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PRIMA CALL SECTION 2



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ALGERIA

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3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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

NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIMA PROGRAMME IN THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA – CALL 2020

The Ministry of Science and Education of the Republic of Croatia (hereafter, MSE) is the national funding and coordination body responsible for the implementation of the PRIMA programme in the Republic of Croatia.

As such, the MSE hereby prescribes the National guidelines for applicants for the implementation of PRIMA programme in the Republic of Croatia (Call 2020) which provides information regarding national participation criteria, including scientific criteria, funding, consortium and other requirements.

FUNDING BODY DETAILS

National funding body	Acronym	Address	Telephone Number
Ministry of Science and Education	MSE	Donje Svetice 38, Zagreb Republic of Croatia	+38514569000

NATIONAL CONTACT POINT DETAILS

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TOTAL BUDGET

The Republic of Croatia has financially committed to contribute to PRIMA initiative with an in-cash contribution of EUR 2.000.000,00 over a 10-year period. Hence, the Croatian applicants will have a minimum yearly budget in the amount of EUR 200.000,00. In particular, for the Call 2020 MSE is open to project proposals within all of the PRIMA thematic areas and proposed Topics for Section 2. The highest ranked project proposals evaluated on merit based criteria will be approved for funding, subject to available budget.

NATIONAL CRITERIA

Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities

MSE funding is limited to Croatian project partners only. Croatian project partner could be consortium (consisting of at least two national legal entities) or a single legal entity.

Eligibility criteria for Croatian project partners are as follows:

- research organizations registered in the Register of Research Organizations¹:
 - public research institutes
 - public higher education institutions
 - other legal entities performing research activity
- other legal entities performing research activities
 - non-governmental and non-profit organizations (NGO's) or institutions whose main object is research activity or research and development activity registered by the Ministry of public administration
 - small and medium enterprises (SME's) registered by the Ministry of economy, entrepreneurship and craft.

Croatian project partner can submit up to three project proposals to this call. Single legal entity can participate in up to three different transnational or national consortia with three different project proposals. Project proposals already funded under separate financial instruments / call will not be reviewed and will not be eligible under this call.

The eligibility criteria for the applicant will be verified based on the Excerpt from the Register of Scientific Organizations, which will be provided by the MSE. Legal entities receiving basic funding from the MSE can only be granted for funds covering extra expenditure, i.e. as an addition to their basic financing. Partnership with SME's is encouraged but not mandatory. Also, other legal entities from business sector, that are not SME's registered by the Ministry of economy, entrepreneurship and craft, can apply as project partners, but they must ensure their own funding for their participation in the project activities since they are not eligible for MSE funds.

The applicant can apply with more than one project proposal to this Public Call, but only with activities that have not been financed from other sources. It is also expected that the activities described in the project proposal to this call should be original and a novelty, i.e. not corresponding with any ongoing or completed / finished projects funded by any other financial instruments, programmes or projects.

Reporting

Croatian project partner receiving the funding under this call will be monitored by MSE.

Croatian project partners have the obligation to submit annual and final financial and narrative reports on the project progress, describing in clearly manner whether or not they achieved the set of key performing indicators. MSE will proscribe the form for the annual and final reports. Furthermore, Croatian project partners also have the obligation to submit the final financial and narrative reports. Reporting to the national funding body is required and mandatory. Financial and narrative reports are to be submitted on an annual basis, i.e. at the end of every project year, no later than 30 days from the last date of the project year. Final financial and narrative report is to be submitted after the project completion, no later than 60 days from the date of end of the project.

Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal

Only costs directly related to the proposed research activities are eligible for financing under this call. Activities supported by other sources are not eligible for financing. Applicant must ensure that there is no double financing during the whole project implementation.

Total available budget for 2020 calls for Croatian project partners is 300.000,00 Euro.

Eligible project budget and project duration

¹ According to Article 22 of the Scientific Research and Higher Education Act (Official Gazette 123/03, 198/03, 105/04, 174/04, 02/07, 46/07, 45/09, 63/11, 94/13, 139/13, 101/14, 60/15, 131/17)

Minimum eligible budget per project is EUR 100.000,00, while maximum project budget is EUR 150.000,00. In cases where Croatian partner is project coordinator, maximum budget can be EUR 200.000,00. Projects lasting from 36 to 48 months are eligible for funding.

SCIENTIFIC CRITERIA

Thematic areas and topics to be funded

All proposed Topics for Section 2 will be funded by MSE for Croatian applicants.

Croatian project partner - Principal investigator

Principal investigator must hold a Ph.D. degree and should have at least 5 years of research experience after having obtained the Ph.D. Principal investigator must be employed under employment contract at the Croatian institution participating in transnational consortium. It is expected of the Principal investigator to commit the minimum of 30% of work time/effort to the PRIMA project. The Principal investigator is responsible for submission of narrative and financial reports to the national coordinating and funding body.

If the Croatian project partner holds the position of the transnational consortium's coordinator, they will have to designate the Principal investigator who will be in charge of transnational project's implementation and report on it to the PRIMA secretariat.

The funds will be granted to the Croatian project partner if evaluated positively by the PRIMA IS and validated by the MSE.

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR CROATIA'S PROJECT PARTNER IN PRIMA PROGRAMME

Eligible costs categories

For Croatian applicants, general H2020 Programme rules on eligible and ineligible costs apply. All budget items must be justified and provided for eligibility. All costs must be made during the period of the project duration. Applicants are advised to contact and consult the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check.

LINKS AND REFERENCES TO SPECIFIC (NATIONAL) REQUIREMENTS

Applicants are required to inform the national contact point about the project application. Applicants are advised to consult the national contact point for the pre-eligibility check.



CYPRUS

Funding Body:

CYPRUS

Research and Innovation Foundation

RIF

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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 (Depending on the National Call).

Duration of Project Implementation:

24- 36 months.

Maximum Funding per Project (For the Cypriot Consortium):

€175.000 for the Cypriot Consortium

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 €200.000.

Eligible Costs:

Personnel costs, Instruments and Equipment Costs, Costs for External Services, Costs for Travelling Abroad, 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 RIF 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 RIF 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.

Submission rules

The Transnational Proposals are submitted, centrally, to the PRIMA website, by the Coordinator of each Transnational Proposal, according to the rules and procedures defined in the PRIMA Call Text and Supporting Information- **Call Section 2** and in the Guidelines for Applicants-Section 2.

In addition, for every Transnational Proposal with Cypriot **Participation, the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium will have to submit a corresponding Proposal on the Research and Innovation Foundation’s IRIS Portal (<https://iris.research.org.cy>), no later than a week after the Transnational Proposal’s submission deadline at 13:00 (please see call of proposals on IRIS portal for exact date and time).**

The Proposals submitted on RIF’s IRIS Portal includes only general information regarding the Transnational Proposal (Title, Acronym etc), the Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and the partner organisations of the Transnational Consortium (including the Cypriot organisations) as well as analytical budget for each partner participating in the Cypriot

Consortium. The Coordinator of the Cypriot Consortium and all Cypriot organisations participating in a PRIMA Transnational Proposal **should register in advance on the IRIS Portal.**

Potential applicants are advised to use the «**Guide for Applicants**», which contains guidelines and clarifications regarding the Submission procedure and the «**IRIS Portal User Manual**» which can be found on the **IRIS Portal** (<https://iris.research.org.cy/#/documentlibrary>).

Links and references to find specific (national) requirements:

Coordinators of the Cypriot consortium are kindly requested to check the **national Call document before the submission of their proposal.**

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

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



EGYPT ASRT

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EGYPT STDF

National Regulations of STDF (Egypt)

6. Name of the Funding Agency, address and country

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7. National Contact Point:

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8. PRIMA Contact Point:

The contact point to be contacted by national applicants for information during the call:

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9. 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.
- Beside the original version of proposal submitted by a proposal coordinator on PRIMA platform, the Egyptian PI should submit another identical version of the proposal on STDF website(www.STDF.eg). It is a must in order to pass the eligibility stage

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 (each project is expected to be managed by only one PI and his affiliation)
- 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.

5- Scientific criteria:

STDF thematic areas and topics to be funded:

Thematic Area 1: Water management

*Topic 2.1.1 (RIA) Low-cost, lean solutions for enhancing irrigation efficiency of smallholder farmers

Thematic area 2: Farming systems

*Topic 2.2.1 (RIA) Re-design the agro-livelihood systems to ensure resilience (Regarding this topic, the STDF will be funding all Universities, while the ASRT will be funding all Research Institutes and Private Entities).

6- Funding criteria

Each project can receive up to:

1- 150,000 Euro

2- 175,000 Euro (If the Egyptian Partner is the coordinator of the project)

The amount of funding is divided into instalments, to be disbursed upon the acceptance of periodic technical and financial progress reports and it will be disbursed in the local currency (Egyptian Pounds).

Eligible costs:

- Incentives for the project's team/Personnel cost: incentives are allowed for members of the project team and must not exceed 25% or 400,000 LE, whichever is less 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) or 150,000 LE, whichever is less.

Note:

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

7- **Consortium agreement** is not mandatory and not binding if it violates STDF regulations.



FRANCE

Conditions of participation of French participants in the call for proposals of the Partnership on Research and Innovation in the Mediterranean Area (PRIMA).

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: The project requested budget must be between 15 000 € and 300 000 €, 400 000 € if a French partner is coordinator. If several French partners are involved in the project, then the 300 000 € (400 000 €) have to be shared. The budget requested by a partner cannot be lower than 15 000 €.

✓ French funding body details

ANR : Agence Nationale de la Recherche

✓ French National Contact Point details

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The conditions of participation, including the criteria of eligibility and important recommendations are thoroughly detailed in the [ANR Financial Regulations](#) and the [practical factsheets](#) available in the [ANR website](#). It is strongly encouraged to read it carefully before submitting your proposal.

The items presented herein, come in addition to the provisions included 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 funded by ANR. The similarity between two projects will be confirmed 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.

✓ **Participation criteria**

ANR funding is limited to project partners from an institution having a branch 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. Collaboration with an enterprise from a Southern country (Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, Egypt) is encouraged as well.

✓ **Requested funding limits**

The requested budget for a project must be **between 15 000 € and 300 000 €, 400 000 € if a French partner is coordinator. If several French partner are involved in the project, then the 300 000 € (400 000 €) have to be shared. The budget requested by partner cannot be lower 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 (<https://anr.fr/fr/rf/>) before submitting a research project.

Eligible expenditures are listed in the “[ANR Financial Regulations](#)”

Important recommendations

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



GERMANY

1. Funding body details

Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF)

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Division 211
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2. National Contact Point details

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3. National funding regulations

The legally binding regulations for German applicant institutions are specified in the national funding announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA-programme, published on 9th February 2018 in the Federal Gazette (*Bundesanzeiger*).

The announcement is available on the following website:
<https://www.bmbf.de/foerderungen/bekanntmachung-1597.html>

Applicants from Germany should also take the following information into account: https://www.internationales-buero.de/media/content/PRIMA-Informationen_fuer_deutsche_Antragsteller.pdf

3.1 Eligible thematic topics and activities

Grants will be issued for research and development activities in all thematic areas and all topics of Section 2. Projects that focus merely solely on management, dissemination and exploitation activities cannot be funded.

3.2 Funding recipients

Research proposals may be submitted by German research institutions, universities and companies (in particular 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.

3.3. Scope and amount of funding 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 – 2020”), should be considered as guidance on the expected financial volume of the project.

3.3.1 Scope of funding

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.

3.3.2 The following expenditures/costs are eligible for funding German partners:

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>

Subcontracting of international PRIMA project partners is not possible.

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 national funding announcement of the BMBF for the PRIMA-programme 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.

3.4. Application procedure

For Section 2 proposals with German applicants the application process has two stages and is structured into 1) an international part, according to the procedures of PRIMA, and 2) a national part, according to the German funding regulations.

- 1) In the international phase, jointly elaborated project outlines are to be submitted according to the PRIMA rules for application.
- 2) In the second phase of the procedure, German applicant institutions whose project outlines have been reviewed positively will be invited to present a formal application for funding according to the national German funding regulations.

4. Further specific regulations

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.

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



GREECE

GREEK NATIONAL REGULATION FOR THE PRIMA SECTION 2

“Transnational open and competitive Calls funding by participating Member States.”

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

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

✓ **National Contact Point details.**

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✓ **National criteria:**

Important notice

✓ These rules are additional to the terms and conditions described in the PRIMA call for proposals text for Section 2.

The National Implementation guide ([ΑΔΑ: ΨΡ004653ΠΣ-4ΤΑ](#)) and the national call, contain detailed information about eligible costs per activity and type of beneficiary.

Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to read carefully the PRIMA call for proposals text, the present document and the regulations published at the GSRT site.

✓ They may also consult the national contact points listed above. **Double funding**

The project submitted for funding must neither have already benefited from public funding nor be redundant or overlap with projects or part of projects already funded.

. GSRT will ensure that double funding is avoided and will not grant projects or parts of projects already funded.

In case of undertakings, aid with identifiable eligible costs may be cumulated with:

(a) any other State aid, as long as those measures concern different identifiable eligible costs,

(b) any other State aid, in relation to the same eligible costs, partly or fully overlapping, only if such cumulation does not result in exceeding the highest aid intensity or aid amount as defined above.

✓ Costs are eligible at the earliest after the date of submission of the application for funding to GSRT. Costs incurred before that date and/or after the duration of the project are not eligible.

The date of the eligibility of the costs, the starting date of the project and its duration will be defined in the funding decision issued by GSRT.

Participation criteria: Eligible applicants (Type or nature of participants)

GSRT potentially supports all private and public legal persons legally operating in Greece (not natural persons) namely:

- a) Undertakings (a private and/or public sector legal entity, regardless of its legal status or size, engaged in economic activity)
- b) Research performing and knowledge-dissemination organizations (e.g. Higher-education Institutions or Research Centres/Institutes)
- c) Other entities that will be considered as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations, if respective requirements are met

Apart from natural persons the following categories of undertakings are also not eligible:

- An “undertaking in difficulty” (according to Reg. EU 651/2014, art.2).
- An undertaking which is subject to an outstanding recovery order following a previous Commission decision declaring an aid illegal and incompatible with the internal market.
- **Maximum limit requested per partner / per country / per proposal.**

The maximum amount of public funding will not exceed:

- per partner: 200.000 € (250.000 € in case of project coordinator)
- and
- per proposal: 400.000 € (450.000 € if the proposal is coordinated by a Greek entity)

- **Duration of the project**

The duration of the projects can be up to 36 months. Extension of duration may be authorised during the implementation of a project, for a maximum of 12 months, in duly justified cases.

- **Eligible costs per activity and type of potential beneficiary:**

A. Research and Development activities (activities falling within one or more of the following categories: fundamental research, industrial research, experimental development, feasibility studies).

These activities are mandatory for each Greek partner of the transnational collaborative project and are eligible for all types potential beneficiaries as follows:

Undertakings (any legal person performing economic activities) Eligible costs and maximum aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.25 of Regulation EU 651/2014 (General Block Exemption Regulation-GBER). (b) Research performing and knowledge-dissemination organizations

(c) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

It is noted that potential beneficiaries qualify for types (b) or (c) if they fulfill the conditions stipulated in the “Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation” (2014/C 198/01) for public funding of non-economic activities. In this case the funding rate can amount up to 100% of eligible costs.

Eligible Costs (direct costs)

- (i) Personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project; maximum gross cost per month is 3,000 €
- (ii) Costs of instruments and equipment (depreciation costs); Especially in the case of beneficiaries under types (b) or (c) or are treated as such (type c), costs for the acquisition of instruments and equipment are also considered eligible.
- (iii) Costs of buildings (depreciation costs) and land, to the extent and for the duration period used for the project. For land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs are eligible;
- (iv) 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; Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget and they should be well justified.
- (v) Other expenses, including costs of materials, consumables and similar products, travelling costs, dissemination costs etc. incurred directly as a result of the project.
- (vi) Costs of the feasibility study

B. Innovation activities

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:

- (a) SMEs: eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.28 of GBER (Reg 651/2014)
- (b) Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (c) Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Eligible costs:

- (i) Costs for obtaining, validating and defending patents and other intangible assets;
- (ii) Costs for the 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;
- (iii) Costs for innovation advisory and support services;

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

C. Aid to SMEs for participation in fairs

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are SMEs.

Eligible costs and aid intensity are subject to the provisions of art.19 of GBER (Reg 651/2014).

Eligible costs:

Eligible costs shall be the costs incurred for renting, setting up and running the stand for the participation of an SME in a particular fair or exhibition, given that such participation is directly related to the funded project. Participation in a trade fair for products or services in which the SME is already active is not eligible.

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

D. Training and mobility activities

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that are qualify as:

- (a)** Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (b)** Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Eligible costs and funding level:

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, for a short period of time, are eligible. The maximum monthly cost for the relevant research organization (host organization or origin organization) is 3000 €. It will include travel expenses, subsistence expenses, daily allowance according to the law 4336/ 2015, in particular the articles 2, 5, 17, 23).

E. Indirect costs and overheads

Eligible for potential beneficiaries that qualify as:

- (a)** Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations
- (b)** Other entities that are treated as Research and knowledge-dissemination organizations under specific conditions.

Indirect costs should not exceed 5% of the budget (excluding VAT and subcontracting costs).

- **Dissemination activities.**

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

All activities pertaining to this category, even those to be carried out after project completion, must acknowledge the GSRT financial support and PRIMA labelling requirements with the use of logos and/or appropriate reference. In the event of non-compliance with the above, the relevant expenditure may be deemed ineligible, resulting in the recovery of part or all of the relevant amount disbursed.

- **Capacity building, training and mobility**

See above under “D. Training and mobility activities”

- **VAT eligibility.**

Only not reclaimable VAT is eligible.

- **Subcontracting rules.**

Subcontracting costs should not exceed 30% of the total budget of the Greek Partner and they should be well justified.

- **Non-eligible costs (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

Please note that detailed information about eligible costs per activity and type of beneficiary is included in the National Implementation guide. Applicants are advised to read it carefully before submitting a proposal.

✓ **Consortium agreement requirements.**

The consortium agreement will be in English and should be submitted to GSRT before the first instalment.

✓ **Links and references to find specific (national) requirements:** www.gsrt.gr

✓ **Additional requirements and information.**

Submission of the proposal at national level

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.

Any participant who does not submit the documents and data by the deadline specified above will be considered not eligible for funding.



ITALY

ITALIAN NATIONAL RULES

10. Name of the Funding Party, address and country

MIUR – Ministry of Education, University and Research
Via Michele Carcani 61
00153 ROMA
ITALY

11. 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
- Avviso Integrativo nazionale

12. 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)

13. Funding criteria

Overall funding commitment for the call: € 7.000.000 as grants (to be confirmed).

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.

14. Research topics to be funded

All topics can be funded.

15. 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.

16. Double submission

The same project proposal cannot be submitted to section 1 and 2 of PRIMA call.

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.

17. 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: <https://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.

18. Other requirements

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

19. Funding Party Contact person

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20. PRIMA National Contact points

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MIUR website:

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



ISRAEL

Funding Party:

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth)



Funding Programme:

Specific Programme on International Research Cooperation on PRIMA sec.2

Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Innovation Authority under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program

National/Regional Contact Point:

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth),

contact person:	email:	telephone:
Dr. Hagit Schwimmer	hagit.schwimmer@iserd.org.il	+972 3 5118119
Nir Shaked	nir.s@iserd.org.il	+972 3 7157916

Eligibility criteria:

- The application and eligibility are subject to the **“Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Innovation Authority under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program”** which will be available online at <https://www.innovationisrael.org.il> > search for PRIMA.
- An Applicant will need to choose one of the courses of application:
 - o [Course 1- R&D Fund, bi-national programs for parallel support](#)
 - o [Course 6 - Transfer of applied research knowledge from a research institution to a corporation, \(knowledge import sub-course\).](#)
 - o [Course 7 - Directing academic knowledge \(with a supporting corporation\)](#)
- Each Applicant needs to send formal Eligibility document to InnovationAuth. Eligibility document may be found at InnovationAuth site. Eligibility document need to arrive to InnovationAuth until the deadline of stage 1 of this call.
- Only eligible applicant that passed stage 1 will be permitted to pass to stage 2 of the call
- Eligible Applicants are entities that were approved by InnovationAuth.
- Applicants that passed to stage 2 will need to send to InnovationAuth a formal request for the project based on “Procedure for Financing Israeli Partners by the Israel Innovation Authority under Sub-Programs for the European Framework Program.
- The request needs to arrive to Israel Innovation Authority up to 14 days after the closing date of stage 2.
- A single Israeli partner may request a maximum amount of fund based on the course it chose.

National/regional topic priorities:

- Applied research

National Technological Innovation Authority (InnovationAuth), funds research projects within all topics of the call.

More details in the national/regional call announcement:
Applicants are advised to contact InnovationAuth before submitting applications for this call.
More information will be available online: <https://www.innovationisrael.org.il/>
Search for PRIMA.



JORDAN

National contact point:

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Instructions for Supporting Research Projects Scientific Research Support Fund/Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research Jordan

Maximum amount to be requested :30.000 JD (38.000€)

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 one month 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 Scientific Research Department 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 SRISF board 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 SRISF board 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 2020 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 SRISF board, 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 SRISF board, 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

Activities (Research and Innovation Activities (RIA) based on national rules) selected following transnational open and competitive calls for proposals organized by PRIMA Foundation and funded by the National Funding Bodies of Participating States

21. Name of the Funding Body:

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

22. Participation criteria

Eligible organizations:

CNRS-L Research Centers, Universities and Research Centers with joint funding agreements with the CNRS-L.

Consortium:

The project consortium must comprise project partners from at least three different countries of which at least one from a participating 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.

Duration of the Project: Maximum 3 Years

Conditions of Proposals:

- **Eligible Universities/Institutions/Departments (not the researcher)** can apply to more than one project.
- **An individual researcher, can apply as Project Coordinator (of the Consortium) or as a Lebanese Project Partner.**
 - Each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Project Coordinator (of the Consortium)** in only 1 project (across both Sections 1 & 2).
 - When applying to PRIMA Section 2, each **individual researcher** can participate as a **Lebanese Principle Investigator** (Project Partner) in only one project; but can be **co-investigator** in more than one project.
 - An individual researcher with a running PRIMA Project cannot apply for CNRS-L funding.
- Both the Institutions and the Principle Investigators should avoid applications within similar proposals; proposals will be considered similar if 75% of the project in terms of objectives, methodology and consortium composition are

* Associated Countries: Turkey & Tunisia

identical.

- 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 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 / 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 / Postal Code: 2047 8601 / 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

For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; a new/updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L.

23. Funding Criteria

Due to the current situation in Lebanon and the strict funding limitations in 2020; the following rules will exceptionally apply for the 2020 call.

- To be eligible for CNRS-L funding, all participating institutions are required to cost share in any proposal.
- **Maximum** CNRS-L contribution to a project with a **Lebanese Project Partner** is up to 9,000,000 LBP with a minimum of 18,000,000 LBP provided as cost share by the participating institution / for a total project budget of 27,000,000 LBP cost shared.
- **Maximum** CNRS-L Contribution to a project with a **Lebanese Consortium Coordinator** is up to 18,000,000 LBP with a minimum of 36,000,000 LBP provided as cost share by the participating institution / for a total project budget of 54,000,000 LBP cost shared.

- **While researchers will be required to submit their budgets in Euros (on the PRIMA Submission Platform); if accepted, CNRS-L Contracts and Funding will be provided in LBP within the limits above.**
- Financial Reporting during and at the end of the project needs to cover the full project amount, not just the CNRS-L provided budgets (For costs claimed on CNRS-L account, original invoices have to be submitted, along with copies of invoices claimed on institutional cost-sharing amount).

24. List of eligible costs

For the 2020 call, more flexibility will be considered on the Percentages per Budget Category; however, all expenses must be eligible as per the categories below.

Budget Lines	CNRS-L Upper Funding Limits (as Percentages)
Personnel	
<p>Indemnities for temporary research assistants (non-PhD) and technicians only. Permanent staff and/or co-investigators from other institutions are not allowed to charge salaries or any additional indemnities from the present project.</p> <p>PhD Scholarships: Only Co-Tutelle and Co-Direction with a Partner Institution in the Project is Eligible.</p> <p>For inclusion of a PhD Student, please note that rules and rates of the CNRS-L PhD Scholarship Programme apply.</p> <p>Candidates (at least 2 candidates to be submitted) will need to undergo the selection process and receive pre-approval of the CNRS-L once the project is accepted for funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration fees not eligible, • PhDs indemnities must not exceed 750,000 LBP/months in Lebanon for a maximum of 6 months/year). • The other 6 months spent abroad, must be negotiated and covered by the hosting project partner. 	<p>Upper Funding Limit (NOT Including PhD): 30% of Budget</p> <p>Upper Funding Limit (Including PhD): 50% of Budget</p>

Consumables	
<p>Expenses for consumables that are necessary for project implementation (Glassware, Chemicals, Samples, etc...)</p> <p><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
Travel and Subsistence	
<p>Travel Costs <i>Includes <u>ticket</u> costs (economy class) & insurance for travel of Lebanese Partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination. Maximum number of participants per mission: 2 researchers</i></p>	25% of Budget
<p>Per Diem/Daily Allowance <i>Includes daily allowance for travel of Lebanese partners (max. 5-day trip) for project events/project coordination. (Max. 300,000 LBP Day).</i></p>	
<p>Field Trips and Field Work (Local Travel) Rate per Day (Not per Person), Based on Distance & All Inclusive (Car, Fuel, Meals and Participants):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100 KM: 100,000 LBP • Above 100 KM: 150,000 LBP 	
Other Costs	
<p>Event Costs 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. Cannot cover travel tickets, accommodation and other expense of international participants.</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>	10% of Budget
<p>International Conferences Only accepted when presenting a paper, related to the project, within the proceedings of an</p>	<p><u>Project Partners</u>: Maximum 2,500,000 LBP for participation in only 1 Conference</p>

<p>International Conference. (Paper needs to be submitted to the CNRS-L at reporting).</p> <p>Participation of Lebanese Project Coordinators, Principle Investigators or active members of the project whose name appears on oral presentations/proceedings.</p> <p><i>(Temporary personnel not eligible; neither are BA/MA students)</i></p>	<p>Project Coordinator: Maximum 5,000,000 LBP for participation in 2 Conference</p>
<p>Subcontracting Temporary expert/researcher (particularly for external expertise necessary for project implementation).</p>	<p>10% of Budget</p>
<p>Documentation Printing of publications, publication of articles in technical and scientific journals</p>	<p>5% of Budget</p>
<p>Other Costs</p>	<p>5% of Budget</p>
<p>Durable Equipment</p>	<p>Not Eligible for CNRS-L Funding; or Calculations of Cost-Share</p>
<p>Operating Costs</p>	
<p>Shipping Costs</p>	
<p>Communication Costs</p>	
<p>Indirect Costs/Overheads</p>	

For any additional information, CNRS rules on Grant Research Programme and PhD Scholarship Programme will be applied. (www.cnrs.edu.lb)

25. PRIMA National Contact points

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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 (2020) 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:

Lebanese Principle Investigator:

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 LBP

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

Committed Contribution from **(Your Institution)**: ---,---.00 LBP

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 of indemnities can be charged to the project).
- c) To fund in real-cost (in-cash contribution) the amount stipulated above.
- 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.

For proposals passing to STAGE 2 of the application procedure; an updated Commitment Letter will need to be signed, accompanied by the Project Budget Template provided by the CNRS-L at the time of second submission.




LUXEMBOURG

✓ **Funding body**

Luxembourg National Research Fund (FNR)

✓ **National Contact Point details**

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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, societal impact companies (SIS), and foundations performing research in Luxembourg that have obtained a special authorization from the Luxembourg Ministry for Higher Education and Research. Please check the FNR website for more details <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/>) .

A project consortium should seek a balanced contribution (in terms of human resources) of all involved project partners. In addition, the applicant consortium of a joint research project should combine complementary expertise and relevant scientific input from all partners.

For Luxembourg Principal Investigators, the general FNR Requirements for principal investigators and supervisors must be fulfilled (download available here <https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-beneficiaries/how-we-fund-research/>). 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

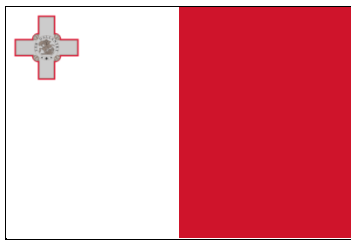
It is important to read carefully the call for proposals text, the present document in its entirety, and the regulations concerning the conditions of allocation of FNR funding (<https://www.fnr.lu/fnr-international-cooperation/>) before submitting a research project.

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

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 (via its online submission tool as an INTER-PRIMA proposal).

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

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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The Malta Council for Science & Technology

Villa Bighi, Kalkara KKR 1320, Malta

Email – corinne.muscat-terribile@gov.mt

Tel - +356 23602152

2. Definitions

Industrial Entity is defined as a 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 consortium by developing, testing, commercialising or using such a product or service. Provided that a registered NGO, or a Professional Body as defined in this definition is considered as forming part of this definition.

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.

3. National eligibility criteria

Any **Industrial Entity** and any **Public Entity** 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 last 3 fiscal years (2 sets).

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, and
- 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 results 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.

Project duration should be a maximum of three years.

A National Application Form is to be submitted by each national applicant via eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt (this application form can be downloaded from the MCST website).

4. Grant Value

The total maximum National Budget for this Call is €500,000. Funding for successful project submissions will be based on 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. Project Contact Point

The National 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

6. Funding Criteria

More information on the Eligible costs according to State Aid Regulations can be found in the full detailed version of the National Rules available on the MCST website.

7. Co-financing

Co-financing rates will be present, and these will be dictated according to the state aid rules that will be adopted in the Call. For further information, please consult the full detailed version of the National Rules available on the MCST website.

8. 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 (MCST). 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 on other National Programmes.

9. 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 – <http://mcst.gov.mt>



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Royaume du Maroc

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والتعليم العالي والبحث العلمي

National Regulations of Morocco PRIMA Program

- ✓ **Funding agency**
Department of Higher Education and Scientific Research – Morocco (DHESR-M).
- ✓ **National Contact Point details:**
 - Ahmed HAMMOUCH
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E-mail: hammouch_a@yahoo.fr / ah.hammouch@gmail.com
 - Mohamed KHALFAOUI
Tel: 05 37 56 98 34
E-mail: khalfaouimed@gmail.com
 - Anas CHOKAIRI
Tel: 05 37 21 76 53 / 06 72 21 03 57
E-mail: chokairi.anas@gmail.com
- ✓ **National criteria (See table in French in annex 1):**
 - Entities eligible for funding:
 - ✓ Public universities;
 - ✓ Universities from the Public-private partnership in collaboration with public universities;
 - ✓ Non-university institutions in partnership with public universities;
 - ✓ Public research institutions in partnership with public universities.

- The maximum budget granted for each Moroccan partner is **75.000 €** with a ceiling of **150.000 €** per project;
 - If the coordination of the project is assured by a Moroccan institution, a maximum additional budget of **20.000 €** will be granted to the coordinator of the project if it is justified;
 - No levy by research institutions 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 by research institutions is allowed from the budget allocated to the research projects.

Règles nationales du Maroc

Programme PRIMA

Rubriques	Budget demandé (DH)	Premier versement (DH)	Deuxième versement (DH)
<i>Dépenses du personnel</i>			
Indemnités liées aux travaux de recherche et de prestation de service (Bourses des doctorants, CDD, ...)			
Taxes postales et frais d'affranchissement			
Taxes et redevances pour l'utilisation des lignes de réseaux spécifiques			
Taxes et redevances de télécommunications			
<i>Matériel, Mobilier de bureau et fournitures</i>			
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			
<i>Entretien et réparation</i>			
Entretien et réparation de matériels scientifiques et informatiques			
<i>Transport et Déplacement</i>			
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			
<i>Autres Dépenses</i>			
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			
Total			

NB :

- ✓ Le budget maximum accordé pour chaque partenaire marocain est de **75.000 €** avec un plafond de **150.000 €** par projet.
- ✓ Si la coordination du projet de recherche est assurée par un organisme marocain, un budget supplémentaire maximum de **20.000 €** sera accordé au coordonnateur du projet s'il est justifié.
- ✓ Aucun prélèvement par les organismes de recherche 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 au 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 en partenariat avec les universités publiques;
 - ✓ Les établissements ne relevant pas des universités en partenariat avec les universités publiques;
 - ✓ Les établissements publics de recherche en partenariat avec les universités publiques.



PORTUGAL FCT

- ✓ Funding body details

Portugal, Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT)

- ✓ Contact Point details

- Ricardo Pereira, ricardo.pereira@fct.pt, tel. +351 21 392 44 79
- Maria Maia, maria.maia@fct.pt (proxy), tel. +351 21 391 15 43

- ✓ 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 entities requesting FCT's funds under this call for proposals have to submit their individual **Statement of Commitment**, downloadable here:

https://www.fct.pt/apoios/cooptrans/eranets/docs/Declaracao_de_compromisso_FCT_2019.pdf

This declaration has to be e-mailed to FCT's contact persons, dully filled, signed and stamped, until 10 work 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 funding agency / per proposal

Maximum funding available to this call: 1.125.000,00 €;

Expectable number of funded projects: 5-11;

Maximum amount that can be requested by entities requesting funds from FCT altogether in a consortium coordinated by an entity requesting funds from FCT: 250.000,00 €;

Maximum amount that can be requested by entities requesting funds from FCT altogether in a consortium NOT coordinated by an entity requesting funds from FCT: 100.000,00 €.

- ✓ 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 requirements :

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



PORTUGAL FRCT

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

Portugal, Regional Fund for Science and Technology (FRCT)

- ✓ Regional Contact Point details.

- Gisela Nascimento, Gisela.MC.nascimento@azores.gov.pt, tel. +351296308948

- ✓ Rational criteria:

- Participation criteria: Terms and conditions of eligible entities.

The beneficiaries should be non-corporate entities from the Scientific and technological system of the Azores (SCTA) with social register in the Azores, namely:

- a) Public institutions of higher education, their institutes and R & D units;
- b) private non-profit institutions whose main activities are R & D;
- c) other public or , non-profit private institutions, which carry out or participate in scientific research activities.

Eligibility criteria:

The beneficiaries must meet the requirements in terms of general eligibility conditions stipulated in Article 7 of Regional Regulatory Decree No. 17/2012 / A

Additional eligibility criteria available at : <http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/>

Before initiating a funding request, FRCT strongly recommends that all regional applicants contact FRCT through the regional contact point.

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

This declaration has to be e-mailed to the regional contact person, dully filled, signed and stamped, until 10 days after the call's deadline. The original hard copy should be sent to FRCT.

Also see the Guide for the participation of regional research teams in ERA-NETs financed by the FRCT in <http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/>

- Maximum limit requested per partner / per funding agency / per proposal (if applicable).

Maximum funding available to this call: 100 000€

Expectable number of funded projects: 1-2;

Maximum amount that can be requested by entities requesting funds from FRCT: 100.000,00 €;

- ✓ Scientific criteria:
 - Thematic areas and topics to be funded.

All areas and topics in equal terms.

- ✓ Funding criteria :
 - Eligible costs:

All project related costs, namely direct personal costs, direct costs of subcontracting, other direct costs, indirect costs. Forms of costs and maximum rates of budget categories are stated in FRCT's eligibility rules. <http://frct.azores.gov.pt/legislacao/>



SLOVENIA

Country/Region	Slovenia
Funding organisation, address and country	Slovenian Research Agency – SRA, Bleiweisova cesta 30, SI-1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia
National contact Point - the contact person for PRIMA communication:	mag. Tea Glažar, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Sport, tea.glazar@gov.si
PRIMA contact point at the FB- the contact point to be contacted by national applicants for the information regarding the budgetary issues and national participation rules	Mojca Boc, Head of Department of Research Infrastructure and International Cooperation, Slovenian Research Agency, mojca.boc@arrs.si
Funding commitment	Up to 1.000.000,00 EUR (for the 10 year period)
Anticipated number of projects with Slovenian partners	2
Maximum funding per awarded project	80.000,00 EUR
Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	<p>Researchers holding a PhD degree who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - meet the requirements for a head of a basic or applicative research 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 <p>Higher education or research institutions of the applicant need to be registered at ARRS research organisations records. 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.</p>
Eligibility of costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 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

	<p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Overhead costs are used for covering the running costs of the institution which are related to implementation of the PRIMA project.</p>
Submission of the proposal at the national level	<p>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).</p>
Submission of financial and progress reports at the national level	<p>Yes, financial reporting carried out on an annual basis according to national rules.</p>
Information available at	<p>http://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/19/prav-sof-ocen-sprem-razisk-dej-nov19.asp</p> <p>http://www.arrs.si/sl/akti/19/ured-normstand-rd-okt-19.asp</p> <p>http://www.arrs.gov.si/sl/akti/prav-kriterij-vodja-rp-avg16.asp</p>
Other	



SPAIN AEI

✓ **Funding Body:**

State Research Agency, Agencia Estatal de Investigación (AEI)

✓ **National Contact Points:**

Justyna Chojnacka

Project manager

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E-mail: prima@aei.gob.es

✓ **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 (**PROYECTOS DE I+D+I «PROGRAMACIÓN CONJUNTA INTERNACIONAL»**). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [PCIN 2019](#)

The Spanish legal entities granted are obliged by the regulations established in this Spanish Call on International Joint Programming call 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 State Research Agency 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 Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2017-2020*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes.

Incompatibilities – very important, please read carefully.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this PRIMA Section 2 call nor in more than one proposal under PCI national call. In addition, Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in two consecutive years in Spanish

Calls on International Joint Programming. This must be taken into account when participating in different ERA-Nets or other international initiatives.

Proposals to Section 1 are compatible with this call.

- Principal Investigators must remain unchanged between the proposal of this transnational call and the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming. PIs are strongly encouraged to check their eligibility with the AEI.

AEI 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 supports all the topics of PRIMA call.

Spanish investigators are strongly encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. Spanish Industrial partners need to apply to CDTI for funding.

✓ **Duration of Project Implementation:**

36 months

✓ **Maximum Funding per Project:**

Important:

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

- Maximum of two Spanish entities eligible for the AEI per proposal
- Maximum amount of funding 150.000 € per proposal, independently of the number of partners
- 50.000€ in addition in case of coordination
- Maximum amount of funding 250.000 € if two Spanish legal entities eligible for the AEI participate in the same proposal and one of them coordinates the international consortium.

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 150.000 € per proposal (additional 50.000 € if the Spanish group 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 by the AEI.



SPAIN CDTI

✓ **Funding Body:**

CDTI (Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial)

CDTI (Centre for the Development of Industrial Technology)

www.cdti.es

✓ **National Contact Points:**

José Manuel Durán Cuevas

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E-mail: josemanuel.duran@cdti.es

✓ **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-MCI, or alternatively, they could participate under subcontracting by Spanish companies (provided that, the entity or respective researcher is not requesting funding from AEI-MCI 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 nº651/2014) 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 2020 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.

<https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=871&MN=2>

- 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 85% of the total approved budget, provided that the maximum intensity allowed by EU State aid rules are not exceeded.

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/>



Republic Of Tunisia
Ministry Of Higher Education And Scientific Research



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

a- Funding recipients

This call is open to Tunisian public research institutions:

- Institutes or centers;
- Research laboratories/units based at the universities.

The Tunisian Principal Investigator (PI) of the research and innovation project should be a:

- Professor;
 - Associate Professor,
 - Assistant 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 the similarity between both projects in terms of objectives, methodology and structure; exceeds 75.
 - Researchers who have already PRIMA SECTION 2 ongoing two projects as PI are not authorized to get funding under this call..

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 research structures.

All the topics of the PRIMA AWP 2020 are eligible for Tunisian partners for funding.

MHESR has reserved up to 30 000 €/year/project, 45 000€/year /project if a Tunisian partner is coordinator. 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 Tunisian coordinators or the PI should send their annual, mi-term and final reports to the MHESR without any prior notification.

Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals involving:

- **at least one socio-economic partner eligible for MHESR funding such as technical centers,**
- SMEs, NGO, These organizations are not eligible to receive funding from MHESR)
- Bonus criteria for innovation: support of prototyping/ piloting.

2. List of eligible costs

Eligible costs are those spent directly by the project partner during the duration of the project and used exclusively 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 allocated budget

For 2020 calls for proposals, the following expenses would be eligible:

- a. Travel and daily allowances,
- 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 and meetings.

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 PI of the selected project for financing will sign an agreement with the MHESR/General Directorate of Scientific Research. For further information, please contact Tunisian National Contact points.

3. National Contact Points:

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

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TURKEY

TÜBİTAK - TURKEY

Funding Rules for PRIMA Section 2 Calls

Funding Organisation	TÜBİTAK - The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
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Contact	prima@tubitak.gov.tr	(+90) 312 298 1622
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For more information	TÜBİTAK's PRIMA website
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Funding Channel

1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation	Researchers from Turkey will be funded via the 1071 Programme. Thus, participants must abide by the 1071 Programme's rules and submit their proposals accordingly.
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Funding & Duration

Funding Per Project	max. 1.000.000 TRY / project (In addition to this figure, Project Incentive Bonus and Overheads are paid to researchers from public institutions)
Project Duration	max. 36 months
Submission of proposal at national level	Required
Proposal submission	https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/

For Applicants from Private Sector

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	SMEs and private companies established in Turkey
Funding Rate (of eligible costs)	60% of eligible costs for large scale companies 75% of eligible costs for SMEs
Project Duration	max. 36 months
Budget Per Project	max. 1.000.000 TRY (including the 40% or 35% share of the budget to be covered by the private establishment)
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. Overheads and Project Incentive Fee (PTI) are not paid.
Submission of proposal at national level	Required
Proposal submission	https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
Detailed application rules and eligibility criteria will be available at https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/	

For Applicants from Public Sector

Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution	Higher education institutions, educational and research hospitals, public institutions/organisations
Funding Rate (of eligible costs)	100%
Project Duration	max. 36 months
Budget Per Project (Research Budget)	max. 1.000.000 TRY
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Equipment, consumables, human resources, travel, overheads, consultancy and service procurement, dissemination (like printing of booklets or organizing workshops)
Ineligible costs	Projects that involve building infrastructure are not funded.
Additional Payments	Overheads and Project Incentive Bonus (PTI) are paid in addition to the research budget.

	Overheads can be max. 180.000 TRY, and PTI can be max. 144.000 TRY.
Submission of proposal at national level	Required
Proposal submission	https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/
Detailed application rules and eligibility criteria will be available at https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/	

Project Personnel Requirements

Principal Investigator, Researchers and Advisors
University personnel should have a PhD degree.
Those working in a public institution or a private corporation should have an undergraduate degree.
Except advisors, the principal investigator and researchers should reside and work in Turkey. (non-Turkish citizens can be researchers in projects as long as they work at an institution established in Turkey).
A researcher should have a contribution of at least 10% of the project workload.
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.
TÜBİTAK Group Executive Committee Members and Advisory Board Members may take part in projects within this call, since the scientific evaluation will not be conducted by TÜBİTAK.

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 Undergraduates:

- Must not be employed at any organization/institution
- Must be a student of 3rd year or above, at a higher education institution established in Turkey
- Must hold a GPA of 2,5/4.00 or 65/100, OR must be in the top 20 percentile of class
- The scholarship is revoked if the student repeats the same grade.
- Maximum 4 undergraduate students can take part in projects at the same time

For Post-Doctorate Researchers:

- Must hold doctorate degree
- Must not be employed at any organization/institution
- Must not have an academic title equal to or higher than associate professor
- 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

The total amount of scholarships which can be paid to students is demonstrated in the table below:

	Unemployed	Employed
Undergraduate Student	750 TL/month	-----
Masters Student	3.000 TL/month (500 TL is added if student is a TÜBİTAK BİDEB scholarship recipient)	550 TL/ay
Doctoral Student	3.500 TL/month (1.000 TL is added if student is a TÜBİTAK BİDEB scholarship recipient)	650 TL/month
Post-Doctoral Researcher	4.500 TL/month (1.500 TL is added if student is a TÜBİTAK BİDEB scholarship recipient)	-----