



Call for Proposals for
**"European Research Projects on
Neuroinflammation"**

Submission deadline for pre-proposals: March 10, 2014

Proposal template

Electronic proposal submission

For further information, please visit us on the web

<http://www.neuron-eranet.eu>

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1. Purpose

Maintenance, improvement and restoration of human health are of fundamental importance and worldwide priority. Biomedical and health research provide an important basis for the improvement of healthy living. Disorders of the brain are major causes of morbidity, mortality and impaired quality of life. Around one billion people suffer from disorders of the central nervous system. In Europe, disorders of the brain account for approximately one-third of the burden of all diseases. Therefore, neuroscience research and its translation into diagnostic and therapeutic outcomes are fundamental.

To address this, the 'Network of European Funding for Neuroscience Research' (NEURON) has been established under the ERA-NET scheme of the European Commission (<http://www.neuron-eranet.eu>). The aim of the ERA-NET NEURON is to coordinate research efforts and funding programmes of European countries in the field of disease related neuroscience.

Under the umbrella of NEURON, six transnational joint calls have been launched on different topics from 2008 to 2013. The seventh joint transnational call (JTC-7) is now launched in the field of neuroinflammation. The following funding organisations have agreed to fund the joint call for multinational research projects in this scientific area. The call will be conducted simultaneously by the funding organisations in their respective countries and coordinated centrally by the Joint Call Secretariat.

- Austrian Science Fund (FWF), Austria
- Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Belgium
- Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS, Belgium
- Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (CIHR-INMHA), Canada
- Fonds de recherche du Québec-Santé (FRQS), Québec (Canada)
- French National Research Agency (ANR), France
- Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF), Germany
- The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS), Iceland*
- Chief Scientist Office, Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH), Israel
- Ministry of Health (MOH), Italy
- Latvian Academy of Sciences (LAS), Latvia
- National Research Fund (FNR), Luxembourg
- National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR), Poland
- Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT), Portugal
- Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), Romania
- Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS), Slovakia
- Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness (MINECO), Spain
- Swedish Research Council (SRC), Sweden
- Medical Research Council (MRC), United Kingdom

* Pending final decision.

2. Aim of the call

The aim of the call is to facilitate multi-national, collaborative research projects that will address important questions relating to neuroinflammation. The call will accept proposals ranging from understanding basic mechanisms of disease through proof-of-concept clinical studies in humans. These may include research on the role of inflammation in neurological or psychiatric disorders, or associated with traumatic brain injury, pathogen infection or toxicity in the nervous system. **Research dealing primarily with cerebrovascular or neurodegenerative diseases without specifically focussing on the neuroinflammation aspect will not be eligible for this call.**

The ERA-NET NEURON funding organisations particularly wish to promote **multi-disciplinary work** and to encourage **translational research proposals** that combine basic and clinical approaches.

Research proposals should cover at least one of the following areas:

- a) Fundamental research on the role of neuroinflammation on the pathogenesis and/or aetiology of neural diseases. This may include the development of innovative or shared resources and technologies.
- b) Research to develop new strategies for diagnosis, therapy, and rehabilitation procedures for diseases in which neuroinflammation constitutes a relevant process of the pathology.

One of the aims of NEURON is to provide support to young researchers, and to facilitate their integration as independent PIs into the consortia, an experience that would be a valuable step forward in their research careers.

The individual components of joint applications should be complementary and contain novel, ambitious ideas to answer key questions or lead to a step-wise change in understanding. There should be clear added value in funding the collaboration over the individual projects.

Clinical studies up to the point of proof of concept are eligible for funding¹.

3. Application

3.1 Eligibility

Joint transnational research proposals may be submitted by research teams working in universities (or other higher education institutions), non-university public research institutes, hospitals, as well as in commercial companies, particularly small and medium-size enterprises. The eligibility of the afore-mentioned institutions, together with details of eligible costs (e.g., personnel, material, consumables, travel money, investments), are subject to the administrative requirements of

¹ Eligibility and funding requirements for clinical trials vary between the partner countries. Clarification may be obtained from the individual funding agencies.

individual funding organisations and will therefore differ. Please note that, for some funding organisations, commercial companies are not eligible or are only eligible under certain conditions (e.g., only in partnership with academic institutions in the consortium). Clarification should be obtained from the individual funding agencies (see contact details below).

Only transnational projects will be funded. Each consortium submitting a proposal must comprise a minimum of three research groups eligible for funding by organisations listed in this call text (see above), all three groups must be from different countries. The total number of research groups in a consortium must not exceed five. Therefore, the maximum number of countries involved in one consortium is five. Not more than two research groups should be from the same country.

Research groups not eligible to their national funding organizations or from countries which are not involved in this call may participate in projects only if their participation clearly provides an added value to the consortium and if they present evidence on secured budget for their part in the project. In any case, the total number of research groups in one consortium must not exceed five.

It is obligatory that the coordinator of a consortium is eligible to be funded by one of the organisations listed in this call text.

Each consortium should have the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and **should clearly demonstrate added value** from working together. One project co-ordinator among the project partners who represents the consortium externally will be responsible for its internal scientific management. *Although applications must be submitted jointly by groups from several countries, the individual research groups will be funded by the individual NEURON funding organisation(s) of their respective countries. Eligibility criteria are the matter of individual partner funding organisations.*

Therefore, applicants are strongly advised to follow the instructions contained in the country-specific eligibility tables which are published on the NEURON webpage and to contact their national/regional funding organization to confirm eligibility matters before submitting an application.

3.2 Financial and legal modalities

Projects may be funded for a period of up to three years and according to individual funding organisations' regulations. Eligible costs may vary according to the corresponding funding organisations' regulations. Each group will be subject to the rules and regulations of its respective national/regional funding agency.

3.3 Submission of joint transnational proposals

There will be a **two-stage procedure** for joint applications: **pre-proposals** and **full proposals**. In both cases, one joint **proposal document** (in English) shall be prepared by the partners of a joint transnational proposal, and must be submitted to the Joint Call Secretariat by one spokesperson, the co-ordinator.

Pre-proposals must be submitted in electronic format no later than **March 10, 2014** (14:00:00 CET) via the **electronic submission** system.

NOTE: Full proposals will only be accepted from those applicants **explicitly invited** by the Joint Call Secretariat to submit them.

3.4 Further information

For further details, please refer to the respective submission forms available through the NEURON website. If you need additional information, please contact the Joint Call Secretariat, or your funding agency representative (see Annex for contact data).

4. Evaluation and decision

The review process will be in two stages.

4.1 Formal check of proposals

The Joint Call Secretariat will assess proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (e.g. date of submission; number of participating countries; inclusion of all necessary information in English). The Joint Call Secretariat will also forward the proposals to the national/regional funding organisations, which will perform a formal check of compliance with their respective regulations. Proposals not meeting the formal criteria will be rejected at this stage.

The Call Steering Committee may reject proposals if they are clearly outside the scope of the call.

Proposals passing these check points will be forwarded to the joint Peer Review Panel for evaluation.

4.2 Peer-review of proposals

The reviewers will carry out the evaluation according to specific evaluation criteria:

1. Relevance to the aim(s) of the call
2. Scientific quality of the proposal (innovation potential, methodology)

3. Feasibility of the project (adequacy of project work plan and related risk analysis, budgetary and other resources, time schedule)
4. International competitiveness of participating research groups in the field(s) of the proposal (previous work in the field, expertise of the research groups)
5. Quality of collaborative interaction between the groups, and added value, from both scientific and transnational perspectives, of the research consortium. Consortia not meeting these criteria will be downgraded.
6. Potential of the expected results for future clinical and other health relevant applications.

4.3 Decision

4.3.1 Pre-proposals

Eligible pre-proposals will be reviewed via a written (remote) peer review process. Based on the scores in the written reviews a ranking list will be set up. By mid May 2014, the coordinators of the top proposals will be invited by the Joint Call Secretariat to submit a full proposal **no later than June 24, 2014**.

4.3.2 Full proposals

The international Joint Peer Review Panel will establish a ranking list of the fundable proposals by scientific assessment. Based on this ranking list the Call Steering Committee will determine the projects to be funded, taking into account the national budgets available. These recommendations will inform the final decisions which will be made by the funding agencies and will be subject to budgetary considerations.

5. Funding procedure / Responsibilities / Reporting requirements

5.1 Funding procedure

Projects can be funded for a period of up to three years and according to funding organisations' regulations. Funding is expected to start early in 2015.

Successful research groups will be funded directly by the respective funding organisations.

Funding will be administered according to the terms and conditions of the responsible funding organisations, taking into account all other applicable regulations and legal requirements.

5.2 Responsibilities

Each project must nominate a project coordinator, who represents the consortium externally and is responsible for its internal management (e.g., application, Consortium Agreement, reporting, etc.) to the ERA-Net NEURON Joint Call Secretariat. Within a joint proposal, each group leader will be the contact person for the relevant national/regional funding organisation. The coordinators of funded projects together with the respective funding agencies shall make every effort to seek a common start date for all research groups in the consortium.

After the evaluation and selection procedures are completed, each consortium selected to be funded is required to draft and sign a Consortium Agreement (CA) suitable to their own team. The CA will agree a common project start date, manage the delivery of project activities, finances and intellectual property rights (IPR), and avoid disputes which might be detrimental to the completion of the project. All consortia are strongly encouraged to sign the CA before the official project start date, the CA must be signed within the first six months after the project start date.

5.3 Reporting Requirements

On behalf of the research consortium, the project coordinator will be required to submit a brief annual scientific progress report on the project and one final report in the end, to the Joint Call Secretariat. Group leaders may be required to submit reports separately to their national funding organisation; reporting guidance will be forwarded by the relevant funding organisation, as applicable.

Annual reports should be submitted within four months calendar year. Annual reports do not need to be submitted if the project ends in the first three months of the following year (i.e., between January and March). In this case, the submission of a final report will suffice. However, instead of submitting the final report within the usual six month period (see below), the final report will be required within four months of project completion.

The deadline for submitting final reports is six months after the end of the project. It is the task of the coordinators to determine a formal end date for project completion. This is required, as partners may be granted extensions of differing duration. Coordinators will be informed about this procedure by the Joint Call Secretariat and will receive the report template in due course.

The coordinator will be asked to present 2 progress updates, one intermediate and one final status symposium. Group leaders will be asked to participate in the final status symposium. Travel budgets should be planned and managed accordingly.

Funding recipients must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of transnational NEURON projects include a proper acknowledgement of ERA-NET NEURON and the respective funding partner organisations, and are in line with the relevant publication requirements.

Annex

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. We strongly advise you to contact your national/regional representative prior to submitting a pre-proposal:

Country (Region)	Contact person(s)	Links to national/regional calls mentioning particular requirements
Austria	Dr Herbert Mayer	Austrian Science Fund (FWF) herbert.mayer@fwf.ac.at www.fwf.ac.at
Belgium (Flanders)	Dr Olivier Boehme Geertrui Poelaert	Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO) Egmontstraat 5 1000 Brussel www.fwo.be eranet@fwo.be
Belgium	Dr. Arnaud Goolaerts	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique - FNRS rue d'Egmont 5 1000 Bruxelles Tél. +32 (0)2 504 93 28 arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrs.be
Canada	Dr Elizabeth Theriault Jeff Warren	Canadian Institutes of Health Research - Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction (CIHR-INMHA) Elizabeth.Theriault@ubc.ca 604 827-4744 http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/8602.html Strategic Program Design and Analytics Research and Knowledge Translation Portfolio, CIHR Jeff.warren@cihr-irsc.gc.ca 613-948-2813
Canada (Québec)	Dr Anne-Cécile Desfaits Karine Genest	Fonds de recherche du Québec-Santé (FRQS) AnneCecile.Desfaits@frq.gouv.qc.ca 514-873-0463 Karine.Genest@frq.gouv.qc.ca 514-873-2114 #1275 www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca
France	Dr Natalia Martin Dr Serena Battaglia	French National Research Agency (ANR) Health & Biology Department natalia.martin@agencerecherche.fr +33 1 73 54 81 33 serena.battaglia@agencerecherche.fr +33 1 78 09 80 14 www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr
Germany	Dr Alexander Klein	Programme Management Agency (PT-DLR) – Health Research, on behalf of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) alexander.klein@dlr.de +49 228 3821 1877 www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de
Iceland	Dr Katrin Valgeirsdottir	RANNIS – The Icelandic Centre for Research katrin@rannis.is +354 515 5800
Israel	Dr Benny Leshem	Chief Scientist Office - Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) chief.scientist@moh.health.gov.il. www.health.gov.il/

Italy	Dr Gaetano Guglielmi	Ministero della Salute g.guglielmi@sanita.it www.ministerosalute.it/
Latvia	Dr Uldis Berkis	Latvian Academy of Sciences www.lza.lv uberkis@latnet.lv +371-67409242 +371-29472349
Luxembourg	Dr Frank Glod	Fonds National de la Recherche (FNR) frank.glod@fnr.lu www.fnr.lu/
Poland	Marcin Chmielewski	National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) Section for Research Projects BIOMED marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl phone: + 48 22 39 07 109 fax.: +48 22 20 13 408 www.ncbr.pl
Portugal	Dr Anabela Isidro	Fundação para a Ciência e Tecnologia (FCT) Departamento das Relações Europeias, Bilaterais e Multilaterais Anabela.Isidro@fct.pt phone: Tel:+351 21 391 15 52 www.fct.pt
Romania	Mrs. Luciana BRATU Mrs. Simona Cristina STOIAN	Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro Tel: +40 21 307 19 35, Fax: +40 21 307 19 11 simona.stoian@uefiscdi.ro Tel: +4 021 30 23 893
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UK	Dr Jacqui Oakley	Medical Research Council (MRC) jacqui.oakley@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk



Austria (FWF)

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
FWF – Austrian Science Fund www.fwf.ac.at	Dr. Herbert Mayer +43/1-505 67 40-8212 herbert.mayer@fwf.ac.at	individual researcher or teams of researchers, working in any kind of non-profit organisation: e.g. University University hospital Non-university research institute <i>Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines:</i> http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf	Personnel Consumables Animals Subcontracts Equipment Travel Documentation (Note: publication costs are handled according to FWF stand-alone projects) <i>Please refer also to the general FWF Funding Guidelines:</i> http://www.fwf.ac.at/de/downloads/pdf/fwf_funding_guidelines.pdf	0.6 M€	2



Belgium (French speaking community, FNRS)

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Funding Organisation	Contact person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded research groups	Max./Min. funding awarded to a partner	Other restrictions
Fonds National de la Recherche Scientifique-FNRS http://www.fnrns.be/	Arnaud Goolaerts Scientific Officer +32 2 504 93 28 arnaud.goolaerts@frs-fnrns.be Freia Van Hee Policy Officer +32 2 504 93 09 freia.vanhee@frs-fnrns.be	The applicant must be affiliated to a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles. The applicant should also: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be a permanent researcher of F.R.S. - FNRS (Chercheur qualifié, Maître de recherches ou Directeur de recherches), • or hold a tenure track position (or an assimilated position including pending tenure track) within a research institution from the Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles, • or be a permanent research staff member in the 'Ecole Royale Militaire' • or be a permanent research staff member of a federal scientific institution 	Personnel Consumables Animals Equipment Travel ... The „overhead“ is not an eligible cost. If the project is selected for funding, these costs will be subject to a separate agreement between the institution of the beneficiary and the F.R.S.-FNRS. More details: http://www.frs-fnrns.be/pdf/NEURON_CALL-FNRS_ANNEX.pdf	200k euro	1	200k euro/partner	The applicant should not have reached retirement at the starting date of the project. If the applicant reaches the age of retirement in the course of the project, he should precisely describe in the proposal how the handover will be managed. A single applicant may only participate once in a consortium applying to this call.

		More details: http://www.frs-fnrs.be/pdf/NEURON_CALL-FNRS_ANNEX.pdf					
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Flanders (Belgium; FWO)

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
<p>FWO – Research Foundation - Flanders</p> <p>www.fwo.be</p>	<p>Dr. Olivier Boehme +32 2 550 15 45 olivier.boehme@fwo.be</p> <p>Geertrui Poelaert + 32 2 550 15 55 geertrui.poelaert@fwo.be</p>	<p>Art. 9 of the FWO-regulation on the regular research projects is applicable. In this article is stated who can apply as a (co-)promoter for a research project (here only those cases that are relevant for research in the biomedical field are listed):</p> <p><u>Promoter:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – a professor (ZAP) with an appointment of more than 10% at a Flemish university; – a professor (ZAP) with an appointment of 10% at a Flemish university and a main task as researcher; – a professor (ZAP) with an appointment of 5% at a Flemish university and with an appointment as (assistant) clinical head or an equal function in a university hospital; 	<p>Funding money can be used for staff, consumables and infrastructure. The minimal and maximal amounts of money allowed per cost category, as applicable for the regular FWO-projects, are not applicable for the projects funded by FWO in ERA-NET. However, for staff costs the same lump sums are applicable as in the regular projects, i.e.: 60.000 € for a scientific staff member and 50.000 € for a technical staff member.</p> <p>Moreover, FWO pays the host institutions of a project 6% overhead on top of the funding amount.</p> <p>Funding cannot be used for training activities, apart from the opportunity for a researcher appointed within the project to obtain a PhD on the basis of the</p>	<p>0.2 M €</p>	<p>1</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a research director of FWO; - a Flemish beneficiaries of an ERC grants at Flemish universities or an allowance in the FWO-funding programme Odysseus II. <p><u>Co-promoter:</u> All co-promoters have to be researchers at at least postdoctoral level in at least one of the following types of organizations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a Flemish university; - a Flemish research institution; - a Flemish university hospital; - the Transnational university Limburg; - a federal scientific institution, if the co-promoter belongs to the Dutch language register. <p>Researchers from outside Flanders can be involved as co-promoter without being entitled to receive funding from the FWO and insofar this cooperation is relevant for the project. If more than one universities are involved in the project, at least one promoter or co-promoter of each university has to fulfill the above criteria</p>	<p>results from his/her project research.</p>		
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Canada

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<p>Canadian Institutes of Health Research – Institute of Neurosciences, Mental Health and Addiction</p> <p>http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca</p>	<p>Dr. Elizabeth Theriault Assistant Scientific Director, CIHR-INMHA</p> <p>604 827-4744 Elizabeth.Theriault@ubc.ca</p> <p>Mr. Jeff Warren Program Delivery Coordinator CIHR-Program Delivery 613 948-2813 Jeff.Warren@cihr-irsc.gc.ca</p>	<p>Canadian applicants must meet the eligibility criteria that apply for all CIHR research funding programs. The business office of the institution of an eligible Nominated Principal Applicant generally administers CIHR funds. Please refer to the Individual Eligibility Requirements (WSC: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/22630.html#f10) regarding the eligibility requirements for individuals and institutions</p> <p>Specific Eligibility Requirements: The applicant leading the</p>	<p>Applicants should review the Use of Grant Funds (WSC: http://www.nserc-crsng.gc.ca/Professors-Professeurs/FinancialAdministrationGuide-AdminFinancier/FundsUse-UtilisationSubventions_eng.asp) section of the Tri-Agency (CIHR, NSERC and SSHRC) Financial Administration Guide for a complete listing and description of allowable costs and activities.</p> <p>Note: For applicants invited to submit a Full Application by June 24, 2014. CIHR requests that Canadian</p>	<p>0.3 Mio €</p>	<p>2 at \$75k CAN/yr each</p>

		<p>Canadian component must be an independent researcher (WSC: http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca/e/34190.html#r6)</p>	<p>applicants applying for funding from CIHR also complete an abbreviated CIHR application and submit it via ResearchNet.</p> <p>The purpose of this additional application is to provide CIHR with an Operating Budget Module for the project, with the amounts quoted in Canadian dollars, and a complete justification for funds requested.</p>		
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Canada (Quebec)

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Funding Organisation	Contact person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded projects
Fonds de Recherche du Québec - Santé FRQS http://www.frsq.gouv.qc.ca	Karine Genest, M.Sc. Program Manager FRQS karine.genest@frq.gouv.qc.ca 1-514-873-2114 ext. 1275 Dr. Anne-Cécile Desfaits Director of Partnerships and International Relations FRQS AnneCecileDesfaits@frq.gouv.qc.ca	Quebec applicants must meet the eligibility criteria for FRQS research grants. Eligible institutions are Quebec Universities or Institutions within Quebec's health and social services network. Further information about eligibility are available on the FRQS Common Rules and Regulations webpage (section one) at: http://www.frsq.gouv.qc.ca/en/financement/regles_generales_2013_2014/regles_	Operational costs (research personnel, consumables, animals) Costs related to scientific and ethical evaluation (clinical research projects) Coordination-related cost (project administration and travel expenses for attending joint meetings) Costs related to	A total of \$500,000 CAD for 3 years (0.3 Mio. €) Up to \$75,000 CAD per year per project. The amount allocated to each project will depend on the scientific justification as presented in the budget of the project	2 - 3

		<p>gen.shtml</p>	<p>knowledge translation Conference attendance (up to 3% per year of the grant amount starting the second year) Translation costs</p> <p>Note: There is <u>NO</u> support for salaries of investigators, training grants or equipment or overheads.</p> <p>Additional requirement: FRQS applicants invited to submit a full proposal must also submit a budget to FRQS in Canadian dollars. A specific FRQS form will be sent to investigators.</p> <p>Further information about eligible costs is available at: http://www.frqs.gouv.qc.ca/en/financement/regles_generales_2013_2014/regles_gen.shtml</p>		
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France

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<p>French National Research Agency</p> <p>http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/</p>	<p>Dr Natalia MARTIN Scientific Officer, Department of Biology and Health</p> <p>+33 (0)1 73 54 81 33 natalia.martin@agence-recherche.fr</p> <p>Dr Serena BATTAGLIA Scientific Officer, Department of Biology and Health</p> <p>+33 (0)1 78 09 80 14 serena.battaglia@agence-recherche.fr</p>	<p>Public research institutes such as EPST, EPIC, Universities, University hospitals, Non-university Research Institutes (max rate of support: 100% of additional costs).</p> <p>Enterprises: large & SMES (max rate of support: 45% of total costs for SMEs & 30% for larger companies). Please note that for selected proposals, enterprises will have to go through a national procedure intended for checking their capacity to receive ANR's funding for the duration of the project.</p> <p>See French Annex for details (ANR website)</p>	<p>Personnel Consumables Animals Subcontracts (if costs < 50% eligible costs) Equipment Travel</p> <p>Please note that for the calculation of the « overheads » (=frais de gestion), you must apply 4% of the total eligible costs if you belong to a public research organization or 68% of the total personnel costs if you belong to another category.</p> <p>See French Annex for details</p>	<p>1.5 Mio €</p>	<p>About 4-6</p>	<p>The ANR doesn't have a maximum funding per partner; the amount depends on the scientific need and justification for the budget. However, there is a minimum amount per partner: 15 000 €.</p>	<p>A copy of the signed consortium agreement established between the consortium partners must be provided to ANR before the first payment of the French researchers involved in the project selected for funding.</p>



Germany

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Bundesministerium für Bildung und Forschung (BMBF) Federal Ministry of Education and Research http://www.gesundheitsforschung-bmbf.de	Dr. Alexander Klein PT-DLR Programme Management Agency, Health Research, on behalf of the BMBF +49 (0) 228 3821 1877 alexander.klein@dlr.de	legal body: University University hospital Non-university research institute Industry Note: industry is funded with a maximum of 50-60% of their cost	Personnel Consumables Animals Subcontracts Equipment Travel Overheads*	3.0 Mio. €	ca. 10

*Overheads refer to “Gemeinkosten” (applicable for Helmholtz-centres and Fraunhofer-Society) as well as “Projektpauschale” (applicable for universities and university hospitals). The “Projektpauschale” generally amounts to 20% of the applied total project expenditure. For further information on the “Projektpauschale” please refer to “BMBF Formularschrank”, Dokument “Häufig gestellte Fragen (FAQ) zur Projektpauschale” or contact your German contact person.

BMBF-Formularschrank: https://foerderportal.bund.de/easy/easy_index.php?auswahl=easy_formulare&formularschrank=bmbf#t1

**Iceland (RANNIS)**

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RANNIS – The Icelandic Centre for Research www.rannis.is	Dr. Katrin Valgeirsdottir katrin@rannis.is +354 515 5800	Academia, Research Institutes, SME	Salaries and related costs, operational expenses, travel expenses. Overhead and facilities not funded.	€ 120.000	1-2



Israel

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Funding Organisation	Contact person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded partners
Chief Scientist Office - Ministry of Health (CSO-MOH) http://www.health.gov.il/	Dr. Benny Leshem chief.scientist@moh.health.gov.il 052-4470740	legal body University University hospital Non-university research institute Hospitals	Personnel (not to applicants) Consumables Animals Overhead Documentation	0.24 Mio. € depending on budget availability	Max. 4 projects at max. 60 K€ each



Italy (MOH)

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
Ministry of Health- Ministero della Salute http://www.ministerosalute.it/	Dr. Massimo Casciello m.casciello@sanita.it Dr. Gaetano Guglielmi g.guglielmi@sanita.it Dr. Cinzia Kutschera c.kutschera@sanita.it	Legal body Only IRCCS (The Italian Scientific Institutes for Health Research and Health Care) (*) All applicants have to submit, mandatory, the pre-proposal to the Ministry of Health through IRCCS Scientific Directorate, by Research Workflow IT System, max 7 days before the pre-submission deadline, in order to confirm eligibility matter, in relation to their own institutional recognized scientific area. Fill out the pre-submission eligibility check form . (see the link http://www.salute.gov.it/ricercaSanitaria/paginaInternaMen	Personnel (only temporary contracts) (max 50%) Consumables Animals Subcontracts Equipment (only on hire) Travel (max 3%) Overhead (max 10%) Documentation	1,0 Mio. €	ca. 5 – 7 (max 200.000 euro per project)

		<p>uRicercaSanitaria.jsp?id=2750&menu=strumentieservizi)</p> <p>Non fundable University, research institute and other research institute.</p>			
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Latvia (LAS)

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
<p>LAS – Latvian Academy of Sciences</p> <p>www.lza.lv</p>	<p>Dr. Uldis Berkis</p> <p>+371 – 67409242 +371 – 29472349</p> <p>uberkis@latnet.lv</p>	<p>Teams of researchers, working in active research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Research Institutes ▪ Universities ▪ Public hospitals only if registered as scientific institution <p>Enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research. Limitations of EU legislation apply (R800/2008) together with financial reporting requirements.</p> <p>Researcher's team leader, principal investigators, leading researchers should be researchers according to Latvian</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Personnel incl. social tax ▪ Consumables ▪ Animals ▪ Subcontracts (up to 25%, normally 10%), needs detailed justification, subject to approval. Includes all external services. ▪ Equipment (only depreciation costs) ▪ Replaceable un fully consumable during project elements of equipment e.g. electrodes fully ▪ Travel (according to travel plan) ▪ Indirect costs (up to 20% with justification, normally 10%) <p>R&D related costs should reach at least 75% of the total project</p>	<p>0,4 M€</p>	<p>1-2 One project up to 210 T€</p>

		<p>legislation (“zinātnieks”, possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field), and the work carried out should be research.</p> <p>Activities subject to any of EU and Latvian state aid legislation, control and/or reporting can not be supported.</p> <p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 414, 19.06.2012 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=249571 These provisions should be respected without exceptions.</p>	<p>funding. Core activities cannot be subcontracted.</p>		
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Organisation	Country specific requirements	Research theme restrictions	Additional information
Latvian Academy of Sciences	Yes, but they are of rather general nature	No, insofar the theme corresponds to JTC theme	No



Luxembourg

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
Fonds National de la Recherche, Luxembourg http://www.fnr.lu	Dr. Frank Glod FNR Programme Manager +352 261925 33 frank.glod@fnr.lu	The University of Luxembourg, the Public Research Centers, the CEPS/INSTEAD and public bodies, services and establishments authorised to undertake research and development Full details of eligibility conditions can be found on the FNR website	Personnel (including PhD students) Consumables Animals Subcontracts Equipment Travel Documentation	0.5 Mio. €	1-2



Poland (NCBR)

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding organisation	National Centre for Research and Development www.ncbr.gov.pl
National contact persons	- Marcin Chmielewski , Section for Research Projects BIOMED, Nowogrodzka Str. 47a, 00-695 Warsaw, Poland, +48 22 39 07 109, e-mail: marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl;
National programme	National Scientific Research Programme (<i>Krajowy Program Badań</i>)
Funding commitment	0,5 M €
Anticipated number of fundable project partners	1-2
Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	The NCBR does not have a maximum funding per grant. The amount depends on the scientific needs and justification for the budget.
Eligibility of projects	All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on granting

	<p>state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010.</p>
<p>Eligibility of a partner as a beneficiary institution</p>	<p>According to The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development following entities are eligible to apply, i.a.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific institution; • Scientific consortia; • Scientific network; • Industrial Scientific Centre; • Scientific units of the Polish Academy of Sciences; • Legal entities with a registered seat in Poland; • Enterprises having the status of R&D centre; • Enterprises conducting R&D activity in other than aforementioned organizational form.
<p>Eligibility of principal investigator or other research team member</p>	<p>The cost of PHD fellowship is not eligible.</p>
<p>Eligibility of costs, types and their caps</p>	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the research project; if such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the research project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice, shall be considered eligible; 3. costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the duration used for the research project; with regard to buildings, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the research project, as calculated on the basis of good accounting practice shall be considered eligible; for land, costs of commercial transfer or actually incurred capital costs shall be eligible; 4. cost of contractual research, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, where the transaction has been carried out at arm’s length and there is no element of collusion involved, as well as costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for

	<p>more that 70% of all eligible costs of a project; the subcontracting can be obtained from consortium partner only in justified case, this need will be verified by a national experts panel;</p> <p>5. other operating costs, including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;</p> <p>6. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs cannot account for more than 25% of all eligible project costs. That costs (6) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding costs of contractual research (4). It means $6=(1+2+3+5)*25%$.</p> <p>The maximum rate of support for research organizations is 100% of total costs (for all type of R&D); for SEs : 100% for fundamental research, max. 80% for Industrial research and max. 60% for Experimental Development of total costs; for Mes: 100% for fundamental research, max. 75% for Industrial research, max. 50% - for Experimental Development; for LE's: 100% for fundamental research, max. - 65% for Industrial research and max. 40% for Experimental Development.</p>
National phase	Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list has been established.
Further guidance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 615, 2010; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 96 item 616, 2010; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 28 October 2010 on criteria and rules on granting state aid and “de minimis” aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws No. 215 item 1411, 2010. <p>All eligible entities, invited to submit Polish proposal are obliged to use the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.</p>

Portugal (FCT)

Please note that country specific requirements might apply to this call. For further information follow the links below or contact the national representative.

Funding Organisation	Contact person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded projects
FCT – Foundation for Science and Technology www.fct.pt	Anabela Isidro Anabela.Isidro@fct.pt Tel:+351 21 391 1552	Higher Education Institutions, their institutes and R&D centers; Associate Laboratories; State Laboratories; Private non-profit institutions whose main objective is to carry out S&T activities; Companies, provided they participate in projects headed by public or private non-profit R&D institutions; Other public and private non-profit institutions which carry out or participate in scientific research activities (http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/proyectos/regulamento.phtml.en).	Equipment, Personnel, Networks & Consortium Funding, Intellectual Property Rights (e.g. patents), Mobility, and Overheads (http://alfa.fct.mctes.pt/apoios/proyectos/regulamento.phtml.en).	0.325 M€; Maximum per project: Up to 200,000 € if the Applicant is the transnational project consortium coordinator. Up to 125,000 € if the Applicant is NOT the transnational project consortium coordinator.	1 – 3

* **NOTE:** For transnational projects the requirement for a minimum time dedication is not applicable. Portuguese teams need to send a statement of commitment to the National Contact Point from FCT (Anabela Isidro), duly signed, dated and stamped by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization and by the Principal Investigator.



Romania

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
<p>Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) Romania</p> <p>www.uefiscdi.gov.ro</p>	<p>Mrs. Luciana BRATU International projects coordinator Email: luciana.bratu@uefiscdi.ro Tel: +40 21 307 19 35, Fax: +40 21 307 19 11</p> <p>And</p> <p>Mrs. Simona Cristina STOIAN Email: simona.stoian@uefiscdi.ro Tel: +4 021 30 23 893</p>	<p>Eligible entities for funding are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •universities, •public institutions, •R&D national institutions, •joint-stock companies, •SME's and Large companies, •NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others. <p>For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit N 542/2007 of the European Commission.</p>	<p>For the fundamental research activities, industrial research and experimental development, according to HG 134/2011, types of expenses are eligible, as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Salary costs during the period of the project; •Logistics expenses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Capital expenditure; 2.Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; 3.Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; •Travel expenses; •Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: 	0,5 Mio. €	1-2

			staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs, excluding the cost for subcontracting.		
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Slovakia

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
Slovak Academy of Sciences (SAS) http://www.sav.sk	Mr. Jan BARANCIK , PhD Head Department for International Cooperation of SAS, Slovak Academy of Sciences, Štefánikova 49 814 38 - Bratislava, Slovak Republic Tel: +421 2 5751 0137 E-mail: barancik@up.upsav.sk	Research institutes of SAS (up to 100%) Applicants from other Slovak R & D centers have to cover the project costs from their own sources (Letter of Commitment)	Direct costs (DC) : Personnel (max. 15% of DC), Consumables, Equipment (max. 40% of DC) and Travel costs Indirect costs (IC - overheads): max. 20 % of DC. Total eligible costs = DC + IC Training costs shall not be defined as a separate category, but included in other costs items	0.11 Mio. €	1

National phase: Submission of the proposal at the national level will be required in parallel to the international evaluation. The submission will be carried out once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been performed and endorsed by the NEURON Call Steering Committee (CSC) and the Slovak project partner has been informed by the project consortium coordinator and invited by SAS to submit the proposal to it (Formular MVTs). The Presidium of SAS makes the final decision for funding of selected projects

Further guidance: ■ Web side: <http://www.sav.sk/>;

- 133 Act of February 19, 2002 on the Slovak Academy of Sciences,
- Financial rules for awarding SAS grants for research projects in frame of ERA.Net Programme for research institutes of SAS
- Principles of allocation of funds for the institutes of SAS to support projects in the field of international scientific cooperation

For more information please contact the NCP

Spain (MINECO)

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Funding Organisation	Contact person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated amount of funding for this call	Anticipated no. of funded projects
<p>Ministerio de Economía y Competitividad MINECO</p> <p>Ministry of Economy and Competitiveness</p> <p>www.mineco.gob.es</p>	<p>Dr. Julio Barbas</p> <p>+34 9138384</p> <p>neuron@mineco.es</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities • Public research institutions (including hospitals and public foundations) • Private non-profit research institutions <p>Eligible applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Mandatory</u>: experience as principal investigator (PI) in projects funded by <i>Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011</i> • <u>Not allowed</u>: Overlap with other ERA-NET related funding <p><u>Not allowed</u>: Apply for funding in more than one proposal</p> <p>* See more details in [ANEXO MINECO]</p>	<p>Personnel costs for temporary contracts (<u>fellowships are not eligible</u>).</p> <p>Current costs such as those incurred in purchasing small scientific and IT equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses and other costs that can be properly justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.</p> <p><u>Indirect costs, or clinical assays are not eligible for funding.</u></p> <p>Max. budgets:</p> <p>150 K€ per partner / 200 K€ per project coordinator</p> <p>250 K€ per project / 300 K€ if one Spanish institution coordinates the project</p> <p>* See more details in [ANEXO MINECO]</p>	<p>0.8 M€</p>	<p>5 - 6</p>



Sweden

Please note that the Swedish Research Council primarily funds the extra costs related to the international collaboration (see Eligible costs). Only projects ranked among the 15 best will be considered for funding.

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Funding Organisation	Contact Person	Eligible Institutions	Eligible Costs	Anticipated Amount of Funding for This Call	Anticipated No. of Funded Projects
Vetenskapsrådet (Swedish Research Council, SRC) http://www.vr.se	Prof. Mats Ulfendahl Secretary General Swedish Research Council (Vetenskapsrådet) Box 1035 SE-101 38 Stockholm Sweden +46 8546 44 128 mats.ulfendahl@vr.se	The same eligibility criteria apply as for regular applications to the Swedish Research Council.	Eligible costs are costs for international collaboration and joint efforts. Costs related to direct research activities are expected to be covered through grant funding available to the Swedish applicant. Beyond this, the same eligibility criteria apply as for regular applications to the Swedish Research Council.	1.500.000 €	6 at max. 250k € each



United Kingdom

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Medical Research Council MRC http://www.mrc.ac.uk/index.htm	Dr. Jacqui Oakley jacqui.oakley@headoffice.mrc.ac.uk +44 207395 2234	legal body: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education • Institutions • Some independent research organisations • Government funded organisations • MRC Units/Institutes • University Units For further detail: http://www.mrc.ac.uk/Fundingopportunities/Applicationhandbook/Grantcalls/Handbookannexes/index.htm	Personnel Consumables Animals Subcontracts Equipment Travel Overhead Some NHS costs Applications will be costed on the basis of full economic costs (FEC). If a grant is awarded the MRC will provide funding at 80% of the FEC and research organisations must agree to find the balance of FEC for the project from other resources.	1.2 Mio. €	2 – 3