



Joint Transnational Call for Proposals (2025) for

**Better care closer to home: Enhancing primary and community care**

***(THCS Grant* 101095654)**

Pre-proposal application form

**Please note:**

* Proposals that do not meet the regional/national eligibility criteria and requirements will be deemed ineligible without further review.
* All fields must be completed using “Calibri font, size 11” characters, single-spaced.
The page margins of this form shall be respected.
* Sections in “italics” are instructions and should be deleted.
* Incomplete proposals (proposals missing any sections), proposals using a different format
or exceeding length limitations of any sections will be deemed ineligible without further review.
* Joint proposals consist of two parts: 1) This pre-proposal form to present mainly
the description of the planned work, and 2) the electronic submission tool to
provide particularly individual partner information and financial plans.
**Both parts should be completed jointly by all applying consortium partners
and need to be started in due time.**
* In case of inconsistency between the information registered in the
submission tool and the information included in the PDF of this application
form, the **information registered in the submission tool shall prevail**.
* Refer to the “Guidelines for Applicants” for information about the
proposal structure.
* Once completed, the pre-proposal must be converted in a single PDF
document before being uploaded to the submission website.

# Checklist for the Coordinator

***In order to make sure that your proposal will be eligible for this call, please collect the information required (help provided through the “Call Text”, “Guidelines for Applicants” and your regional/national contact points) and tick all the sections below before starting to complete this application form.***

**General conditions:**

[ ] The project proposal addresses the **AIM/s** of the call.

[ ] I am aware of the **regional/national requirements** of the corresponding funding organisations**.**

**Composition of the consortium:**

[ ] The consortium must include at least three (3) eligible partners from three different countries whose funding organisations participate in the call. At least two (2) members of the consortium should be legal entities from two different EU Member States or Horizon Europe associated countries. Each of these partners must be eligible and request funding from the respective funding organisation. All three legal entities must be independent of each other.

[ ] Theproject coordinator is eligible to be funded by one of the participating funding organisations.

[ ]  Max. 2 eligible project partners request funding from the same country. For some funding agencies, the maximum number of eligible partners who can be funded in one project is limited to one (see also “Guidelines for Applicants” for individual funding rules).

[ ]  No more than two partners with own funding (i.e. collaborators) are part in the consortia with at least three partners eligible for funding.

[ ]  If apartnerparticipates in the project with its own funding, the respective partner will be indicated as a full partner in this proposal template.

**Eligibility of consortium partners:**

[ ] I have checked that no partner of this consortium is a member of the THCS partnership consortium, Peer Review Panel (PRP), Call Steering Committee (CSC).

[ ] I have checked that partners involved in the project proposal and requesting budget are eligible to receive funding from their funding organisation.

[ ]  If the consortium includes a partner on own funding:For the partner participating with its own funding, a signed (written) statement (commitment letter) is included in the relevant section of this application form, declaring that this partner will be able to run the project with its own resources.

# General information

**Project title**

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**Acronym (max. 15 characters)**

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**Duration (in months)**

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**Total project costs (€)\***

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**Total requested budget (€)\***

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*\*Please make sure that the same figures are entered in the sections that need to be completed online (submission tool) and in the financial overview in section 7 of this form. Thousand separators and whole numbers should be used only (e.g. 200.000).*

# Keywords (from 5 up to 7)

*Please list 5 to 7 keywords describing your proposal, separate keywords with a comma or with a new line*

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# Summary of the project (500 - 2000 characters, including spaces)

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# Project consortium

***For the Consortium coordinator (indicated as “partner 1” in this form) and each scientific partner*** *(others than the coordinator, including* ***also partners participating on own funding****), please fill in the following table.*

*Reminder on eligibility criteria and consortium composition: maximum number of partners is 9, including the coordinator (no more than 2 partners from the same country).*

***Attention: Detailed partner information have to be provided in the online submission form.***

# Partner details

# Consortium coordinator (Partner 1)

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| **First name** |  |
| **Last name** |  |
| **Name of Institution** |  |
| **Department** |  |
| **Position** |  |
| **Address** |  |
| **City** |  |
| **Country** |  |
| **Type of entity** | University, Hospital, Research Institute, SME, Large Industry, Associations, other |

# Consortium Partners

*Please add the partners in the same order as in the submission platform.*

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| No. | Name and Surname of the Principal investigator | Institution, Department, full Affiliations | City, Country | Type of entity: University, Hospital, Research Institute, SME, Large Industry, Associations, other |
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# Collaborators

*Maximum of two (2) collaborators per consortium are permitted. Collaborators are self-funded partners* *that do not request funds from one of the participating funding organisations(i.e. partners from non-funding countries or partners who are not eligible according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations)., i.e. partners that do not request funds in this JTC provided from one of the participating funding organisations (i.e. partners from non-funding countries or partners who are not eligible according to national/regional regulations of the participating funding organisations).*

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| No. | Name and Surname of the Principal investigator | Institution, Department, full Affiliations | City, Country | Type of entity: University, Hospital, Research Institute, SME, Large Industry, Associations, other |
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# Project description (max. 5 pages)

*The following table and four subsections MUST be completed in these five pages.*

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| Aim No. | Description | Partner(s) responsible for the aim / workload |
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1. *Background, current state of the art. Describe the unmet need, the technical or implementation challenge that is addressed by the proposed work;*
2. *Describe how the proposal fits in the scope of the call highlighting the transformative dimension of the proposed work for health and care systems and the soundness of the proposed concepts, organisational and business models, solutions, services;*
3. *Highlight any prior work related to the proposal and preliminary results obtained by the consortium members;*
4. *Briefly summarise the work plan including the objectives, the rationale, for making them person-centred and better adjusted to people's needs and the methodology, highlighting the novelty, soundness and feasibility* *of the proposed concepts, organisational and business models, solutions, services of the project;*

# Impact (max. 2 pages)

*The following three subsections MUST be completed in these two pages:*

1. *Describe the potential impact on health and on the quality, effectiveness, access and equity as well as the care management of the proposed work. Indicate how the proposal could influence or change the way that healthcare is delivered and the effect of the projects’ outcomes on the patient/citizen, public health, industry or other socio-economic health-relevant applications, if available;*
2. *Describe the pathways to achieve the expected outcomes and impacts specified in the work programme, and the likely scale and significance of the contributions due to the project (“scale” refers to how widespread the outcomes and impacts are likely to be, e.g. in terms of the size of the target group or the proportion of that group, that should benefit over time; “significance” refers to the importance or value of those benefits, e.g. number of additional healthy life years, level of adverse effects, etc.);*
3. *Describe potential barriers to the expected outcomes and impacts (e.g. regulatory environment, targeted markets, user behaviour) and mitigation measures proposed, if any.*

# Diagram which compiles the work plan, timeline and milestones (max. 1 page)

*The diagram must demonstrate the work plan, timeline, sequencing of work packages, milestones as well as the contribution of the partners to each work package and their interactions (i.e. time plan, Gantt and/or PERT or similar).*

# Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) and ethical compliance (max. ½ page)

***Responsible research and innovation (RRI)*** *is an approach that anticipates and assesses potential implications and societal expectations with regard to research and innovation, with the aim to foster the design of inclusive and sustainable research and innovation to ensure a true societal impact.*

*RRI implies that societal actors (researchers, healthcare systems, citizens, policy makers, industry, third sector organisations, etc.) work together during the whole research and innovation process in order to better align both the process and its outcomes with the values, needs and expectations of society.*

*As the involvement of societal groups is essential in RRI it is often connected to co-creation, co-design and co-production, methodologies in which R&I projects are structured to include stakeholders from the outset (e.g. end-users or interest groups), and is related to the general Open Science agenda. RRI can also involve interdisciplinarity, with the inclusion of expertise from the social sciences and humanities (SSH). Being inclusive also implies taking diversity seriously.*

*In THCS, taking an RRI approach implies to take actions that may include to*

1. *Reflect on and anticipate the future known and unknown risks associated with an approach, organisational model or technology;*
2. *Include a broad range of stakeholders in the development of science and technologies, hence working multidisciplinary and intersectoral;*
3. *Reflect on the underlying assumptions and values driving a scientific research project; and*
4. *Respond to these processes by incorporating their outcomes into the design of research projects.*

*RRI is closely related to other cross-cutting issues, and actions can be taken that address both RRI and other important values, such as public/end-user engagement, open science or ethical assessments.*

***Explain how the project will demonstrate a commitment to investigating and addressing the social, ethical, political, environmental or cultural dimensions of the proposed research*** *(see also “Guidelines for Applicants” for support)****.***

# Stakeholders and End-users involvement (max. ½ page)

*Describe the role and contribution of operational stakeholders and other kinds of end-user, if different (e.g. patient organisations, citizens or citizen representatives, local communities, schools, municipalities, local/regional/national NGOs, consumer organisations, companies). If you feel that this is not applicable to your application, please explain why.*

***For patient and citizen involvement:*** *Please provide information about the involvement/contribution of relevant patient organisations within the proposal (if available/applicable). Please provide information on the individuals/groups and the way in which they will be involved. Please note that public and patient involvement does not include the recruitment of study participants. This is considered participation rather than involvement.*

***For enterprises:*** *Please provide information about how the workplan includes the development of business plans and reflects the reaching out to relevant wider ecosystems.*

# Ethical considerations

*Please note: if research activities are undertaken in a non-European country, the applicants should verify that the research activities will follow the Ethical recommendations of the country where the research will be conducted as well as the EU Ethical recommendations. Full-proposals will be checked by an independent ethical board. You can already check* [*here*](https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/docs/2021-2027/common/guidance/how-to-complete-your-ethics-self-assessment_en.pdf) *the Ethical Issues potentially raised by your proposal.*

*Please tick the respective box below: the proposal complies with ethical principles (including the highest standards of research integrity, as set out, for instance, in* [*the European Code of Conduct for Research Integrity*](https://allea.org/code-of-conduct/)*, and including, in particular, avoiding fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or other research misconduct).*

Yes [ ]  No [ ]

# In addition, two more pages will be added to the pre-proposal (page limits per optional section as indicated below)

* *List of references (max. 1 page)*
* *Page with diagrams, figures, etc. to support the work plan description (max. 1 page)*

# Financial plan of project budget (in €1): please make sure that the same figures are entered in the sections that need to be completed online (submission tool)

*Please note that* ***not*** *all types of expenditure are fundable by all funding organisations (see the “Guidelines for Applicants” for details on the eligibility criteria and contact the relevant THCS regional/national funding organisation). Thousand separators and whole numbers should be used only (e.g. 200.000).*

*Please adapt the table and add columns in this section, if collaborators or patient organisations are included as partners.*

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|  | Coordinator(Partner 1) | Partner 2 | Partner 3 | Partner 4 | Partner 5 |
| PI (group lead) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Institution |  |  |  |  |  |
| Country |  |  |  |  |  |
| Funding organisation |  |  |  |  |  |
| PROJECT COSTS (€) | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested |
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| Equipment € |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Travel €2 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other direct costs €3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Overheads €4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Subcontracting €3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Partner 6 | Partner 7 | Partner 8 | Partner 9 |
| PI (group lead) |  |  |  |  |
| Institution |  |  |  |  |
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| Funding organisation |  |  |  |  |
| PROJECT COSTS (€) | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested |
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| Subcontracting €3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Collaborator 1 | Collaborator 2 |
| PI (group lead) |  |  |
| Institution |  |  |
| Country |  |  |
| Funding organisation |  |  |
| PROJECT COSTS (€) | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested | Total *=**requested + in-kind* | Requested |
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| Overheads €4 |  |  |  |  |
| Subcontracting €3 |  |  |  |  |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  |  |

1 Those countries whose currency is different than € shall include their national currency in brackets.
2 Travel expenses should include the participation of the coordinator and regional/national partner leads for at least two status seminars to present the project results.
3 e.g. subcontracting, provisions, licensing fees; may not be eligible costs in all countries (will be handled according legal framework and funding body regulations).
4 Overhead costs: funding according to regional/national legal framework and funding body regulations. Check the respective funding organisation Annex II “Guidelines for Applicants” or contact your relevant funding agency for further information.

# Brief CVs of each principal investigator (PI) (max. 1 page per PI)

*Please provide a brief CV for the Project Coordinator (partner 1) and each Project Partner’s Principal Investigator (PI) including collaborators. Please complete the table below (one table for the coordinator and one for each PI) and replicate the table as required.* ***Please be reminded that partners participating on own funding and patient organisations/representatives added as consortium partners should be also presented.***

*Each partner should be represented by a* ***single*** *Principal Investigator (co-PI’s are not accepted). Proposals with extra-CVs or with CVs not following the page limit per partner will be* *deemed ineligible* *(max. 1 page per PI,* *Calibri font, size 11, single-spaced, the margins of the page are not allowed to be adapted).*

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| Partner | Please indicate what applies: coordinator (partner 1), partner 2, partner 3, etc. |
| Personal information | First name, last name, academic titleInstitution and department (complete name) |
| Expertise | Max: 200 words |
| Role within the consortium | Please indicate the work package the PI will be working in. |
| Publications | Please list your five most relevant publications of the last ten years |
| Additional information | Honours, awards, memberships or references; up to 5 relevant third-party funded projects conducted in the area in the past 5 years |

# Letters of commitment

*Please remember that each collaborator has to precisely describe the resources that he/she will dedicate to the project (personnel, material, in kind/in cash, …) and the origin of these resources in a letter of intent. The letter of commitment has to be signed by the director of the institution (NOT by the researcher himself). The letter has to be included in the compiled PDF of the proposal*

1. *Letter of commitment of the collaborator 1: NAME OF ITS ORGANISATION:*
2. *Letter of commitment of the collaborator 2: NAME OF ITS ORGANISATION:*