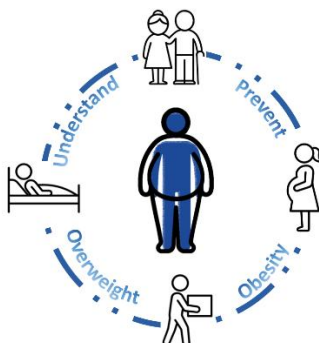


Call for proposals 2026 – JTC8

Understanding and Preventing Overweight and Obesity- PREVENT-OO

Mechanisms of their onset and progression, neglected determinants and novel strategies for critical transitional periods in life



Guidelines for applicants and Frequently Asked Questions

DEADLINES

21 January, 2026 (12:00, CET) - SUBMISSION OF PRE-PROPOSALS

11 June 2026 (12:00, CEST) - SUBMISSION OF INVITED FULL-PROPOSALS

Link to electronic proposal submission

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GENERAL

This call uses a two-step submission procedure (pre-proposals and full proposals), including a rebuttal stage.

All proposals must be written in English and submitted exclusively by using the PT-Outline electronic submission system (<https://ptoutline.eu/app/ERA4HEALTHPREVENT-OO>), and this before January 21st, 2026 for the pre-proposals and before the June 11th, 2026 for the full proposals.

It is recommended to carefully read the call text prior to starting an application.

The project duration is 36 months.

ELIGIBILITY

Before participating to a consortium, principal investigators (PI) should self-assure that their organisation is eligible for funding by one of the funding organisations participating in the call. The funding rules of each funding organisation participating to the call are available in the Annex I of the call text.

After the deadline, the funding organisations will review the composition of the consortia to make sure that each partner applying to get funding from them is following the national/ regional funding rules. Only pre-proposals from consortia that have been deemed eligible will be sent to the reviewers for scientific evaluation. The scientific evaluation will be coordinated by the joint call secretariat on behalf of all participating funding organisations.

The table below shows a summary of the eligibility criteria of each funding organization participating to the call, in case of doubt refer to the annex I of the call text and contact your national contact point:

Country	Funding organisation	Eligibility of Partners
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations. F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the “Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles”. The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the ERA4Health JTC8 call to be eligible.
Belgium	FWO	FWO supports research and knowledge-dissemination organisations (not for profit) located in Flanders. In this call, FWO deploys two of its regular funding channels: Fundamental Research Projects (FO) and Strategic Basic Research Projects (SBO). Researchers should choose the appropriate channel based on their project type, with eligibility details available in the regulations on the FWO website. In this call, a few exceptions to the regulations apply: - participation does not affect the national project submission limits; - project duration is limited to 3 years; - the PI’s appointment must cover the full duration of the project; - SBO projects aiming to create a spin-off company are not eligible. Applicants for FWO funding must submit a <u>mandatory administrative application</u> through FWO’s e-portal by the preproposal deadline of the joint translational call.
Egypt	ASRT	• Eligible applicants: Egyptian legal entities established in Egypt, including public or private research-performing organisations (universities, research institutes, university hospitals), and other legal

		entities (e.g., non-profits, SMEs, enterprises) able to carry out the work and sign a national grant/contract with ASRT. PI load: The Egyptian PI may not hold >2 ongoing ASRT-funded projects as PI or coordinator at the time of contracting.
Estonia	ETAG	The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account. The Principal Investigator: 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the preproposal submission deadline; 2. must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the preproposal submission deadline of the grant application at the latest; 3. must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.
France	ANR	ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR Funding regulations at actual costs for further reference). Only research organisations that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, ANR may fund those that have their real head office in an EU member State and an establishment (primary or secondary) in France. Consult the ANR Funding regulations for more details ("at actual costs" version). Note that companies in difficulty are excluded from ANR subventions (More details here: ANR-RF-Fiche-EED-2021.pdf).
Germany	BMFTR/DLR	Eligible applicants are researchers or research groups from German universities, German university hospitals, German non-university research institutes and industry/SMEs registered in Germany (subject to certain conditions). For specific conditions see German version of the text. Principal Investigator are not allowed to participate in more than one research proposal.
Greece	GSRI	GSRI potentially supports all private and public legal entities namely: private enterprises (such as SMEs, large-companies etc), research organizations, higher education institutions, and other public organizations with R&D activities, associations without economic activities, NGOs.

		Large enterprises receive funding under the condition that in the consortium participates a Greek SME. Individuals as well as individual enterprises are not eligible under this scheme.
Hungary	NKFIH	Eligible applicants from Hungary: • enterprises with legal entity • non-profit organisations with legal entity • higher education and research institutions • budgetary units and entities, municipalities; Please note that within these categories specific eligibility rules may apply. Please check the Hungarian national call on specific eligibility rules: https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas
Israel	CSO-MOH	Position in a university, research center or hospital. Research authority must approve position prior to submission. Prior to submission, researchers will submit to CSO-MOH an abstract approved by their research authority including budget distribution. No submission of abstract can result in declaration of the consortium as ineligible. If the application involves human or animal experiments, bioethics approvals must be submitted with the application.
Italy	IT MOH	Only IRCCS (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico) researchers are eligible to apply. Not fundable: Universities, other research Institutes, companies. Simultaneous PI participation in different 2026 JTCs funded by the Ministry of Health is not allowed. Italian PAOs can be funded as a sub-contractor of an IRCCS if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC. The maximum amount eligible for a sub-contract is ≤10% of the total budget (from the IRCCS Budget). Italian PAOs can still participate in Consortia as “Collaborators” with their own funds. It is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return to the IT-MoH, a pre-submission eligibility check form through their IRCCS, using WFR System-> ER communication code, before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat. The pre-eligibility form can be downloaded here: https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_0_file.pdf
Latvia	LCS	Only the following legal persons are eligible: 1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities And must have the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organization (Regulation EC 651/2014) 2) Business enterprises entered into the Latvian Commercial registry as companies, assumed they are eligible to do the specific research and have specific capacity and resources to do the research in Latvia and have their main activity in Latvia. Limitations of EU legislation apply (Regulation 651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements, in this case it is state aid. Two previous statements with sworn auditor’s approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as prove the evidence of previous scientific activity and presence of capacity.

		Enterprises having not closed two annual financial periods are not eligible.
Lithuania	LMT	Eligible for funding institutions are Lithuanian research and higher education institutions that are included in the Register of Education and Research institutions, public healthcare institutions, academy of science mentioned in the state Law on Science and Studies, other state public institutions such as National libraries, archives, museums. Beneficiary institution (grant holder) manage the state budget funds allocated to the project following the rules stated in the legal acts, as well as representing the project partners (if applicable 'project partner' means public or private legal entity that, together with the eligible institution, created the conditions for project implementation). PI must be a PhD holder.
Norway	RCN	Norwegian universities, university colleges, hospitals, research institutes, public sector, user organisations, NGOs, SME and other private industry. The Research Council cannot award support to an enterprise that is defined as an "undertaking in difficulty" under the state aid rules (see the "Definition of 'undertaking in difficulty" on our website). "Enkeltpersonforetak", that is Norwegian companies with sole proprietorship, cannot participate as coordinator. Technology Transfer Offices (TTOs) are not eligible partners in this call.
Poland	NCBR	Following entities are eligible to apply: • Enterprises¹ - Micro, Small, Medium and Large; • Research organisations²; • Groups of entities composed of at least two enterprises, • Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation and at least one enterprise, • Group of entities composed of at least two research organisations. Entities must be established as a legal person³ and must conduct business, R&D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register⁴. A group of entities may participate as an Applicant in the call only if it formally exists on the date the pre-proposal submission. This existence must be evidenced by an agreement made by the members - at least conditionally - to create the group of entities (consortium). Please note that group of entities must include as at least two project partners from Poland (and it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to call text for details). For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size category of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large).
Portugal	FCT	• For information on the type of beneficiaries eligible for FCT funding under this call, see article 3 of FCT Regulation.

¹ defined in Annex I to Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (hereinafter referred to as "Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014");

² Defined in Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014;

³Legal person - an entity that is capable of having and amending legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, in particular to enter into contracts, sue and be sued, excluding natural persons;

⁴If applicable. Does not apply to legal persons that are not obliged to register in a relevant Polish official register according to Polish law.

		- For information on the criteria of beneficiaries' eligibility and projects' eligibility, please consult articles 5 and 6 of FCT Regulation - Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the pre-proposal, a Statement of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge (partner and/or coordinators) and by the legal representant of the Portuguese Proposing Institution must be sent to ERA4Health@fct.pt. The stamp or white seal of the Portuguese Proposing Institution will not be required on a digitally signed Statement of Commitment. Portuguese applicants of transnational consortia that do not apply for funding from FCT do not need to submit the Statement of Commitment to FCT
Romania	UEFISCDI	Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others.
Slovakia	SAS	Only research Institutes of the Slovak Academy of Sciences are eligible organisations for funding by SAS (up to 100%). - The Slovak principal investigator must have a job contract for more than 50% working hours in the SAS organization for which the project proposal or participation in the project proposal is submitted. - Other researchers, except for doctoral students, must have a working relationship with the SAS organization. - Each researcher of the Slovak partner research team of a project consortium (other than the Slovak Principal Investigator) must have a job contract with or a fellowship with the Slovak Principal Investigator, lasting until the end of the project or beyond.
Slovakia	SCSTI	Legal entities established in the Slovak Republic, such as public or private research and academic institutions, higher education institutions, SMEs, public sector entities, and other relevant organizations actively involved in research, development, and innovation.
Spain	AEI	The AEI will fund non-profit research organizations (such as universities, research centers, technological centers and other private non-profit institutions performing RDI activities in Spain). They must have been previously beneficiaries of any of the AEI calls and they must ensure contractual relationship with the Principal Investigator during the whole duration of the project. IMPORTANT: Spanish legal entities which are part of mixed centres will be considered as a unique beneficiary, and thus the maximum funding should not exceed the limits per proposal established above. The Spanish Principal Investigators (PIs) must hold a PhD degree. PIs must be eligible according to the general requirements of PCI2024-2 call and must have experience as investigators (not necessarily as PIs) in projects funded by any of the National Plans of I+D+i from 2013 onwards, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant national or international programmes. - PIs will not be eligible for funding if they apply as PIs to more than one proposal in this transnational joint call, to more than one proposal in the same Spanish PCI call and/or to PCI calls of consecutive years. - A PI that has been granted a PCI the previous year will be declared ineligible, without the possibility of changing the PI. Submission of proposals at the AEI application website

		- Within one week after the pre-proposal submission in the partnership website, the Spanish PI must ALSO submit a copy of the international joint pre-proposal at the new AEI application website. - Maximum one week after the deadline of the call, the Spanish PI must send duly signed the "Declaración Responsable"* to era4health@aei.gob.es.
Spain	CSCJA	Eligible organisation must be Andalusian Non-profit entities registered as Agents of the Andalusian Knowledge System (Registro de Agentes Andaluces del Conocimiento) with research and innovation activity in Biomedicine and Health Sciences, ie: Research managing foundations of the Andalusian Public Health System - Principal investigators must be linked through a civil servant, statutory or labour relationship with the applicant or performing centre. For Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria, IIS), the link may be with any of the public or private law entities that are part of the IIS provided that the entity meets all the specific requirements determined in each action, and, in any case, be personnel assigned to the IIS. - A PI can only participate in one application per call.
Spain	FICYT/ SEKUENS	Non-profit entities, not engaged in economic activity, with research and innovation activity in Biomedicine and Health Sciences, such as: - University of Oviedo - Hospitals and primary health care centers of the Asturias Health System - Accredited Health Research Institutes located in Asturias, or the foundation in charge of managing the research of these Institutes - Public or Private Research and Technology Organisations located in Asturias Applicants will be required to submit preliminary information in advanced to SEKUENS-FICYT in order to verify eligibility at all the stages of the procedure.
Spain	ISCIII	A maximum of two partners requesting funding from ISCIII may participate in the same project proposal. Eligible Institutions: Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Accredited according to the RD 279/2016 (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/ 2002, of December 26th). See the list of IIS in this link. Hospitals, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS). These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance with the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted). CIBER: team members applying to the call must be from at least two groups belonging to CIBER in two different home institutions and one of these two should be a hospital, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) or Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Please contact Cristina Rodríguez (cristina.rodriguez@ciberisciii.es) for more information related to CIBER's eligibility. NOT eligible institutions: - Those declared by AES 2026 as ineligible to receive funds by ISCIII. THE FOLLOWING CONDITION ON THE ELIGIILITY OF THE PI APPLY: - Principal Investigators (PI) shall be required to hold a PhD degree.

		- Principal Investigators (PI) can only participate in one project proposal per call. - Principal Investigators (PIs) belonging to an Accredited Health Research Institutes (IIS) could apply only from the IIS. - The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institutions in the call. - Only one PI per beneficiary institution may be funded within the same proposal. - PIs that has an ongoing International Collaboration (PCIN) project of the same initiative and purpose that this call and that the project has an ending date after the 31st December 2026 will not be able to apply for this call. This incompatibility will affect only to the PI. And this incompatibility will not apply in the case that the PI participate as coordinator in the new application or in the ongoing project. - For additional incompatibilities please review AES 2026. Excluded personnel as Principal Investigator (PI): - Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, EIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR, RFIR). - Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or “Río Hortega” contracts). - Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. “Sara Borrell” or “Juan de la Cierva” contracts). Researchers contracted by a RICORs and platforms funded by ISCIII.
Taiwan	NSTC	All research institutes, universities, hospitals, public organisations in Taiwan endorsed by the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) as eligible institutions. The number of grants of every principal investigator must comply with NSTC’s regulation of the max number of two international cooperation projects granted by NSTC for the same duration.
The Netherlands	NWO	National main applicants Researchers may submit an application as a national main applicant if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period*) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following research organisations: - universities and universities of applied sciences (UAS) as referred to in Article 1.8 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act and universities listed in the Policy Rules for Universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; - university medical centres by which is meant academic hospitals as referred to in Article 1.13 paragraph 1 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act; - institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; - TO2 institutions; - Netherlands Cancer Institute; - the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; - Naturalis Biodiversity Center; - Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); - Princess Máxima Center. *Professors employed at a university of applied sciences and researchers employed at a TO2 institute may also submit as a main national applicant provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time.

Türkiye	TUBITAK	For further information about application rules and procedures, please refer to the related TUBITAK website. Participants from Türkiye should also submit their proposals to TUBITAK electronically via (https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/) for the pre-proposal phase.
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COMPOSITION OF THE CONSORTIUM

Each consortium must have a coordinator, they will be the unique contact point of the Joint Call Secretariat during the application process.

Only transnational projects will be funded. The following conditions apply to the composition of consortia:

- A minimum of 3 (three) eligible and a maximum of 5 eligible partners from at least 3 different countries participating in the call. In addition, at least 2 (two) eligible partners must be from different **EU Member States or Horizon Europe Associated Countries** participating in the call. The countries that are participating to the call and are not EU member states or Horizon Europe associated countries are Taiwan and Egypt.
- The maximum number of eligible partners can be increased up to 6 (six) or 7 (seven) if they include 1 or 2 partners, respectively, from the following participating countries: Estonia, Slovakia and Taiwan.
- No more than 2 eligible partners from the same country participating in the call will be accepted within one consortium (may be subject to national regulations).
- A maximum of 2 collaborators (self-funded) per consortium.

FUNDING MECHANISMS

Project partners will be funded by their relevant national/regional funding organisations. Eligible costs and funding rules vary between the respective funding organisations.

The table shows **the maximum funding per grant awarded** to a project or a project partner:

Country	Funding organisation	Maximum funding per grant awarded per project and/or per partner
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	300 000 € per project
Belgium	FWO	Maximum 350.000 EUR per project (overhead included). If several FWO-funded partners are involved in one project, the funding must be shared between them.
Egypt	ASRT	Up to EUR 100,000 (when participating as partner) Up to EUR 130,000 (when the Egyptian entity is the consortium coordinator/lead) Funding is per Egyptian legal entity; multi-beneficiary participation from Egypt shares the national cap.
Estonia	ETAG	Max. 150 000 EUR as a project partner and max. 300 000 EUR as a project coordinator. All project-related costs must be incurred no later than 31.08.2029, i.e. the Estonian partner's activities must be completed by that time.
France	ANR	250 000€ for a partner, 300 000€ for a partner taking the coordination. If there are two French partners in one project, the maximum amount per project is 400 000 €.
Germany	BMFTR/DLR	350 000€ for a partner, 400 000€ for a partner taking the coordination. Only one German partner per consortium is intended. If two German partners are needed to conduct the proposed research, the maximum amount of funding per consortium has to be shared.
Greece	GSRI	200 000€ for a partner, 250 000€ for a partner taking the coordination
Hungary	NKFIH	200 000€
Israel	CSO-MOH	Up to 140,000 €; additional 20,000 € for coordination
Italy	IT MOH	400 000€ per project
Latvia	LCS	300 000 Euros per partner, not exceeding 100 000 EUR per year

Lithuania	LMT	150 000€ for a partner, 200 000€ for a partner taking the coordination or for two partners in a consortium, 250 000€ for a partner and a coordinator			
Norway	RCN	For a single project, the maximum grant awarded can be up to 300 000 EUR. If the Norwegian participant has a coordinator role, maximum budget can be raised up to 400.000 EUR. For funded projects, the contractual budget will be in NOK using the exchange rate (European Central Bank) from the pre-proposal deadline.			
Poland	NCBR	400 000€ per project, regardless of the number of Polish partners in the project consortium			
Portugal	FCT	150 000€ per consortium with Portuguese participation, 250 000€ per consortium with Portuguese coordination. If two Portuguese applicants are applying within one consortium, the maximum amount of funding per consortium has to be shared.			
Romania	UEFISCDI	200 000€ for a partner, 250 000€ for a partner taking the coordination			
Slovakia	SAS	120 000€ per project			
Slovakia	SCSTI	400 000€ for a partner, 500 000€ for a partner taking the coordination or in case of submitting a patent proposal. If there are two Slovak partners in one project, the maximum amount per project is 800 000 €.			
Spain	AEI	Maximum funding per project	CD (€)*	CI (25%) (€)*	TOTAL (€)*
		One AEI applicant (partner)	140.000	35.000	175.000
		One AEI applicant – (coordinator)	220.000	55.000	275.000
		One coordinator and one applicant- (balanced budgets)	260.000	65.000	325.000
		Additional funding for substantial experimental tasks (per project)	30.000	7.500	37.500
Spain	CSCJA	125 000€ for a partner, 250 000€ for a partner taking the coordination			
Spain	FICYT/ SEKUENS	150 000€ per project			
Spain	ISCIII	If a Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII IS NOT the Coordinator of the transnational project: • 220.000€ (overheads included), if there is only one Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII in the proposal. • 275.000€ (overheads included), if there are two Spanish Partners requesting funding to the ISCIII in the proposal. If a Spanish Partner requesting funding to the ISCIII IS the Coordinator of the transnational project: • 300.000€ (overheads included), if there is only one Spanish Partner in the proposal, acting as a coordinator. • 400.000€ (overheads included), if there is one Spanish Partner in addition to the Spanish Coordinator in the proposal, both requesting funding to the ISCIII.			
Taiwan	NSTC	270 000€ (90 000 € per year)			
The Netherlands	NWO	400 000€ for the total amount for all Dutch partners per consortium			
Türkiye	TUBITAK	Up to 185 000 Euros per project, max. 100 000 Euros for public institutions and max. 185 000 Euros for private companies with 60% funding of the eligible costs for large companies and 75% funding of the eligible costs for SMEs			

The table below shows what costs are eligible for funding by each organisation participating to the call:

Country	Funding organisation	Eligibility of costs, types and their caps
Belgium	F.R.S.-FNRS	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the PINT-MULTI regulations. Please note that personnel costs have an annual average cap of 80 000 euros for this call (see PINT-MULTI regulations). Please check the Practical guide on costs for any other questions. For “overhead” costs: - Operating expenses: up to 1% within the granted budget. This percentage should be included in the requested operating budget. - Personnel: up to 2% outside of the granted budget. This percentage will be paid upon reimbursement of expenses to institutions by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Belgium	FWO	Different cost models and overhead calculations apply to each channel (FO vs. SBO). For overhead calculation, apply a structural rate to total costs: FO projects use 6% and SBO projects use 17%. For example, an SBO project costing 250,000 EUR amounts to 292,500 EUR with a 17% overhead, staying within the budget cap of 350,000 EUR. On FWO’s e-portal, enter only the actual cost; FWO will add the overhead. The project has a duration of 36 months and all allocated funds must be spent within this timeframe. There are no automatic extensions granted, nor may any unused funds be carried forward after the project's end date, i.e. article 28 of the regulations FO and article 14 of the regulations SBO do not apply.
Egypt	ASRT	Public research bodies / universities / public hospitals: up to 100% of eligible costs from ASRT (subject to budget caps above). • Budgets must be necessary, reasonable, and justified: 1. Personnel – PI, researchers, technical/support staff assigned to the project; time-recording required. Cap: up to 25% of the ASRT-requested contribution (per Egyptian applicant). 2. Consumables & project materials – lab consumables, kits, small supplies. 3. Other direct costs essential to achieve objectives: e.g., manufacturing of specimens/prototypes, IP protection and publications, access to specialised databases/software, fees for facilities in other national institutions, external services that are not core tasks. 4. Equipment – fully justified 5. Travel & subsistence – per Mission Directorate (MoHE) rules and institutional policies; economy class only (upgrades at own cost); travel must directly serve the work plan. 6. Meetings & events – reasonable organisational costs for scientific meetings, workshops, and consortium meetings. 7. Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) and FAIR data management costs – eligible (e.g., user/patient engagement, data curation, repositories) 8. Indirect costs (overheads) – 5% of eligible direct costs Not eligible / capped: • Activities primarily supporting teaching programmes (course delivery), stand-alone website launches or design/development of original teaching tools are capped collectively at ≤15% of the Egyptian applicant’s requested budget (communication for research dissemination remains eligible).
Estonia	ETAG	Direct costs:

		1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries (along with all state taxes, contributions, and compensations arising from law) of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel insurance. If the project is funded from the European Regional Development Fund (Mobilitas 3.0) resources, travel costs are eligible only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment directly and fully related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (e.g. room rent, catering, equipment rental and related costs); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events directly and fully related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and are directly and fully related to the project. 3. Indirect costs (overhead) are costs that cannot be identified as specific costs directly linked to the performance of the action and/or should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution related to the management of the grant. Office consumables and costs for equipment and services intended for general use (e.g., phone bills, copy service, printer) should be covered from the indirect costs. Indirect costs are 15% of the personnel costs. 4. Subcontracting costs are direct costs. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs. 5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable. 6. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents. EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.
France	ANR	Standard ANR funding rules apply for eligible costs, unless stated otherwise in the Annex « <i>Modalités pour les partenaires sollicitant une aide de l'ANR</i> ». These rules are specified in ANR's "ANR Funding regulations" details ("at actual costs" version). An explanatory note regarding the eligible costs is also available at: https://anr.fr/fr/rf/fiche-couts/ Eligible costs (e.g.: personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, additional overheads and other operating expenses incurred directly as a result of the research project such as, for instance: travel costs) and funding rates vary based on the type of research and research partner (more info here). Please note that expenses related to permanent staff stipends are not eligible for the Beneficiaries "à coût marginal".
Germany	BMFTR/DLR	The following costs are eligible for funding (details see German version of the call): - Research costs (e.g. personnel, consumables) - Travel & networking costs - Communication & dissemination costs - Overhead costs ("Projektpauschale")

		Overheads are eligible according to standard BMFTR regulations. Funding rates for universities, university hospitals and non-university research institutes can be up to 100% of their costs. Industry can be funded with a maximum of 80% of their cost.
Greece	GSRI	➤ Aid of intensity Public research Institutes and Universities: the aid intensity can reach 100% for performing non-economic activities in accordance with point 19, article 2.1.1 of the «Framework for State aid for research and development and innovation» (2014/C 198/01). Private Sector: (a) 50% of the eligible costs for industrial research; (b) 25% of the eligible costs for experimental development- The aid intensities for industrial research and experimental development may be increased up to a maximum aid intensity of 70% of the eligible costs as follows: (a) by 10 percentage points for medium-sized enterprises and by 20 percentage points for small enterprises; (b) by 15 percentage points if the following condition is fulfilled: the project involves effective collaboration between an undertaking and one or more research and knowledge-dissemination organisations, where the latter bear at least 10 % of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results. ➤ Foreseen cost categories: (a) personnel costs: researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the project. (b)) costs of instruments and equipment to the extent and for the period used for the project. Where such instruments and equipment are not used for their full life for the project, only the depreciation costs corresponding to the life of the project, as calculated on the basis of generally accepted accounting principles are considered as eligible. (c) costs of 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. (d) additional general costs and other operating expenses, including costs of materials, supplies, travel expenses, organization of meetings, dissemination/publicity costs, audit costs, incurred directly as a result of the project implementation. (e) indirect costs = 25% of direct costs. Indirect costs are eligible for all legal entities and include costs that do not incur directly as a result of the project implementation (e. g. administrative and management costs, utility costs).
Hungary	NKFIH	Please consult the Hungarian national call on the eligibility of specific cost categories: https://nkfi.gov.hu/palyazoknak/nkfi-alap/horizont-europa-europai-partnersegek-magyar-szervezetek-tamogatasa-2024-121-he-partnerseg/palyazati-felhivas
Israel	CSO-MOH	Materials and consumables; Travel and hosting (up to 5%); No salaries for applicants; No heavy equipment, Institutional overhead 10%.
Italy	IT MOH	Direct Costs: • Personnel (only temporary contracts or permanent contracts for the amount of hours dedicated to the project, <60%); • Consumables/Supplies; • Animals/Model costs; • Equipment (only on leasing or rent); • Travel (< 30%); • Dissemination activities (< 1%); • Publication costs: < 2%; open access < 5%; • Patients recruitment costs;

		- IT Services and Data Bases; - Coordination costs Indirect Costs: - Overhead (< 10%, included in the total); Other indirect costs are not eligible. Transfer of eligible funds abroad is not allowed. Subcontracts are allowed only upon approval, by presenting via Workflow – code ER, a request together with the National pre-eligibility form, the latest 20 days before the deadline of the pre-proposal submission.
Latvia	LCS	- Personnel costs incl. taxes; - Consumables; - Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; - Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks); - Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment (e.g. electrodes); Travels (according to travel plan); Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Lithuania	LMT	Only costs generated during the lifetime of the project, related to project are eligible: staff, travel, consumables, subcontracts, contractual research, consultancy, equipment and instruments, dissemination of results, data handling and analysis, overheads (up to 20 % from direct costs).
Norway	RCN	Payroll expenses, procurement of R&D services, consumables, network measures. The RCN research project budget rules should be followed, see Budget. PhD fellowships are not eligible within the national funding. For postdoctoral fellowships, duration of the support is limited to a minimum of three years and a maximum of four years. The overhead costs are included in the rates for personnel. SME or other industrial partner is funded with up to 50 % of their eligible project costs. See details in the State aid rules, see State aid
Poland	NCBR	The eligible costs shall be the following: <u>For research organisations:</u> personnel costs consumables equipment travel other direct costs subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs should account 25% of all eligible direct costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (6); It means $7 = (1+2+3+4+5)*25\%$ <u>For enterprises:</u> personnel costs equipment subcontracting – used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project

		4. additional overheads – incurred indirectly as a result of the research project. That costs for enterprises include costs related to consumables, travel and other direct costs. Additional overheads costs should account 20% of eligible direct project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs; It means $4 = (1+2+3)*20\%$ In any case only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding. Other activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) shall not be included into separate tasks.
Portugal	FCT	- For the purposes of defining the budget, the terms defined in article 8 of FCT Regulation apply to eligible expenses and in article 9 to non-eligible expenses. - Excluded from the range of eligible expenses are the salaries and other remuneration supplements of teachers, researchers and other staff with a previously established indefinite contract with the Public Administration. - Expenditure on adapting buildings and facilities is limited to a maximum of 10% of the project's total eligible expenses. - The project's indirect costs are based on the application of a flat rate of 25% of the direct eligible costs. - In accordance with no. 1 of article 7 of the FCT Regulation, the funding to be granted to proposals requesting funding from FCT under this call is non-reimbursable and is based on real costs. As such it must be justified through invoices paid or other accounting documents of similar probatory value, under the terms of no. 5 of article 8 of FCT Regulation
Romania	UEFISCDI	a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - 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; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs.
Slovakia	SAS	Total eligible costs = Direct + Indirect costs (DC + IC) Direct costs (DC): Personnel (max. 15% of DC), Consumables and Travel costs Indirect costs (IC, Overheads): max. 20 % of DC. Limitations and specifications are available: (https://oms.sav.sk/wp-content/uploads/Financne-pravidla-na-udelovanie-grantov-SAV-na-medzinarodne-vyskumne-projekty-platne-na-vyzvy-zverejnene-od-1.12.2023.pdf)
Slovakia	SCSTI	- Personnel costs (salaries of researchers, technicians and other support staff employed by the beneficiary, to the extent that they are directly involved in the project, salaries of project management personnel and other essential positions necessary for the implementation and coordination of the project; - Costs of instruments and equipment; - Costs for contract research, technical knowledge and patents purchased or licensed from external sources under market conditions, as well as

		costs for consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the project. <u>General eligibility rule:</u> All expenditures incurred by Slovak project participants must comply with: • Programme Slovakia, specifically Priority 1P1 Science, Research and Innovation, Specific objective RSO1.1: Development and enhancement of research and innovation capacities and the uptake of advanced technologies, Measure 1.1.3: Support for international cooperation in the field of research, development and innovation • The provisions of the State Aid Scheme to Support Partnerships in the Field of Research, Development and Innovation under the Programme Slovakia; • Strategy for Financing the ERDF, ESF+, CF, FST, and ENRAF 2021–2027.
Spain	AEI	○ Please, consult “Artículo 8. Conceptos financiados”, especially letter a) Costes de Personal, in PCI2025_2 call resolution as a reference, since eligible costs will be similar. ○ Contracts for supporting personnel (gross remuneration and social security contributions) related to the implementation of the funded project are eligible costs. The contract must specify the percentage of the hired person's time dedicated to the project. The costs of permanent staff linked to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible costs. ○ Direct costs such as current costs, disposable materials, travelling expenses, coordination costs, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities are eligible. ○ Indirect costs (overheads) are eligible costs (25% of total direct costs, including subcontracting). ○ Subcontracting should not exceed 25% of total requested budget. ○ Clinical trials are eligible up to phase 1, with a maximum of 50% of the total budget.
Spain	CSCJA	A) Goods and services: consumables, bibliographic material, equipment rentals, software licenses and external services. B) Personnel costs: specifically hired for the project, including salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses derived. C) Travel, accommodation and subsistence according to the maximum amounts of compensation for service established in Decree 54/1989, of March 21, on compensation for service of the Junta de Andalucía, exclusively for people who are part of the research group or hired under the funded project. Exceptionally, any expense outside these amounts, or for people other than those listed before, must be authorised by the granting body. D) Registration fees for congresses or conferences for the presentation and dissemination of the results. Publication costs E) Other expenses duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project. F) Indirect costs 21% g) Subcontracting costs: cannot exceed 50% of the funding and need prior authorization from the granting body. Nor Scientific aspects nor the management of the project should be subcontracted. The following are not considered eligible expenses A) Equipment or Equipment repair and maintenance B) Items or amounts that, after analysis, are not considered justified C) Amounts paid to persons participating in the project, except for expenses necessary for special attention to patients that involve compensation for

		their participation in the project not derived from an employment relationship. The sum of the funding or income received for the same purpose may in no case exceed the cost of the funded activity.
Spain	FICYT/ SEKUENS	Eligible costs include: Costs must be directly related to the project: • Personnel costs: New researchers and/or technicians hired specifically for the project Salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses. • Materials and supplies • Contractual research, knowledge, patents and consultancy services. Subcontracting costs up to 50% of the budget. • Other direct costs: Duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project, such as: a. Auditing costs b. Travel, accommodation and subsistence Exclusively for members of the research group or project-hired staff. According to applicable regional regulations up to 8.000€ c. Registration fees for congresses or conferences related to the presentation and dissemination of project results Indirect costs: Up to 15% of eligible personnel costs Note: Equipment costs are not eligible under this call. Minimum project eligible budget: 100.000€; Recommended: 125.000€
Spain	ISCIII	• Personnel costs: - Personnel costs will be eligible for contracts with the needed professional category (superior technician, BSc (grado), MSc (máster), PhD (doctor) for the project development accordingly to the published salary tables in ISCIII's webpage / "AES 2026. - Contracts for PhD students will be made in the framework of National Subprogramme for Training (scholarships are not eligible). - Personnel costs will be eligible for a maximum of 36 person-months in total, across all personnel contracts in the project. - Personnel costs will NOT be eligible when they correspond to civil servants or the equivalent personnel (as specified in the Art. 3.4 of AES 2026 either employed by the beneficiary entities or belonging to the research team. - Personnel costs will be eligible when corresponding to contracts under the frame of Art. 23bis of Law 14/2011, 1st June, following the specifications established in AES 2026. • Other eligible costs: Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), publication and dissemination of results and other costs as included in AES 2026 that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities.

		• Overheads, according to AES 2026 (25%) • Double funding of the same concept is not allowed. • National applications will be required by ISCIII.
Taiwan	NSTC	Including personnel, consumables, hosting expenses for foreign researchers, and travel expenses for international destinations-joint research & overseas studies, for more information please refer to: https://www.nstc.gov.tw/folksonomy/list/f6d5c23c-b3ce-438e-911b-12a705dbac5a?l=ch
The Netherlands	NWO	Personnel - Personnel at a university in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, umc or a research organisation, as referred to in Article 1.1, first paragraph, subparagraphs c to h of the NWO Grant Rules 2024 salary costs can be claimed for the following positions: o Postdoc: at least 1 position, for at least 12 months, for at least 0.5 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates, a benchfee is available; o Non-scientific personnel (NWP): according to UNL or NFU rates; o Research leave: max. 5% of the grant amount, according to UNL or NFU rates. - Personnel of universities of applied sciences, TO2 institutes and other research organisations using the Government Tariff Manual (HOT), Table 2, under 2.2 'average total salary cost per salary scale', column 'Hourly rate productive hours, excluding VAT'; - Students: according to the usual internship fee or HOT rates, may be added to material costs Material: for project-specific material costs, up to 25% of the grant amount. Subsequently, up to 50% of the material budget can be used for work by third parties; Knowledge utilisation²: for activities that promote the use of knowledge from the research following the Impact Plan approach, mandatory 5-20% of the grant amount; Project management: up to 5% of the grant amount. Please note the following: ¹ Organisations that are not legally obliged to have their annual accounts audited do not need to provide such an auditor's statement. They must however be able to demonstrate that this legal requirement is not applicable to the organisation concerned. ² All activities applied for under this budget module must fit within the definition of "Knowledge Transfer Activities" used by the European Commission in the Framework for State Aid for Research, Development and Innovation (OJEU 2022, C 414). - PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years. - NWO funds project-related costs. Therefore, overhead costs are not eligible for NWO funding. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and eligible costs can be found on the funding page on the NWO website.
Türkiye	TUBITAK	For further information about application rules and procedures, please refer to the related TUBITAK webpage.

WHO TO CONTACT AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE:

National and regional contacts should be contacted for all questions regarding: the national and regional eligibility of the partners, the eligibility of the costs, and the eventual submission of required national and regional documents in addition to the proposal submitted by the coordinator on Pt-

outline. The funding organisations requiring submission of additional national/regional documents are: AEI, CSO-MOH, FCT, FICYT, F.R.S.- FNRS, FWO, It-MoH, NKFIH, NWO, TUBITAK.

All other questions should be addressed to the joint call secretariat (interheart@agencerecherche.fr).

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Composition of the consortium and eligibility of the partners

- **My consortium has two partners from the same country but applying to different funding organisations, can we have another partner from the same country?**

No, the rule is a maximum of two partners from the same country, it does not matter what organisation they are applying to.

- **Can Postdoctoral fellows be principal investigators?**

This will depend on the funding organisation involved, you need to contact the national contact person (see annex I of the call text). You will very likely need a letter from the institution stating that the PI will stay at the institution during the whole duration of the projects.

- **Can non-tenure personal be principal investigator?**

This will depend on the funding organisation involved, you need to contact the national contact person (see annex I of the call text). You will very likely need a letter from the institution stating that the PI will stay at the institution during the whole duration of the projects.

- **Can Co-PI represent a partner?**

No, a single PI must represent the partner.

- **Can collaborators be eligible for funding but not want to apply as partners anyway?**

Yes, collaborators are self-funded partners. Even if the organisation of a collaborator is eligible for funding, it is not mandatory for them to request a budget.

There are two partners from the same country in my consortium, can my collaborator come from that country as well?

Yes, the collaborator does not count for the country rule.

Proposal

- **Can I apply only to the second step of the call?**

No, your consortium must apply to the first step, i.e. submit a pre-proposal, to apply to this call. The application on the second step is made only upon invitation, which is based on the eligibility and the scientific evaluation results of your pre-proposal.

Do I need to follow the format of the pre-proposal template?

Absolutely, you must keep the format as it is. All fields must be completed using "Arial font, size 11" characters; paper format: A4 with all margins minimum 1.27 cm.

- **Can additional figures be inserted?**

You can only add figures in the work plan, and you must still respect the maximal length for the section.

• **Can I add several CV for one partner?**

No, you must only add the CV of the PI who represent the partner respecting the format in the template.

• **Can supporting letters be added?**

No, extra material including letters of support are not allowed.

• **Who must sign the pre-proposal and the proposal, the Principal Investigator or the administrative representative of the partner?**

The principal investigator must sign the pre-proposal and proposal.

• **Do the collaborators need to fill the budget table?**

No, collaborators do not need to fill the budget table

• **What does *in kind* mean?**

In kind means the funds you are bringing in the project but for which you are not requesting any funding from a participating funding organisation.

[Electronic submission platform PT-outline](#)

• **What is the link to the submission platform?**

<https://ptoutline.eu/app/ERA4HEALTHPREVENT-OO>

• **I do not have an account on PT-outline. How do I create one?**

When you are on the home page. On the right of the tab “login”, you have a tab “sign up” where you can enter your email address to receive a password.

• **Does the data of the collaborators need to be inserted on the submission platform?**

Yes, there is a specific tab on the platform for collaborators

• **How do I add more partners on PT-Outline?**

You need to first save the first partner (by clicking save at the bottom of the page), then a button “add a new partner” will appear on top of the page. Use the same process on the collaborator tab.