Professional Body** may be an organisation, an association, a chamber, society, institute or a group of professional persons not being enrolled or registered in terms of The Voluntary Organisations Act (Cap. 492 of the Laws of Malta) or not being otherwise recognised in terms of Law, and which is generally recognised and acknowledged by the professional persons it seeks to represent as their representative Body. For the purposes of this Definition, a professional person is one who has undergone a period of study at a university or a recognised institution of higher learning and has obtained the formal qualification entitling the person to practise the respective profession; and who provides a specialised

service to the public, based primarily on a fiduciary relationship between himself and the party to whom he provides such service on his own personal credibility and responsibility.

**Non-profit making** is an entity where (a) the statute of the entity contains an express exclusion of the purpose to make profits; and (b) there is express provision in the statute defining the purposes of the entity which do not include the promotion of private interests, other than a private interest which is a social purpose; and (c) no part of the income, capital or property is available directly or indirectly to any promoter, founder, member, administrator, donor or any other private interest

Provided that if a promoter, founder, member, administrator or donor is another enrolled non-profit making organisation, the limitation in paragraph (c) shall not apply provided the availability of such income, capital or property is subject to conditions which are consistent with the general purposes of the grantor entity:

Provided further that an organisation shall continue to be deemed as non-profit making notwithstanding that:(i) it obtains a pecuniary gain from its activities when such gain is not received or credited to its members but is exclusively utilised for its established purposes; (ii) it buys or sells or otherwise deals in goods or services where such activities are exclusively related to its principal purposes; (iii) it is established for the general entertainment, pastime, education or other similar benefit only of its members; or (iv) it is established for the promotion of the social role, ethics, education and values of a trade or profession provided it does not promote the private interests of its members.

### **3. National eligibility criteria**

Any Industrial Entity, Public Entity, Professional Body or NGO may apply for a PRIMA funded project and will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the full version of the National Rules for Participation as well as the PRIMA Guide for Applicants.

Applicants, who fall within the definition of Industrial Entity, will be required to provide the following documents, which will be considered during the national eligibility check stage:

- Memorandum & Articles of Association or other constitutive document;
- Audited financial statements for the last 3 fiscal years

In the event that the Applicant is a start-up and the above documents are not available, the Applicant shall provide the financial projections for three (3) years signed by an auditor, including:

- an income statement
- a cash flow statement
- a statement of financial position

In the event that the review of these documents may result in too high an exposure risk to the Council, the Applicant will no longer be entitled to participate in the project.

Applicants who have other funded projects with the Council and are in default, and/or have gone beyond the timelines of the project, are not eligible to participate.

Any application submitted by or including the participation of any legal person or legal entity having, in totality or in majority ownership, the same shareholders, partners or persons holding and / or exercising a controlling power in any other legal entity which will have been at any time prior to such application declared as non-compliant or defaulting on any other contract or agreement entered into with the Council, shall be automatically declared as inadmissible.

The full version of the National Rules will be providing more information on the eligibility under State Aid regulations.

The proposal should be novel and not correspond with on-going or completed projects funded by other instruments, programmes or projects.

There is no upper limit of eligible consortium size. Consortia may involve as many participants as necessary to achieve the project goals. However, applicants should be aware that a higher number of represented countries in a consortium will not automatically result in a positive evaluation of the proposal. There is also no upper limit of partners from the same country.

Partners who are not eligible for funding, including partners from countries not participating in this call may participate at their own expense or if they have their own separate source of funding. The applicants have to prove (letter/commitment) the willingness of other partners to fund their own activities. However they cannot coordinate a project and their contribution to the project should not be vital. They are not taken into account in the minimum requirement of eligible partners and countries in the PRIMA eligibility criteria.

#### **4. Grant Value**

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The total maximum National Budget for this Call is of €500,000. There is a capping on the maximum amount a project can request for funding according to the thematic area chosen (thematic area 1 = €200,000; thematic area 2 = €150,000; thematic area 3 = €150,000).

It is at the Council's discretion to shift funds from one thematic area to the other during the scientific ranking phase.



Funding for successful project submissions will be on the basis of a periodic cash advance, and will be regulated through a contractual agreement establishing the terms and conditions governing the financing of the project.

Funding under this joint initiative is made available on the basis that an Applicant does not benefit from any other grant or financial incentive in respect of the expenses related to the execution of the project.

## 5. Scientific criteria:

The following are the nine (9) topics that will be funded (and also their possible nexus i.e. research projects that could address issues that are cross cutting between two topics, as long as both topics are eligible for funding by the partner countries):

### Thematic area 1

- Topic 1.1: Water resources availability and quality within catchments and aquifers
- Topic 1.2: Sustainable, integrated water management
- Topic 1.3: Irrigation technologies and practices

### Thematic area 2

- Topic 2.1: Adaptation of agriculture to climate change
- Topic 2.2: Preventing emergence of animal and plant diseases
- Topic 2.3: Developing farming systems able to generate income, to create employment and to contribute to a balanced territorial development

### Thematic area 3

- Topic 3.1: Valorising food products from traditional Mediterranean diet
- Topic 3.2: Food safety in local food chains
- Topic 3.3: Implications of dietary shifts and sustainable diets for the Med populations and food industry

Please consult the PRIMA Work Plan 2018 for a more detailed description of each topic.

The following actions will be eligible for funding:

**Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)** – Actions primarily consisting of activities aiming to establish new knowledge and/or to explore the feasibility of a new or improved technology, product, process, service or solution. For this purpose they may include basic and applied research, technology development and integration, testing and validation on a small-scale prototype in a laboratory or simulated environment.

## **6. Project Contact Point**

The Maltese applicant shall appoint a Project Contact Point. The Project Contact Point shall have the following responsibilities:

- To ensure compliance with their obligations in terms of the Contractual Agreement;
- To compile Periodic Reports and Final Reports including their timely submissions and effective execution of the project;
- To execute the project activities according to set timeframes and deliverables

## **7. Funding Criteria**

More information on the eligible and ineligible costs will be found in the full detailed version of the National Rules which will be published on the MCST website when the Call is launched.

### **Eligible Costs**

Eligible costs are those costs incurred directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used primarily for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the Start Date and the End Date of the project and must be limited to the budgeted value.

- Personnel costs
- Specialised equipment and research consumables
- Travel and subsistence
- Other operating expenses directly related to the project
- Scientific information
- Indirect costs / Overheads – covered at 10% of direct eligible costs, excluding the costs of subcontracting and items of equipment above €5000 and consumables above €5000. Note that for equipment, the capping of €500 is per piece while for consumables, the capping of €500 is for the total amount of consumables per partner.
- Subcontracted activities – up to a limit of 25% of the project value, provided that prior approval is attained from the Council before subcontracting to ensure fair procurement procedures

### **Ineligible costs**

- Expenses related to loans, interest, etc.
- Recoverable value added tax
- Expenses which are recoverable through other funding mechanisms
- Re-purchase of equipment originally procedure through other funding mechanisms
- Purchase of equipment from partners or their subsidiaries
- Opportunity costs related to foregone production and production downtime arising from the allocation of resources to the project

- Any activity related to the reproduction of a commercial product or process by a physical examination of an existing system or from plans, blue prints, detailed specifications or publicly available information
- Standard office equipment
- Personnel hours for travelling

## **8. Co-financing**

Co-financing rates will be present and these will be dictated according to the state aid rules that will be adopted for the programme. For further information, please consult the full version of the PRIMA National Rules once these are published on the Council's website.

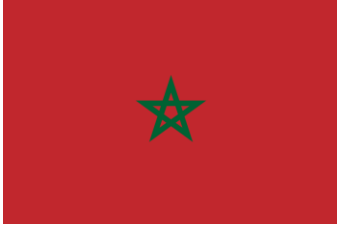
## **9. Post Selection Process**

Once a project is approved for funding, individual Grant Agreements will be signed between the Applicant and the Malta Council for Science and Technology. This agreement will regulate the transfer of funds to national beneficiaries and establish the legal ground for project funding.

More information will be provided in the full detailed National Rules on Project Monitoring, Dissemination, Externalisation and Reporting. The council would need to be provided on a periodical basis with technical and financial reports. The method that will be adopted will be similar to what is undertaken in other National Programmes.

## **10. Full detailed PRIMA National Rules for Participation**

The full version of the PRIMA National Rules for Participation will be uploaded on the Malta Council for Science and Technology website when the PRIMA 2018 Call is officially launched (<http://mcst.gov.mt/news/>).



## MOROCCO

✓ **Funding agency**

Department of Higher Education and Scientific Research – Morocco (DHESR-M).

✓ **National Contact Point details:**

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✓ **National criteria (See table in French in annex 1):**

- Entities eligible for funding:
  - ✓ Public universities
  - ✓ Universities from the Public-private partnership
  - ✓ Non-university institutions
  - ✓ Public research institutions
- Maximum limit requested per project: **100.000 €**;
- No levy is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects;
- Permanent staff can not receive research allowances. The remuneration of the non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD) participating in the project can be financed (Comply with the joint decision of 14 January 2016 concerning the management of the own resources of public institutions of higher education and scientific research);
- Costs requested for Research allowances, travel and mission expenses can not exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team;
- The budget requested for the first payment can not exceed 60% of the total budget allocated to the Moroccan team;
- The second payment will be made only after validation of the mid-term report.

- ✓ **Scientific criteria:**
  - DHESR-M supports all the topics of PRIMA call.
  
- ✓ **Funding criteria (See table in French in annex 1) :**
  - Eligible costs:
    - ✓ Personnel costs : Non-statutory staff (PhD students, post-docs and CDD),
    - ✓ Equipment and research consumables Costs,
    - ✓ Travel and subsistence costs,
    - ✓ Other Specific Costs.
  - Non-eligible costs.
    - ✓ Permanent staff can not receive research allowances.
    - ✓ No levy is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects.

## Annex 1 : Règles nationales du Maroc

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	Premier versement (DH)	Deuxième versement (DH)
<b><i>Dépenses du personnel</i></b>			
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)			
<b>Taxes postales et frais d'affranchissement</b>			
Taxes et redevances pour l'utilisation des lignes de réseaux spécifiques			
Taxes et redevances de télécommunications			
<b><i>Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures</i></b>			
Achat de fournitures de bureau, de papeterie et d'imprimés			
Achat de fournitures informatiques			
Achat de matériels informatiques			
Achat de matériels scientifiques			
Achat de matériels et mobilier de bureau			
Achat de réactifs, kits et produits chimiques			
<b><i>Entretien et réparation</i></b>			
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques			
<b><i>Transport et Déplacement</i></b>			
Indemnités de déplacement à l'intérieur du Royaume			
Indemnités Kilométriques			
Frais de transport au Maroc et à l'étranger			
Frais de transport des missionnaires et chercheurs étrangers			
Frais de mission à l'étranger			
Frais de séjour des missionnaires étrangers au Maroc			
<b><i>Autres Dépenses</i></b>			
Frais de documentation, d'impression et de publication			
Achat de matières premières et de petit outillage			
Frais de réalisation de maquettes et de prototype			
Frais de démonstration et de publicité			
Frais d'étude, d'analyse et de sous-traitance			
Frais de participation aux séminaires			
Frais d'organisation de séminaires			
Frais de dépôt et de gestion des brevets, de licence et/ou de droit auteur			
<b>Total</b>			

**NB :**

- ✓ Le budget maximum accordé/ projet de recherche est de 100.000 €.
- ✓ [Aucun prélèvement n'est autorisé sur la subvention accordée aux projets de recherche.](#)

- ✓ Le personnel permanent ne peut percevoir des indemnités de recherche. Pourront être financées les rémunérations du personnel non statutaire (Doctorants, Post-doctorants et CDD) participants dans le projet ([Se conformer à la décision conjointe, du 14 janvier 2016, relative à la gestion des ressources propres des établissements publics d'enseignement supérieur et de recherche scientifique et technique](#))
- ✓ Les indemnités de recherche ainsi que les frais de déplacements et de missions ne peuvent dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le budget demandé pour la première tranche ne peut dépasser 60% du budget total alloué à la partie marocaine.
- ✓ Le déblocage du budget de la deuxième tranche ne se fera qu'après validation du rapport à mi parcours.
- ✓ Peuvent bénéficier des financements : Les universités publiques, les universités dans le cadre du partenariat public-privé, les établissements ne relevant pas des universités et les établissements publics de recherche.



## PORTUGAL

- ✓ Funding body details (country, name and acronym).

Portugal, Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)

- ✓ National Contact Point details.

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- ✓ National criteria:

- Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.

Non-entrepreneurial entities of the R&I system, namely:

- Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units;
- State or international laboratories with head office in Portugal;
- Non-profit private institutions whose main object is R&D activity;
- Other non-profit public and private institutions developing or participating in scientific research activities.

Companies of any type and under any legal form if included in SR&TD projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the R&I system.

Please refer to **Article 3 (Beneficiaries)** and **Article 6 (Criteria of the projects eligibility)** of the applicable regulation for further details, as well as to its remainder:

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en>.

All Portuguese entities participating in a consortium applying to this call for proposals have to submit their individual **Statement of Commitment**, downloadable here:

[http://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/docs/Declaracao\\_Compromisso\\_FCT\\_Editavel.pdf](http://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/docs/Declaracao_Compromisso_FCT_Editavel.pdf)

**This declaration has to be e-mailed to the national contact person, dully filled, signed and stamped, until 10 days after the call's deadline.** The original hard copy should be kept by its owner, as it may be requested by FCT at a later stage.

- Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal.



Maximum funding available to this call: € 750.000;

Expectable number of funded projects: 5-8;

Maximum amount that may be requested by Portuguese entities altogether per consortium in the case the consortium is coordinated by a Portuguese entity: € 150.000;

Maximum amount that may be requested by Portuguese entities altogether per consortium in the case the consortium is NOT coordinated by a Portuguese entity: € 100.000.

Maximum duration of funding: 36 months (extensions can be authorised for a maximum of 12 months, in duly justified cases).

✓ Scientific criteria:

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded.

All areas and topics in equal terms.

✓ Funding criteria :

- Eligible costs:
  - Expenses with human resources dedicated or related to the development of R&D activities related to the project execution in all mandatory components by the applicable labour legislation, including charges with grant holders directly supported by the beneficiaries;
  - Expenses with missions in the country and abroad, and directly attributable to the project;
  - Acquisition of scientific and technical tools and equipment, indispensable to the project if used within the project during their useful life time;
  - Amortization of scientific and technical tools and equipment indispensable to the project and of which the useful life time falls within the execution period, but does not end within that period;
  - Subcontracts directly related to the project scientific tasks' execution;
  - Expenses related to the national and foreign record of patents, copyrights, usefulness models and drawings, national models or brands when related to other forms of intellectual protection, namely rates, researches to the status of the technique and consulting expenses;
  - Expenses with the demonstration, promotion and disclosure of project's outputs, namely dissemination fees within the fulfilment and pursuant to national policies of open access;
  - Adaptation of buildings and facilities when indispensable to the project execution for environmental and safety reasons;
  - Acquisition of other goods and services directly related to the project execution, including costs with consultants that do not establish subcontracts;
  - In-kind contributions;
  - Indirect costs.

**Article 8 (Eligible Expenses), Paragraph 1** is the one applicable to projects expected for this call for proposals. Such projects correspond to **Article 2 (Projects Typology), a)** of the same

regulation: **Scientific research and technological development projects (SR&TD). Article 7 (Form of support and funding rate)** shall be dully observed as well.

Please refer to these articles and the remainder of the regulation for further details:

<http://www.fct.pt/apoios/projectos/regulamentofundosnacionais.phtml.en>

✓ Links and references to find specific (national) requirements.

<https://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/artigo185/prima.phtml.pt>



## SLOVENIA

- ✓ **Funding Body:**  
ARRS – Slovenian Research Agency
- ✓ **Country/Region**  
Slovenia
- ✓ **National contact person**  
*To be nominated*  
Website: <http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/>
- ✓ **Funding commitment**  
0.1 M€ per year
- ✓ **Anticipated number of projects with Slovenian partners**  
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- ✓ **Maximum funding per awarded project**  
0.05 M€ per year
- ✓ **Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution**  
Researchers holding a PhD degree who:
  - meet the requirements for a project manager of a basic or applicative project,
  - are registered at Slovenian Research Agency (ARRS) and
  - are employed at Slovenian higher education or research institutions or will be employed at the research institution

Higher education or research institutions of the applicant need to be registered at ARRS research organisations records *and shall not be business sector entities (this might change!)*. Business sector entities may apply, however they need to ensure their own funding for participation. Eligible entities may participate in PRIMA consortium as Main Applicant or Co-Applicants.
- ✓ **Eligibility of costs**
  - Personnel costs, PhD student (those funded as young researchers by ARRS are excluded), post-doc)
  - Social security, health, pension and other contributions according to national legislation,

- Material costs (Travel and meeting costs, Consumables, Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs, Other costs)
- Depreciation costs

Slovenian teams will be financed as the price category A, B, C or D projects. Total sum of research hours is calculated by dividing total grant sum by the value of research full time equivalent for chosen price category of the project (A, B, C or D).

Overhead is calculated up to 20% of all eligible costs calculated at the level of chosen project category (without subcontracting costs) being a consistent part of the total grant sum. The calculation of overhead thus lowers individual category of eligible costs in a proportional manner. Overhead costs are used for covering the running costs of the institution which are related to implementation of the PRIMA project.

✓ **Submission of the proposal at the national level**

All Slovenian applicants at the Outline and Full Proposal stage are invited to contact ARRS as the proposed budget is recommended to be examined by ARRS prior to official submission. Additionally, names and research organisations of all Slovenian participants should be forwarded to ARRS with planned budgets for each year of the project (max 3 years).

✓ **Submission of financial and progress reports at the national level**

Yes, financial reporting carried out on an annual basis according to national rules.

✓ **Information available at**

[http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/medn/urbana/;](http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/medn/urbana/)

<http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/ured-normstand-rd-jan16.asp>



## SPAIN

✓ **Funding Body:**

Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency

✓ **National Contact Points:**

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✓ **Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:**

*Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2017-2020. [Link to Plan Estatal](#)*

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions or equivalent (**PROYECTOS DE I+D+I «PROGRAMACIÓN CONJUNTA INTERNACIONAL»**). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [APCIN 2017](#)

The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this Spanish Call on International Joint Programming call (or equivalent) and by the funding limits specified below.

The Call will be managed by the [Subdivisión de Programas Científico-Técnicos Transversales, Fortalecimiento y Excelencia](#).

The projects granted by the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness must be aligned with the main objectives described in the [Program Estatal](#).

✓ **National eligibility criteria**

The eligible entities for the State Research Agency funding are:

Non-profit research organizations according to the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming .

Spanish Principal Investigators **must be** eligible according to the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming and must have experience as investigators (either as principal investigator or member of a research team) in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016 (including RTA programme)*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant regional or international programmes.

### **Incompatibilities**

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this PRIMA section 2 call. Proposals to Section 1 are compatible with this call.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in two consecutive Spanish Call on International Joint Programming annual calls

This must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.

- Principal Investigators should remain unchanged between the proposal and the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming.

AEI-MINECO will avoid double funding (overlapping with other EU or National funding), and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

#### ✓ **Scientific criteria**

AEI-MINECO supports all the topics of PRIMA call – **except topic “Developing Farming Systems Able to Generate Income, to Create Employment and to Contribute to a Balanced Territorial Development”**

When considered technically sound, Spanish investigators are encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia.

#### ✓ **Duration of Project Implementation:**

36 - 48 months

#### ✓ **Maximum Funding per Project:**

The following funding limits are considered eligibility criteria. Proposals not respecting these limits can be declared ineligible.

The maximum amount of funding is 200,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).

When two Spanish legal entities participate in the same proposal, the total funding of the Spanish part should not exceed 250,000 € per proposal (additional 50,000 € if the coordinator of the international consortium is based in Spain).

Centres formed by different Spanish legal entities (for example, mixed centres) will be considered as one unique entity, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed 200,000 € per proposal (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).

The final level of 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 the industrial sector and the financial resources available.

✓ **Eligible Costs:**

Personnel costs for temporary employment contracts (scholarships are not eligible).

- Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

- Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical trials, proofs of concept, proofs of principle, are not eligible for funding.



## SPAIN

✓ **Funding Body:**

**CDTI (Centro Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial)**

**CDTI (Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology)**

[www.cdti.es](http://www.cdti.es)

✓ **National Contact Points:**

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✓ **National eligibility criteria**

- Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.

The eligible institutions must be enterprises (being Large companies or SME), established and carrying out RTDI activities in Spain.

Other entities such as Universities, Public Research Institutions, Technological Centres, and other non-profit private institutions should check whether they meet the eligibility terms of AEI-MINECO, or alternatively, they could participate under subcontracting by Spanish companies (provided that, the entity or respective researcher is not requesting funding from AEI-MINECO simultaneously for the same activities).

- **Project Budget:** There is not a maximum amount per proposal, but the minimum eligible budget per company amounts to €175,000 EUR (this amount applies to the project budget per partner, not the requested funding).
- **Project duration:** 12-36 months).

✓ **Scientific criteria:**

- Thematic areas and topics to be funded.

Eligible activities: technology-based activities within industrial research and/or experimental development projects (in accordance with the definitions of the General Block Exemption Regulation, EC Regulation n°651/2014) representing outstanding scientific-technical quality



and high innovative potential. The Spanish part of the proposed work plan must be developed in Spain.

CDTI could support the topics according to PRIMA 2018 Annual Work Plan

○ Eligible costs:

- Personnel costs.
- Instrument and equipment costs, to the extent and during the period in which they are used for the project.
- Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, costs for consulting services intended exclusively for the research activity.
- Other costs: materials, supplies and similar products, exclusively used for the research project. Audit costs for the national reporting of the project (when applicable).
- Additional general expenses (indirect costs, as a percentage of personnel costs).
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**Applicants must check the detailed description of the eligible costs that will be published at CDTI website.**

○ Non-eligible costs.

Please note that management, dissemination, operational, coordination and travel costs are not eligible for funding.

✓ **Additional Info**

The funding instrument will consist of a “Partially Refundable Loan”, with a financial cover of up to 75% of the total approved budget, provided that the maximum intensity allowed by EU State aid rules are not exceeded. If intensity ceilings are not exceeded, the financial cover may, by way of exception, amount to 85% of the total approved budget.

CDTI’s Partially Refundable Loan comprises a non-refundable tranche (NRT) and a refundable one. The non-refundable tranche of the loan (a grant) may amount to a maximum of 33% of the financial cover, depending on the characteristics of the project, the size of the beneficiary and the source of the funds.

The refundable tranche shall bear a fixed interest rate equal to the one-year Euribor. The financial conditions are set beforehand, on the date of the project’s approval by the Executive Board of CDTI. The refundable tranche shall be repaid within 10 years, to be counted from the centre of gravity of the project. This center of gravity is calculated in accordance with the project duration and the milestones. The first reimbursement shall be paid 3 years after the centre of gravity of the project, and at least 2 years from the date of its completion. The refundable tranche will accrue interests every six months from the time of its disposal.

- ✓ \* If the Euribor reaches negative values, CDTI will consider its value as zero
- ✓ An NRT due to the international nature of projects (up to 33% of the loan)

For further information, please contact the NCP or visit CDTI website:  
<https://www.cdti.es/>



## TUNISIA

### Name of the Funding Party, address and country

Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research

Address: Avenue Ouled Haffouz - 1030 – Tunis

Country: Tunisia

#### - 1. Participation criteria:

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##### a. Funding recipients

This call is open to Tunisian public research entities: institutes or centers and universities laboratory / units of research.

The Tunisian principal investigator of the project should be a:

- Professor;
- Associate Professor.

- A coordinator cannot submit more than one proposal to PRIMA calls (section 1 and section 2) per year
- The same proposal cannot be submitted to section 1 and section 2 of PRIMA.

- Two projects will be judged as identical if 75% of the project is similar in terms of objectives, methodology and composition

##### - b. Funding criteria

The Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research (MHESR) will fund activities, which will be carried out by research teams belonging to one or more MHESR research structure.

All the thematic areas and topic, of the PRIMA AWP 2018, are eligible to Tunisian partners for funding.

The allocated budget for the annual work plan for 2018 (**PRIMA AWP 2018**) is **1 000 000** Euro.

MHESR has reserved **up to 40 000 Euro /year /project** to fund projects for **03 years**, this amount may be revised by mutual agreement between the MHESR and team leader.

The duration of the project should not exceed **3 years**.

The annual reports as well as the final report have to be sent automatically to the MHESR without prior notification from the MHESR.

Applicants are encouraged to propose:

- projects including at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MHESR funding such as

- technical centers,
- Including indirectly SMEs, stakeholder, NGO, via meeting, training, think-thank circle, brainstorming activities.
- Bonus criteria for innovation: support of prototype

## 2- List of eligible costs

Eligible costs are those incurred directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used primarily for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the project. All expenses must be incurred between the start date and the end date of the project and must be limited to the budgeted value.

During this call, funding will be made available in the following natures of expenses:

- a. Travel and subsistence
- b. Other operating expenses directly related to the project
- c. Small equipment, logistics and consumables
- d. Contract provide services (Non-permanent staff): should not exceed 20% of the total budget
- e. Organisation of scientific events.

The conditions of execution and financing of the projects upon the completion of the selection process shall be defined in the grant award agreements, where the body selected for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research. For more information, please contact Tunisian NCP's.

## 3- National Contact Points

- The contact person for internal communication and to be contacted by national applicants for information during the call:

- **IRESA:**

- *Pr Ali RHOUMA*

- Email: [ali.rouma@gmail.com](mailto:ali.rouma@gmail.com) / [ali.rhouma@iresa.agrinet.tn](mailto:ali.rhouma@iresa.agrinet.tn)

- **MHESR:**

- *Ikbel MASTOURI*

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- **Useful links:**

- <a href="http://www.prima-med.org">www.prima-med.org</a>	- <a href="http://www.horizon2020tunisia.org">www.horizon2020tunisia.org</a>	<a href="http://www.iresa.agrinet.tn">www.iresa.agrinet.tn</a>	- <a href="http://www.iresa.agrinet.tn">www.iresa.agrinet.tn</a>
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**- Synthesis Table OF PRIMA THEMATIC AREA, PRIORITIES and SECTIONS**

THEMATIC AREA	PRIORITIES	SECTION	TYPE OF GRANTS
<b>MANAGEMENT OF WATER</b> Integrated and Sustainable management of water for arid and semi-arid med areas	Water resources availability and quality within catchments and aquifers	2	RIA
	Sustainable, integrated water management	2	RIA
	Irrigation technologies and practice	2	RIA
	Use of alternative water resources, technologies and governance models	1	RIA
<b>FARMING SYSTEMS</b> Sustainable farming systems under Med environmental constraints	Adaptation of agriculture to climate change	2	RIA
	Developing sustainable and production agro-ecosystems	1	RIA
	Preventing the emergence of animal and plant diseases	2	RIA
	Developing farming systems able to generate income, to create employment and to contribute to a balanced territorial development	2	RIA
<b>AGRO FOOD VALUE CHAIN</b> Sustainable Mediterranean agro-food Value Chain for Regional and Local development	Valorizing food products from traditional Mediterranean diet	2	RIA
	Food safety and quality in local food chains	2	RIA
	Implementation of innovations in the Agro-food chain, promoting higher quality, sustainability and competitiveness with particular reference to smallholders	2	RIA
	Implications of dietary shifts and sustainable diets for the Med populations and food industry	1	IA

SECTIONS	
SECTION 1:	SECTION 2
RIA and IA calls	RIA call
Three calls: a specific call per thematic area	Only one call with 9 topics
One guidelines per call,	One unique guidelines for applicants
Open and competitive calls organised, managed and funded by PRIMA-IS (EU funds)	Open and competitive calls for proposals organised by PRIMA-IS and funded by the national funding bodies of PS

Type of Grants	
RIA :Research & Innovation Action	IA :Innovation Action

<p>Funding available for collaborative research projects tackling clearly defined challenges which can lead to the development of new knowledge or new technology</p>	<p>Funding available for closer-to-the-market activities including prototyping, testing, demonstrating, piloting, scaling-up etc. for new or improved products, processes or services</p>
<p>Funding rate: 100%</p>	<p>Funding rate: 70%          Except for non profit organisation where 100% applies</p>



## TURKEY

<b>Country</b>	<b>Turkey</b>
Funding Organisation	The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey – TUBITAK

### Contact

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	Telephone:	+90 312 298 1622

### Funding Channels

1001 Programme – Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Programme	Researchers from Turkey will be funded via ARDEB 1001 Programme. Thus, participants must abide by ARDEB 1001 Programme’s rules and submit their proposals accordingly.
	<a href="https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/academy/national-support-programmes/content-1001-scientific-and-technological-research-projects-funding-program">https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/academy/national-support-programmes/content-1001-scientific-and-technological-research-projects-funding-program</a>

or

1509 Programme – International Industrial R&D Projects Grant Programme	SMEs and private companies from Turkey will be funded via TEYDEB 1509 Programme. Thus, participants must abide by TEYDEB 1509 Programme’s rules and submit their proposals accordingly.
	<a href="https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/industry/international-support-programmes/content-1509-tubitak-international-industrial-rd">https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/industry/international-support-programmes/content-1509-tubitak-international-industrial-rd</a>

## 1001 Programme – Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Programme Rules of Application

### Funding & Duration

Max. Funding per Project	max. 360,000 TRY / project
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	(Including scholarship payments. Payments to the project manager, researchers and institution are excluded from this figure.)
Project Duration	max. 36 months
Submission of proposal at national level	Required
Proposal submission	Project applications are to be submitted electronically via: <a href="http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/">http://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/</a>

### Eligible Costs

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 and Companies (Industry &SMEs) whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, travel, overheads, dissemination (like printing of booklets or organizing workshops)
Ineligible costs	Projects that involve building infrastructure are not funded.

### Reporting

Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level	Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of TUBITAK 1001 Programme. This is asked at the end of the first year of the project and every following 6 months.
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### Project Personnel Requirements

Project Manager, Researchers and Advisors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University personnel should have a PhD degree.</li> <li>• Those working in a public institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate degree.</li> <li>• Except advisors, the project manager and researchers should reside and work in Turkey. (non-Turkish citizens can be researchers in projects as long as they work at an institution in Turkey).</li> <li>• A researcher should have a contribution of at least 10% of the project workload.</li> <li>• An advisor is allowed if the project requires special expertise on a specific subject. The number of advisors in a project is limited to the number of specific subjects in the project. The role of advisor in the project should be explained in detail in the project proposal.</li> </ul>



- University rectors and vice rectors, deans, head of academy/institute, surgeons general, general secretaries, general managers, state department heads and members of the executive committee/advisory board of TÜBİTAK groups **cannot be the project manager** in any project if they are working in those positions as of the application date. However, they can be researchers in at most two projects.

#### Scholarships

- Scholarships can be given to students and graduate students of universities and institutions in Turkey.
- The criteria for receiving scholarships are explained below:  
  
For University Students:
  - Must not be employed at any organization/institution
  - Must be a student of 3<sup>rd</sup> year or above, at a higher education institution established in Turkey
  - Must hold a GPA of 2,5/4.00 or must be in the top 20 percentile (The scholarship is revoked in case of repeating the same grade)  
For Post-Doctorate Researchers:
  - Must hold doctorate degree
  - Must not have an academic title equal to or higher than associate professor
  - Must not be employed at any organization/institution
  - The time between the date of obtention of the doctorate degree/degree of medical expertise and the application deadline of the programme must not exceed 7 years  
For Foreign Masters/Phd Students:
  - Masters students must be under 30 years old
  - Phd students must be under 35 years old
- Max. 2 students can receive scholarships within the scope of the same project
- TÜBİTAK BİDEB funded students can be scholarship students in one 1001 project. However, the total amount of scholarship paid to one student cannot exceed:  
-Bachelor student: 500 TRY  
-Masters student: unemployed – 2200 TRY , employed – 400 TRY  
-Phd student: unemployed – 2500 TRY, employed – 500 TRY  
-Post-Doc: 2800 TRY
- For further information regarding scholarships:  
[http://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/bideb\\_ardeb\\_gorev\\_alabilme.pdf](http://tubitak.gov.tr/sites/default/files/bideb_ardeb_gorev_alabilme.pdf)

**For more information, please visit:**

## **1509 Programme –International Industrial R&D Projects Grant Programme Rules of Application**

### **Funding & Duration**

Prerequisite for Application	The applicant company should have an employer (at the time of application), holding at least a BS degree in the field of the project study. Projects which do not meet this prerequisite are rejected before the evaluation process.
Max. Funding per Project	60% of eligible costs for large scale companies 75% of eligible costs for SMEs
Project Duration	as defined in the international call
Submission of proposal at national level	Required
Proposal submission	Project applications are to be submitted electronically via: <a href="http://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr">http://eteydeb.tubitak.gov.tr</a>

### **Eligible Costs**

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	SMEs and private companies established in Turkey
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, travel, consultancy and service procurement
Ineligible costs	Projects that involve building infrastructure are not funded.

### **Monitoring & Granting**

Submission of performance and expense reports	For the accepted projects the project agreement is signed by the company and TUBITAK. Afterwards, the company can send the performance and expense reports to TUBITAK semi-annually during the project duration. The company's expenses are examined and approved by Independent Finance Auditors. The project performance is followed up by the independent referee(s). The accepted amount of expenses are multiplied by the programme's grant ratio and the respective amount of grant is deposited to the company's account.
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**For more information, please visit:**

<https://www.tubitak.gov.tr/en/funds/industry/international-support-programmes/content-1509-tubitak-international-industrial-rd>