

# Joint Call for Proposals

ERA-NET Cofund on Sustainable Crop Production

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> Call National/Regional Funding Regulations

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**Belgium – F.R.S.-FNRS**



**Participating organisation:** Funds for Scientific Research-FNRS

**Indicative Budget:** 200.000 €

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

<http://www.ncp.fnrs.be/index.php/appels/era-nets>

**Min.project duration:** 3 years

**Max. project duration:** 3 years. If the project involves the recruitment of a PhD student, the project duration of the F.R.S.-FNRS sub-project could be up to four years (cf. PINT-MULTI regulations).

**Maximum funding per project:** 200.000 €

**Institutional eligibility criteria:** all eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the [PINT-MULTI regulations](#). Applicants are **strongly advised** to contact the F.R.S.-FNRS prior to submission regarding the eligibility criteria.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** N/A

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** N/A

**Additional information:**

Applicants must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on [Semaphore](#) for the same deadline as the consortium application is submitted. Please select the “PINT-MULTI” funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.

## Denmark – Ministry of Environment and Food



**Participating organisation:** Green Development and Demonstration Programme (GUDP)

**Indicative Budget:** 1 million Euro

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**Name of & link to the funding programme(s) and other relevant information:** [www.gudp.dk](http://www.gudp.dk)

### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The funding from the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark for this call is under the auspices of the Board of the “Green Development and Demonstration Programme” (GUDP) and is administered by the Danish Ministry of Environment and Food.

GUDP is a funding programme with focus on motivating and promoting ambitious and green business oriented innovation activities in the Danish agriculture, fisheries and food sector. Thus, GUDP projects must induce green sustainability and economical sustainability simultaneously through the entire value chain. Green sustainability means having a focus on the environment, climate, nature, quality, sustainable exploitation of resources, food safety, human health, and animal welfare. Economical sustainability means having a focus on generating profit, socio-economic effects and addition of value to raw materials to support growth and competitiveness.

Projects shall meet the needs of the food industry and have to follow the rules and regulations of GUDP. In addition, it is a requirement that Danish participants submit a separate business plan BEFORE THE PRE-PROPOSAL DEADLINE in order to be eligible for funding. More about the business plan can be read below.

### **Additional information:**

For Danish applicants, the rules of GUDP prevail, but the international application- and budget templates should be used; only in case of funding, a budget scheme, participant datasheets and Gantt chart for the Danish part of the work has to be submitted.

Applications for funding can be submitted by:

- Large, medium and small size enterprises (incl. stakeholders and similar associations, independent institutions, private research organizations, owners, tenants and users of farms)
- Research and other public knowledge institutes
- Technical Service Institutes (GTS) – are classified as companies

Funding from GUDP cannot be granted directly to foreign institutions or businesses registered outside of Denmark; they can however be part of the Danish participation in a project on a consultancy basis.

More details about maximum subsidiary rates and eligible costs can be found in GUDP’s general national guidelines (Please use the latest version if there is no actual call) under “skema B: Budgetskema og gantt-diagram”:

<http://lbst.dk/tilskud-selvbetjening/tilskudsguide/groent-udviklings-og-demonstrationsprogram-gudp/>

Submission of a business plan prior to the preregistration deadline is mandatory for Danish applicants. The business plan should be sent directly by the Danish project partner to the Danish contact person (see contact details above).

Details about the content of the business plan can be found in the national guidelines, sections are indicated below.

The business plan should be in English and include the following aspects:

- *Project title and acronym*
- *Consortium participants*
- *Project output (max. 1 page) – Guidelines section A28*
- *Description of market and customers (max. ½ page) - Guidelines section A29*
- *The business perspective (max. 1 page) - Guidelines section A30*
- *The business model (max. ½ page) – Guidelines section A31*
- *Risk analysis (max. ½ page) – Guidelines section A32*

### ***Applicable legislation and guidelines***

Act on a Green Development and Demonstration Programme, Act. No. 23 of 04 January 2017:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/Forms/R0710.aspx?id=186165>

Administrative Order on a Green Development and Demonstration Programme, Order No. 1069 of 13 September 2017:

<https://www.retsinformation.dk/forms/R0710.aspx?id=192729>

GUDP general application guideline; Please use the latest version if there is no actual call - In Danish:

<http://lbst.dk/tilskud-selvbetjening/tilskudsguide/groent-udviklings-og-demonstrationsprogram-gudp/>

Reference is made to the GUDP Strategy 2015-18 and Action Plan 2015:

[http://lbst.dk/fileadmin/user\\_upload/NaturErhverv/Filer/Indsatsomraader/GUDP/GUDP-bestyrelsen/GUDP\\_Strategi\\_2015-2018\\_og\\_Handlingsplan\\_2015.pdf](http://lbst.dk/fileadmin/user_upload/NaturErhverv/Filer/Indsatsomraader/GUDP/GUDP-bestyrelsen/GUDP_Strategi_2015-2018_og_Handlingsplan_2015.pdf)

## **Estonia – ETAg**

**Participating organisation:** Estonian Research Council



**Indicative Budget:** 100 000 €

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**Maximum funding per project:** 100 000 €

### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

**Estonian Research Council** (hereafter The Council) funds basic and applied research. Applied research is only funded as far as it does not refer to product development with commercial value and for marketing purposes. A grant or research support is the allocation of funds by the Council for a specified purpose to carry out research work and the grant shall be awarded within an open competition.

#### **Participants in the grant project**

1. Principal Investigator is the applicant of the grant, to whom the grant has been allocated within an open competition and who is responsible for the use of the grant for specified purpose and for the productive realisation of the grant project. The Council shall enter into a grant agreement with the Principal Investigator.

The Principal Investigator:

- Is either an Estonian citizen or a permanent resident of Estonia.
- Has an updated profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS).
- Has as a rule entered into an employment relationship with the legal person (hereinafter Institution), which is the basis of the realisation of the grant project and through which the grant shall be allocated to the Principal Investigator.
- Holds the doctoral degree of Estonia or an equivalent academic degree, awarded by the deadline of submission of the grant application, at the latest.
- Must have published within the last five years prior to the proposal's submission deadline at least three publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS, or at least five publications, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 and 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; international patents are equalised with publications of clause 1.1.; the monographs (ETIS category 2.1) are equalised to each author with three publications mentioned in clause 1.1 if the number of its authors is three or less. If the applicant has been on the parental leave or in the compulsory military service within these last five years, the deadline of the publication requirement shall be extended by the time stayed on the parental leave or compulsory military service.

2. The main participant of the project is a person who participates in the substantial performance of the project. The main participant of the project shall either possess at least the master's degree or the respective qualification and must have published at least one publication within the last three years

prior to the proposal's submission deadline, which comply with the requirements of clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1 of the classification of publications of the ETIS; or be a doctoral candidate.

### What is the maximum funding amount?

The budget limit for Estonian teams is **100 000 €**. In case of two Estonian partners (research teams) their combined budget may not exceed the same limit.

### What types of cost are eligible?

1. The budget of a proposal should consist of research expenses and overhead costs of the Institution.
2. The **research expenses** consist of direct costs (personnel costs incl. scholarships, travel costs and other direct costs) and subcontracting costs. The expenses on research are clearly required to carry out the project and respectively identifiable.
3. **Remuneration** may be only paid out of the grant to the Principal Investigator, main participants in the project and auxiliary staff according to the time they participate in the grant project and their total salary cost for Institution. Double funding of activities already have contributions is not acceptable.
4. **Scholarships** to doctoral candidates not paid any salary by Institution. Please contact the National Contact Point (ETAg) about scholarship rules.
5. **Travel costs** cover expenses for transport, accommodation and daily allowances (except in case of internal travel).
6. **Other direct costs** are:
  - 6.1. Consumables related to the project
  - 6.2. Costs for publishing and dissemination of project results (fair distribution of costs between partners should be followed)
  - 6.3. Costs for organising the meetings/seminars/conferences (only in Estonia)
  - 6.4. Fees for participating in scientific forums and conferences
  - 6.5. All other costs which are clearly required for the implementation of the project and respectively identifiable.
7. **Subcontracting costs** should generally cover only additional or complementary tasks (e.g. costs for translation, analyses, etc.) to the third parties. Core project research tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 10% of the total costs.
8. **Overhead costs** of the institution must not exceed a maximum of 20% of eligible direct costs and should cover general expenses of the institution.
9. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (copying machine or printer publicly used, phone bills, copying service, etc. shall be covered from the overhead fee.
10. Participants' personal expenses or expenses not directly related to the project are not eligible.

### Other requirements

If a human research or animal tests are intended in the research project, the positive resolution of the Ethics Review Committee or Animal Testing Project Permits Committee with respect to the performance of the project addressed to the Council shall be submitted before the funding decision is made.

**APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT THE NATIONAL CONTACT POINT FOR THE PRE-ELIGIBILITY CHECK.**

## **Estonia – MEM**

**Participating organisation:** Maaeluministeerium



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**Indicative Budget:** 100.000 €

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

Programme “Applied Research and Development in Agriculture 2015-2021”

<https://www.agri.ee/sites/default/files/content/arengukavad/arengukava-arendustegevus-2015-2021-v2.pdf>

**Min. project duration:**

**Max. project duration:**

**Maximum funding per project:** 100.000 €

Funding is provided up to 100 000 €. Minimum 5% of total eligible project costs must be covered by the applicant institution.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The call is addressed to research institutions. Project manager must have a doctoral level degree and research publications and/or patents registered in their name during the last 5 years.

All eligibility rules and criteria can be found:

<https://www.agri.ee/sites/default/files/content/arengukavad/arengukava-arendustegevus-2015-2021-v2.pdf>

**Institutional thematic priorities:** N/A

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** N/A

**Additional information:**

Applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal.



## Finland – MMM



**Participating organisation:** Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry

**Indicative Budget:** 300 000 €

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

Agri-food Research and Development funding of MMM (Makera). More information on our website (in Finnish):  
[www.mmm.fi/tutkimus](http://www.mmm.fi/tutkimus)

**Min.project duration:**

**Max. project duration:** Proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** 170 000 €

**Additional information:**

The main national criteria emphasizes that the research shall benefit the agri-food livelihood. The work carried out must be pre-competitive research and/or prototype demonstration. Product development supporting individual companies will not be supported. Financial involvement must be clearly stated in the application. The application must contain a plan for communication of results.

Funding does not cover expenditures for activities before the project has been granted. Normally 70 % of the project's gross eligible costs can be covered by the MMM funding. Applicants must provide the necessary apparatus for the project themselves. If a special apparatus is needed an explanation and application for funding for apparatus must be included. If the applicant has not earlier given the explanation for indirect employee costs and overheads the applicant has to give an account to the ministry.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:** None

Finnish participation must fulfil MMM's requirements and General Terms and Conditions for R&D Projects: [www.mmm.fi/tutkimus](http://www.mmm.fi/tutkimus) <http://mmm.fi/tutkimus-ja-kehittaminen/lomakkeet-ja-ohjeet> (Tutkimus- ja kehittämistoiminnan yleiset ehdot ja ohjeet)

Only the Finnish project partners of positively evaluated projects in the first step will be eligible for the second step. Project partners of financed projects will have to submit national application forms to MMM after notification.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** None

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** not outside agri-food sector and not product development supporting individual companies.

**France – ANR**



**Participating organisation:** ANR

**Indicative Budget:** 1 M€

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

Agence Nationale de la Recherche <http://www.agence-nationale-recherche.fr/>

**Min.project duration:**

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** 300 k€ if a French team is full project leader  
200 k€ in other cases

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

- Proposed projects may not exceed 36 months.
- One project can require a minimum of 15.000 € per partner and up to 200.000 € per project (300.000 € in case of a French partner coordinates the full project).
- Applicants must include at least one French public research organization category (university, EPST – Scientific or Technical Public Institution, EPIC – Industrial or Commercial Public Institution...).
- In the case there is a foreign company within a proposal, the participation of a French company is mandatory. In this case, the IP rights have to be clearly defined within the full proposal.
- The French part of the project proposal must not be judged similar to a project (or part of a project) that is already financed by the ANR or submitted to another ANR call for proposals.
- The French part of the project proposal must not be considered to infringe an intellectual property right characterizing a counterfeit within the meaning of intellectual property.
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**Important recommendations:**

- If the project coordinator is a French organization, the project coordinator should devote at least 30% of his/her research time to the project;
- The total (in person months) of the non-permanent personnel (postdocs, fixed-term contracts, temporary workers) receiving ANR funding should not exceed 30% of the total (in person months) of the staff (permanent and non-permanent personnel) of the French partners assigned to the project;
- The financing duration for each post-doctoral fellowship should not be less than 12 months.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

1. Enhancement of new and/or predictive breeding technologies and the development of new genotypes leading to new phenotypes towards the release of improved crop varieties that are capable to adapt to future changes in environmental and climatic conditions. Projects could also target improvement of variety selection processes to support agroecological practices.
2. Development and exploitation of integrated pest and crop management methods and practices. This includes, for example, basic and translational research leading to practical on-farm applications and/or the development of novel detection systems for integrated pest and crop management.
3. Improvement of resource-use efficiency of cropping systems by agroecological approaches to increase the efficiency of nutrient, water and energy utilisation. This could include the use of improved crops.



4. Investigations on agricultural crops as part of an ecosystem. Studies must have a clear focus on interactions between plants and other organisms leading to practices that support more sustainable agriculture.

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded: none**

### Germany – DFG

<b>Participating organisation:</b>	DFG
<b>Indicative Budget:</b>	1.0 M€
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**Min.project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Max. project duration:** proposed projects may last up to 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:** there is no minimum and/or maximum funding per project

#### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The eligibility to submit proposals follow the regulations for the funding scheme “Sachbeihilfe/research grants” (DFG form 50.01). The duty to cooperate (“Kooperationspflicht”) within Germany for members of non-university institutions with permanent positions does not apply in this call.

#### **Institutional thematic priorities:**

The DFG will support projects within the scientific scope outlined in the Call Announcement with special emphasis on basic research. This includes research on basic biological processes relevant for crop improvement. Funding will only be provided for scientifically outstanding projects in terms of the evaluation criteria ‘Quality and efficiency of the implementation’ and ‘Excellence’.

#### **Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

Solely applied research projects or applications with partners from industry requesting for budget.

#### **Additional information:**

German applicants are strongly recommended to contact their National Contact Persons before submitting a proposal and to refer to the National Announcements that can be requested from the National Contact Persons.

#### A copy of the preproposals have to be sent to:

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Invited full proposals have to be submitted via the electronic application system “elan” <http://elan.dfg.de>.



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## **Latvia – LAAFS**

**Latvian Academy of Agricultural and Forestry Sciences, LAAFS, LATVIA**

### **Eligible institutions:**

- Universities, research institutes and RTD centres entered into the Registry of Scientific institutions of Latvia;
- Enterprises are eligible only if entered into the Latvian Commercial Registry, assumed they are eligible to do specific research and have proven resources for specific activities.

Limitations of EU legislation apply together with financial reporting requirements and support rate limits.

Project leader and the principal investigators should be researchers according to Latvian legislation („zinātnieks”) possessing doctoral degree and experience in relevant research field, and the work carried out should be research.

Support is provided according to Provisions Nr.259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers

<http://m.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=274671>

### **Eligible costs:**

- Personnel costs, including social tax,
- Consumables, materials,
- Subcontracts and external services – up to 25 % of direct costs, needs detailed justification. Includes all publishing and patenting costs, knowledge engineering and dissemination services,
- Equipment (only depreciation costs),
- Travels costs (according to travel plan),
- Indirect costs (up to 20 %, the indirect nature of cost position must be proven).
  - Core activities cannot be subcontracted.
  - Educational activities are not supported.

Maximum grant is 30 000 EUR. Funding of cost positions not related to the project is not allowed; time sheets and invoices should correspond to the actual national legislation. Funding release is subject to final audit which can invoke a sworn auditor.

The grant will be awarded after the following steps are accomplished:

- the submitted project proposal with eligible Latvian beneficiary organization is in accordance with the criteria in the National Annex;
- the respective Project proposal is selected for the award by the transnational evaluation procedure,
- the Project Consortium Agreement is signed.

The available budget will be taken into account.

### Poland – NCBR



**Participating organisation:** The National Centre for Research and Development (Narodowe Centrum Badań i Rozwoju)

**Indicative Budget:** 500 000 €

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

Funding programme *BIOSTRATEG*: [www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-strategiczne/srodowisko-naturalne-rolnictwo-i-lesnictwo---biostrateg/](http://www.ncbr.gov.pl/programy-strategiczne/srodowisko-naturalne-rolnictwo-i-lesnictwo---biostrateg/)

**Min. project duration:** -

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:**

In relation to the budget limit (500 000 €) it is recommended that one project partner can require up to 200 000 €.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Following entities are eligible to apply:

- Research organizations;
- Micro, Small, Medium and Large Enterprises.

Organization must be registered in Poland.

All proposals must be aligned with National regulations, inter alia:

- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the Principles of Financing Science, published in Journal of Laws item 2045, 2016 (with amendments);
- The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1447, 2017 (with amendments);
- The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 25 February 2015 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 item 299, 2015.

Eligible costs:

The eligible costs shall be the following:

1. **personnel costs** (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);
2. **costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents** 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**, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost type cannot account for more than 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;

5. **other operating costs** including costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity;

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 (called x%) and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (4); It means  $6=(1+2+3+5)*x\%$ .

### National funding rates:

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organizations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation. Organization must be registered in Poland.

	<b>Large Enterprises</b>	<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	<b>Micro/Small Enterprises</b>	<b>Universities and research organizations</b>
<b>Fundamental/Basic Research</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	Up to 50+15 (max 65 %)	Up to 50+10+15 (max 75 %)	Up to 50+20+15 (max 80 %)	Up to 100 %
<b>Experimental development</b>	Up to 25+15 (max 40 %)	Up to 25+10+15 (max 50 %)	Up to 25+20+15 (max 60 %)	Up to 100 %

In any case only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded.

Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separated task.

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.

### **Institutional thematic priorities:**

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### **Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

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### **Additional information:**

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**Romania – UEFISCDI**



**Participating organisation:** Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding

**Indicative Budget:** 500.000 €

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

<https://uefiscdi.ro/suscrop>

**Min. project duration:** 24 Months

**Max. project duration:** 36 Months

**Maximum funding per project:**

The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250.000 Euro if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project.

The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200.000 Euro if Romania is partner in the transnational project.

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

*Eligible Institutions/persons*

Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains.

We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit [NASR Decision no 9281/8.13.2015](#) approving the scheme of State aid for Program 3: European and international cooperation.

The Principal Investigator of Romanian team must hold a Ph.D. degree. This condition does not apply if the Romanian host institution is an enterprise according with the specific European and national laws.

One research team leader will participate only one time in a proposal within the trans-national call as responsible or coordinator.

No simultaneous funding is possible for more than one application under the same call.

The Principal Investigator of Romanian team is full time employed within the host institution with permanent position, with fixed term contract covering at least the duration of the project or has an agreement with the host institution for his/her employment at least for the duration of the contract;

It is forbidden to submit a proposal which seeks to fund activities already funded by other public sources;

The host institution does not have a seizure on its accounts; it has not been declared bankrupt or wound up; it has not made false declarations concerning its economic and legal statute; it has not broken other contract previously signed with a public contracting authority;

The host institution agrees to ensure the necessary administrative support, to provide access to all necessary resources/infrastructures, to support the project implementation in good conditions and to employ the members of the Romanian team, in respect of all legal provisions in force, if the project is selected for funding.





The following *categories of expenses* are eligible:

- A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);
  - B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);
  - C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;
  - D. Subcontracting (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;
  - E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams members);
  - F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed 20% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting.
- Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.

**Institutional thematic priorities:** No restrictions

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:** No restrictions

**Additional information:**

The [guideline](#) according to the National Plan for Research, Development and Innovation 2015-2020, for ERA-NET Cofund projects has to be consulted and respected by applicants.

## Spain, AEI –MINECO

**Participating organisation: Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness – through the State Research Agency**



**Indicative Budget: 500.000€**

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

*Programa Estatal de Investigación, Desarrollo e Innovación Orientada a los Retos de la Sociedad, Plan Estatal de Investigación Científica y Técnica y de Innovación 2013-2016. [Link to Plan Estatal](#)*

The instrument for funding the Spanish groups will be the Spanish Call on International Joint Programming Actions or equivalent (*Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional o equivalente*). Only as a reference, the beneficiaries are advised to read the call. [APCIN 2017](#)

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

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

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

**Min.project duration:** 24 month

**Max. project duration:** 36 month

### **Maximum funding per project:**

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

The maximum amount of funding is 150,000 € per proposal and legal entity (additional 50,000 € if the Spanish group leader is the coordinator of the international consortium).

Only one Spanish legal entity per proposal is allowed to apply to this transnational SusCrop call to be funded by the AEI-MINECO.

The final level of funding will take into account the transnational evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the industrial sector and the financial resources available.

### **Institutional eligibility criteria:**

The **eligible entities** for the State Research Agency funding are:

Non-profit research organizations according to the APCIN call or equivalent (*Acciones de Programación Conjunta Internacional o equivalente*).

Spanish investigators are encouraged to include the Spanish industrial sector in the transnational consortia. CDTI will fund Spanish for profit entities participating in this SusCrop call. (See CDTI requirements).

In the case there is a foreign company within a proposal, the participation of a Spanish company is mandatory. IPR have to be clearly defined within the full proposal.

Spanish Principal Investigators **must be** eligible according to the APCIN call or equivalent and must have experience as investigators in projects funded by the *Plan Nacional I+D+i 2008-2011*, the *Plan Estatal I+D+i 2013-2016*, ERC Grants, European Framework Programmes or other relevant international programmes.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal of this ERA-NET Cofund SusCrop call.

- Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal in two consecutive APCIN calls (or equivalent).

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

- Principal Investigators should remain unchanged between the proposal and the National APCIN call or equivalent.

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

### **Eligible costs:**

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

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

- Indirect costs (overheads), proofs of concept, proofs of principle, are not eligible for funding in the APCIN call.

### **Institutional thematic priorities:**

The AEI-MINECO participates in all scientific topics.

**Additional information:** Any publication or dissemination activity resulting from the granted projects must acknowledge the Ministry of Economy, Industry and Competitiveness funding: "Project (reference nº XX) funded by the AEI-MINECO through APCIN" (or equivalent).

**Spain – CDTI**



<b>Funding Organisation</b>	Centro para el Desarrollo Tecnológico Industrial, E.P.E. (CDTI) <a href="http://www.cdti.es">http://www.cdti.es</a>
<b>Funding commitment</b>	500.000 €
<b>National programme</b>	<b>R+D+i INTERNATIONALISATION PROGRAMME</b> <a href="https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&amp;MS=831&amp;MN=2">https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&amp;MS=831&amp;MN=2</a>
<b>National Contact Point</b>	Milvia Soumbounou Garcia Email: <a href="mailto:Milvia.soumbounou@cdti.es">Milvia.soumbounou@cdti.es</a> Tel: (+34) 91 581 56 07 /5079
<b>Eligibility criteria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Eligible entities:</b> For-profit companies (being large or SMEs) established and carrying out R&amp;D activities in Spain. Other entities such as universities, public research institutions, technological centres and other private non-profit institutions may participate if subcontracted by Spanish companies (provided that the entity or respective researcher is not requesting funding simultaneously from the AEI for the same activities).</li> <li>• <b>Eligible activities:</b> Technology-based industrial research and/or experimental development activities (in accordance with the definitions of EC Regulation nº 651/2014), representing outstanding scientific-technical quality and high innovative potential. In this respect, special attention should be paid to eligibility of activities in Topic 4. The Spanish part of the proposed work plan must be developed in Spain. Management and dissemination activities are explicitly excluded for funding.</li> <li>• <b>Eligible technologies:</b> All</li> <li>• <b>Project budget:</b> The minimum eligible budget is €175,000 per partner (this figure applies to the partner budget not to the requesting funding).</li> <li>• <b>Eligible costs:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Personnel (intended exclusively for the RTD activities within the project).</li> <li>- Instrument and equipment costs, to the extent and during the period in which they are used for the RTD activities of the project.</li> <li>- Contractual research costs, technical knowledge and patents bought or licensed from outside sources at market prices, and costs for consulting and equivalent services intended exclusively for the research activity.</li> <li>- Other operating expenses, including costs for material, supplies and similar products, which result directly from the research project; project audit (when applicable); overheads.</li> <li>- Indirect costs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Project duration:</b> 12-36 months</li> </ul>
<b>Further National Information</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National application process:</b> Applicants requesting funding from CDTI must submit a formal proposal via the CDTI electronic submission system <a href="https://sede.cdti.gob.es">https://sede.cdti.gob.es</a>. The proposal must include a detailed description, in Spanish Language, of the activities to be undertaken by the applicant and their respective budget. Applicants must indicate their VAT (CIF) number in all their respective applications (both international and national). Applicants are strongly advised to check the detailed information available on the CDTI website and to contact the NCP for advice about national funding rules before submitting a proposal.</li> <li>• <b>CDTI Funding:</b> CDTI funding will be based on a financing package, entailing soft loans (up to 75% of the eligible budget, 85 % in exceptional cases) with a non-repayable part, up to 33 % of the loan. The available overall budget for the call</li> </ul>



for the non-repayable part amounts to 500,000 €.

*Specific financial conditions for ensuring the beneficiary's solvency could be required according to CDTI funding rules. CDTI will avoid double funding, and will not finance projects, or parts of projects that have been already funded through other national, transnational or EU calls. CDTI will be responsible for making the final decision regarding the awarding of funds to those Spanish applicants aiming to receive funding from CDTI, taking fully into account the assessment of the national full proposal, the transnational evaluation of the collaborative project, the previous funds received by the participants for other related projects, the fulfilment of eligibility and funding rules, and the financial resources available. Further information is available on:*

[http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2&r=1920\\*1080](http://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=100&MS=802&MN=2&r=1920*1080)

- **Important Links**

<https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=831&MN=2&TR=C&IDR=2876>

<https://www.cdti.es/index.asp?MP=101&MS=831&MN=2&TR=C&IDR=2878>

## Turkey – TÜBİTAK

**Participating organisation:**

Türkiye Bilimsel ve Teknolojik Araştırma Kurumu (TÜBİTAK)

**Indicative Budget:** 500.000 €

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

- [1001 - Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program](#)
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>
- Max. R&D funding per project:  $\approx$  85.700 € (360.000 Turkish Liras)
- Legal permission and ethical committee approval letters must be completed before full proposal stage, if necessary.
- Online project application should be done via <http://ardeb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/cagri-arsivi>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/uluslararası-destek-programlari/icerik-era-net>
- <http://www.tubitak.gov.tr/tr/destekler/akademik/ulusal-destek-programlari/icerik-1001-bilimsel-ve-teknolojik-arastirma-projelerini-destekleme-pr>

**Min.project duration:** ---

**Max. project duration:** 36 months

**Maximum funding per project:**  $\approx$ 157.000 € (incl. overhead)

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

- Eligibility check will be done according to the rules of Scientific and Technological Research Projects Funding Program

**Institutional thematic priorities:** ---

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

- Projects that aim routine/case study will be eliminated.
- R&D projects that are higher than TRL 4 will be eliminated.

**Additional information:**

- Turkish applicants have to check their eligibility with the national contact person
- Project proposals will be eliminated, if same/similar projects were funded before.
- Separate national application required for both stages.

## Turkey – TAGEM

**Participating organisation:**

**Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock  
General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies (TAGEM)**

**Indicative Budget:** 200.000 €

**National Contact Person(s):**

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

<http://www.tarim.gov.tr/TAGEM/Sayfalar/EN/AnaSayfa.aspx>

**Min. project duration:** 3 years

**Max. Project duration:** 3 years

**Maximum funding per project:** 100.000 €

**Institutional eligibility criteria:**

Our Organisation “General Directorate of Agricultural Research and Policies” (TAGEM) is affiliated with Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock and has 50 research institutes. Only these 50 research institutes are eligible to benefit from our fund.

Researchers employed in Universities could benefit from our resources, if they agree to collaborate with one of TAGEM’s Research Institutes. In case of such collaboration, TAGEM’s Institute will be considered partner whereas University shall be subcontracted.

Our provisional commitment is 200.000 € for SusCrop -ERA-NET. Our organization prefer to grant a maximum of 100.000 € to each project. This amount includes % 20 overhead.

**Institutional thematic priorities:**

**Proposals with the following focus cannot be funded:**

**Additional information:**

### United Kingdom – DEFRA



Applicants are advised that this annex is for general guidance only. For more detailed rules and regulations please refer to the national call announcement and contact the National Contact Point.

**Funding Party:**

Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs, DEFRA

**Funding Programme:**

Future Farming Directorate

**National Contact Point:**

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**Eligibility criteria:**

*Terms and conditions of procurement*

Applicants are advised to familiarise themselves with Defra's research activities and procurement requirements found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/research>

All successful UK projects under the SusCrop call will be contracted with the authority under our standard terms and conditions for research. Bidders should check that these are acceptable to their contracts department prior to application.

[https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=5&ved=0ahUKEwjSqNfapKLXAhWJthoKHafWC18QFgg\\_MAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.gov.uk%2Fdata%2Fcontracts-finder-archive%2Fdownload%2F370473%2F61f61632-393c-46b7-8644-2b8fd593bac2&usg=AOvVaw1\\_ZVcAuS1UTplyZc61Hmyu](https://www.google.co.uk/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=5&ved=0ahUKEwjSqNfapKLXAhWJthoKHafWC18QFgg_MAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fdata.gov.uk%2Fdata%2Fcontracts-finder-archive%2Fdownload%2F370473%2F61f61632-393c-46b7-8644-2b8fd593bac2&usg=AOvVaw1_ZVcAuS1UTplyZc61Hmyu)

Please note for the purposes of projects procured under ERA-NET co-funds Intellectual Property will vest with the contractors but be shared with Defra under license.

Applicants who are invited to submit full proposals must submit an EVID2 proposal form to Defra detailing the specific roles, activities, milestones and deliverables that will be conducted by the UK partners. This form is available from the national contact point and should be completed in parallel with the full proposal.

*Available Funding*

Defra has allocated £300K to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call for SusCrop nominally spread over 3 years as follows:

2021/22 £100K



2022/23 £100K

2023/24 £100K

### General Information:

- Defra's contribution towards each project should not exceed the maximum limit of £100K (excluding VAT).
- The total duration of any project proposed must be at least one year and no more than three years.
- Costs in the proposal should be converted from Sterling to Euros using the average rate for the last 3 months prior to the call publication date as published in the Official Journal of the EU: Please check the rate with the national contact point prior to submission of your proposal.
- We request that bidders try to spread the cost of activities evenly over the lifetime of the project to assist with budget profiling.
- The call is open to academic institutes, applied research organisations and industrial/SME partners.

### *Policy Context and Scope*

Defra seeks to fund research proposals which address current policy concerns. **Bidders must contact the national contact point by email to discuss their proposals.** Only proposals that are cleared by the national contact point prior to submission will be considered eligible, without exception.

Information on Defra's strategic priorities can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about>

Defra will only fund bids submitted under **Topics 2 and 3** of the SusCrop call:

1. Enhancement of new and predictive breeding technologies and the development of new genotypes leading to new phenotypes and the release of improved crop varieties that are capable to adapt to future changes in environmental and climatic conditions. Projects could also target improvement of variety selection processes to support agroecological practices.
2. **Development and exploitation of integrated pest and crop management methods and practices. This includes, for example, basic and translational research leading to practical on-farm applications and/or the development of novel detection systems for integrated pest and crop management.**
3. **Improvement of resource-use efficiency of cropping systems by agroecological approaches to increase the efficiency of nutrient, water and energy utilisation. This could include the use of improved crops.**
4. Investigations on agricultural crops as part of an ecosystem. Studies must have a clear focus on interactions between plants and other organisms leading to practices that support more sustainable agriculture.

All UK proposals must address at least one of the following:

- Enhancing resource efficiency through improved agronomy or integrated management
- Reducing reliance on agrochemicals through improved agronomy or integrated management
- Improving sustainability of production
- Improving resilience to biotic and abiotic stresses, particularly climate change
- Improving product quality in terms of nutrition or meeting market requirements

Proposals on non-food crops are out of scope for this call.



Defra primarily funds applied agricultural research although we welcome bids with translational elements that partner with industry bodies such as the AHDB or engage farmers. Bids that include financial or in-kind contributions from such partners are particularly welcome.