

## Innovations for Managing Sustainable Urban Accessibility

# JOINT CALL FOR PROPOSALS

## CALL TEXT



**Please note:** In this adapted version of the call text (as of 27 April, 2022), the now confirmed Latvian contribution to this call and the Latvian funding agency's specific rules have been added (cf. pp. 2, 9, 14, and 28/29).

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Call:	Innovations for Managing Sustainable Urban Accessibility (Additional non-cofunded call)
Participating countries and agencies	Austria (FFG), Belgium / Brussels Capital Region (Innoviris), Belgium / Flanders (VLAIO), Latvia (LCS), Sweden (SWEA, Vinnova), Turkey (TÜBITAK)
Submission deadline full proposals:	15 September, 2022, 12:00 a.m. CEST
Earliest estimated project start:	January 2023
Overall budget:	4.22 M EUR
Research types/projects:	Applied research and/or Innovation / Implementation
Project duration	Up to 30 months
Relevant transnational documents	Call text (this document), proposal form and the financial sheet For national documents and rules, please see chapter 5.
Online submission at:	<a href="https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Home?fid=44755938">https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Home?fid=44755938</a>
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# 1 GENERAL INFORMATION

## 1.1 Structure of the document

This call text for proposals is structured as follows (see also figure below):

The first chapter describes the background and challenges of the call, the call topics and types of research and innovation projects and finally shows the timetable and participating countries/regions and agencies.

Further details on potential applicants, the application and envisioned projects can be found in chapter 2. Chapter 3 covers the evaluation procedure and evaluation criteria. In chapter 4, the implementation of the projects with regards to project monitoring, reporting, data management and dissemination is described.

Chapter 5 lists the contact information of all national contact points. NCPs provide an overview on national rules, requirements and the budget, it is therefore highly recommended to contact them.

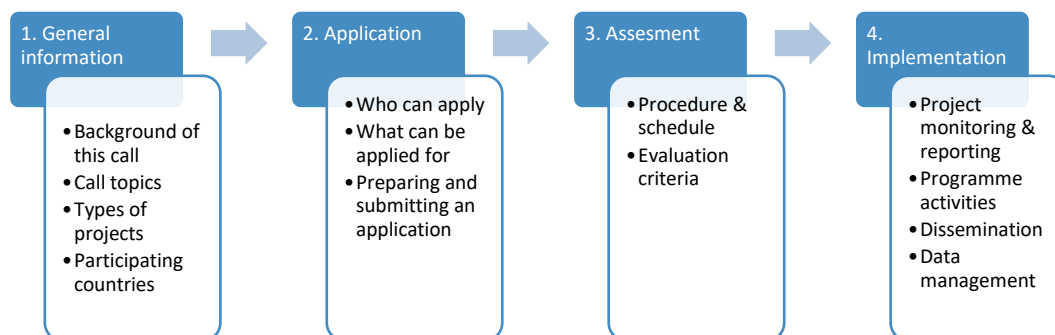


Figure 1: Structure of this document

## 1.2 Background and challenges of this call

The **ERA-NET Cofund Urban Accessibility and Connectivity (EN-UAC)** started a first co-funded call at the end of 2019 and will run until 2024. Within the context of this ERA-NET, **sustainable urban accessibility and connectivity** is defined as the ease with which activities and opportunities may be reached in an urban transport system, with lower negative environmental impacts. Network connectivity reflects the directness of routes, using different modes to travel between points. It applies both for passenger and freight transport.

The dramatic consequences of the climate crisis are already starting to become visible, making it apparent that swift and effective actions to reduce GHG emissions are unavoidable. Urban transport is a major contributor to GHG emissions and thus calls for a significant reduction, especially in a highly urbanised continent like Europe.

Managing accessibility and regulating access of vehicles will play a key role in supporting the urban mobility transition and thus bringing cities closer to reaching the goal of climate neutrality and raising quality of life in cities. The latter is at the core of the EU-mission “Climate-neutral and Smart Cities”, which promotes stepping up the ambition and commitments of cities for innovative climate action and addressing the “hard nuts” of urban sustainability. In this context, the EN-UAC Innovation Action aims at contributing to innovative approaches and solutions.

There is a need to support local authorities, businesses, citizens, and investors in radically reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, increasing air quality, reducing noise pollution, preventing urban heat islands and increasing the quality of life in urban areas.

Additionally, this call for proposals is strongly related to the transition pathways of the new European partnership “Driving Urban Transitions” and especially to its 15 Minutes Cities pillar.

**Innovative solutions are required** for cities of all types and sizes, with **new options for managing access as means for accelerating their transitions towards attractive and climate-neutral places for living**. Doing so will be key for necessary traffic avoidance and create the freedom to redistribute the precious (while always limited) space of urban streets to sustainable transport modes and high-quality public space.

**Innovations must comprise novel modular, resource-efficient, interoperable, and transferable concepts** addressing different interacting elements of the mobility system (behaviour, infrastructure, vehicles, services, business models, policy and regulations). They need to be capable to contribute to **overcome a large number of barriers** in legal, institutional, social/behavioural, sectoral, financial and technological aspects which hinder a broader implementation of access management schemes and to utilise its full potential from an overall system perspective, that aims to achieve a climate-neutral urban mobility future.

### 1.3 Topics of this call

This innovation call is geared to **expand and enhance the toolbox for sustainable urban accessibility and access management** along different purposes, city structures and scales (city / metropolitan region, district / neighbourhood). Tools comprise technological solutions and services (e.g. geofencing, fleet and traffic management), regulatory measures (e.g. tolls, restrictions, prioritisation),<sup>1</sup> incentives for behavioural change and the physical reconfiguration of road infrastructure.

The innovation-oriented research and development projects are expected to address relevant technologies, novel practices, business and operating models and policies to **enable and facilitate cities in conceptualising, piloting, replicating and scaling urban accessibility and access management measures or regulation schemes**.

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<sup>1</sup> E.g. in relation to UVARs, refer to <https://urbanaccessregulations.eu/userhome/map>

Proposals are expected **to select one main topic** they wish to focus their work on but **may still include challenges and themes from the other topics**:

### **1. Utilising untapped potentials and mainstreaming of measures for managing urban accessibility**

The access to urban areas is key for vital city quarters as it allows the exchange of goods and services as well as the free choice of working places. Due to limited public space, a free access for all types of mobility leads to congestion, bad air quality and the loss of liveability. Consequentially, cities started to manage the access for motorised traffic with a concept known as Urban Vehicle Access Regulations (UVAR). In doing so, they experienced that certain forms of regulations have to go hand in hand with complementary measures, such as strengthening public transport, active mobility or alternative forms of mobility. The type of measures and their possible effects widely depend on the granularity of the regulations, be it the macroscopic (citywide) or the microscopic (quarters or blocks) level. In this context, the impact of certain measures and their interrelation among each other is under-researched.

Key questions in this field may include but are not limited to:

- Develop innovative solutions for realising sustainable urban mobility, logistics or the redistribution of street space (e.g. managing car traffic, zero emission last mile delivery, micro-mobility with e-scooters and bikes, vehicle occupancy rate and empty trips, geofencing, combination with sharing/pooling, inter-/multimodality, requirements for connected/automated driving)

### **2. Making measures for managing urban accessibility accepted and participatory**

When changing to sustainable urban mobility in general and introducing access management measures in particular, cities experienced the necessity of involving the public as key for the measure's success. While there is a good understanding on the communication requirements for citywide-level measures, the stakeholder involvement for small-scale schemes on the quarter and block level follows different rules that are not widely known. The effects of digitalising participation processes, social scientific monitoring and new governance principles are just some aspects that mark this terrain.

Approaches in this field may include but are not limited to:

- Develop new tools for communication, motivation and engagement (e.g. empower and engage local stakeholder groups and bottom-up incentives, pop-up solutions, citizen-science based initiatives, awareness raising and tactical interventions in public space, support a changing perception from restriction to added values)

### **3. Making measures for managing urban accessibility more agile**

There is a fair understanding of monitoring the effects of sustainable urban mobility measures in the course of SUMP cycles, though these cycles allow re-adjustments after years of operation. Innovative urban accessibility measures promise a more reactive

behaviour, giving new tools and instruments in urban decision taker's hands. In order to transfer agile urban accessibility measures into urban routine, experience needs to be gained regarding feasibility, acceptance, impact, or practicability.

Focus areas of projects in this field may include but are not limited to:

- Develop dynamic tools and measures capable to adapt to changing requirements in time and space (e.g. pandemic situations, traffic volumes and interruptions, construction zones, loading zones, school zones, emission/emission limits, geofencing, managing hybrid solutions, recreational/leisure/market zones etc.)

#### 4. Making measures for managing urban accessibility effective, robust and impactful

Maximising the effects of sustainable urban mobility measures encompasses an iterative monitoring and control based on the effects achieved. While the SUMP cycle foresees no related methodology, more recent indicator-based approaches such as SUMI<sup>2</sup> imply new instruments and tools for city administrations that need to be included into urban routine. Particularly in the context of urban accessibility and its different scales, this matter is under-researched.

Key questions in this field may include but are not limited to:

- Develop innovative ways to enforce, evaluate, and integrate new and established forms of measures for urban accessibility (create evidence, validate data, create transparency for the public and decision makers, illustrate impacts on social inclusion/business, analyse and manage rebound and unintended effects etc.)

All proposals should describe their added value to a sustainable urban accessibility and city planning and their contribution to relevant urban mobility strategies and policies (such as SUMP/SULPs). Projects have to outline their expected contribution for traffic avoidance and/or modal shift (to sustainable or decarbonised modes) going beyond pure efficiency improvements.

While this call aims to bring forward **short- to mid-term perspectives with hands-on implementation, test or demonstration in cities**, long-term sustainability effects and benefits should be aimed for. Other European and national initiatives can be a driving force to foster and synergise contributions resulting from this call.

Real-world environments like urban living labs can act as test grounds and complement research activities wherever possible (e.g. stakeholder processes, communication, monitoring).

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<sup>2</sup> [https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/clean-transport-urban-transport/sumi\\_en](https://transport.ec.europa.eu/transport-themes/clean-transport-urban-transport/sumi_en)

## 1.4 Types of research and innovation projects

This call is open for proposals referring to a **broader range of project types, from applied research to demonstration** (see definitions below). Projects must address either “**applied research**” or “**innovation / implementation**” or both. In more detail, the call is aiming at the following research and project types:

- Applied research: proof of concept, research to proof feasibility, small-scale prototypes;
- Piloting/testing/labs: prototype testing in real environment;
- Demonstration: demonstration in real environment, system integration.

The key characteristics of the **two stages of RDI activities offered within this call** are defined as follows:

- Understanding of how cities function is required to influence policy and intervention. Achieving this influence through knowledge creation is often referred to as “**applied urban research**”. Applied urban research in this context is about how city officials, citizens, practitioners, and others can influence and interact with a city, with a purpose of improving it or adapting it in some respect. In applied urban research there is good opportunity to involve representatives from non-academic institutions in the projects, to bring the practitioners’ perspective in order to co-produce knowledge relevant for user stakeholders. Applied urban research is designed to be tangible and applicable to such a degree that the results are likely to have an impact on actual decisions and policy. Apart from publication in peer-reviewed journals, knowledge exchange activities such as policy briefings, policy seminars and other events targeted at stakeholders are important, as well as dissemination in popular media.
- While fundamental and applied urban research are both focused on producing knowledge, “**urban innovation and implementation**” take things one step further, and promote the actual creation or advancement towards new policies, practices, services, products or processes – such as integrated systems, tools, services and data – in such a manner that the first impact takes place during the project. Policies, practices, processes, services or products being developed could be of commercial value, but equally welcome is innovation directed at public governance, management, and operation. Urban innovation is always carried out in close collaboration with practitioners or other target audience.

A **combination of the two different research types within one proposal** (with differentiation at work package level) is possible as long as involved funding agencies’ eligibility rules are fulfilled. The research type (either “applied research” or “innovation / implementation”) of each work package must always be indicated in the work package description of the proposal form.

- Please be aware that funding agencies may have the possibility to fund both or only one of the **two research types**
- Please be aware that some funding agencies may not allow applicants to use two types of research in one application.
- For other funding agencies, all applicants from this country must pick the same research type in one proposal.



It is therefore strongly recommended to consult the national contact person.

## 1.5 Participating countries, regions and agencies

Please note that the following table only gives an overview, contact your national/regional agency before applying to make sure you and your project partners are eligible.

*Table 1: Participating countries, regions and agencies*

Country/ region	Funding agency	Type(s) of research	Maximum funding per partner/ project	Eligible Organisations				
				PRC	REC	HES	PUB	OTH
Austria	FFG	A, I	0.25 M/0.25 M EUR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belgium – Brussels Capital Region	Innoviris	A, I	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Belgium – Flanders Region	VLAIO	A, I	0.5 M/0.5 M EUR	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Latvia	LCS	A, I	0.25 M/0.375 M EUR	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Sweden	Vinnova/SWEA	A, I	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Turkey	TÜBITAK	A, I	NA	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No

**PRC:** private sector (e.g. for-profit companies)

**REC:** research centres

**HES:** secondary or higher education (e.g. universities and universities of applied sciences)

**PUB:** public bodies (e.g. municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)

**OTH:** other non-profit legal entities (e.g. NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies)

**A:** Applied research

**I:** Innovation / Implementation

**Please check the national eligibility criteria in chapter 5 for more information about the specific rules and funding opportunities of respective funding agencies.**

Partners from other countries than the countries mentioned here and/or partners not eligible for funding may join projects either

- As co-operation partners, see section 2.1 for more information.
- May be eligible to receive funding from a national/regional agency; see chapter 5 for more information

## 1.6 Timetable

7 April, 2022	Launch of the call
15 September, 2022, 12:00 a.m. CEST	Deadline submission of proposals
September 2022	Eligibility check
November 2022	Meeting of Expert Panel to assess proposals
November 2022	Funding recommendation
November/December 2022	Announcement of results to Main Applicants
December 2022	National funding decisions
January 2023	Earliest start of projects
April/May 2023	Mandatory kick-off meeting (physical or online) for all funded projects
2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2024	Mandatory mid-term update (online meeting) for all funded projects
2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025	Mandatory final meeting (physical or online) for all funded projects

## 1.7 Guiding principles to be followed in project applications

### Transnational benefit

Projects should support collaboration and transnational alignment that goes beyond individual national efforts and demonstrates sharing, operationalising, and transferring existing knowledge, resources, and research facilities to mutual benefit.

Clear added value of the transnational consortium should be demonstrated and, if relevant, the added value for national investments.

### Interdisciplinarity

The complexity of this call requires interdisciplinary approaches to analyse the challenges and find innovative solutions.

Relevant disciplines include, but are not limited to for example social sciences (economics, geography, political science, sociology, ...), technical sciences (engineering, computer sciences), arts and humanities, and application fields such as architecture, urban planning, traffic engineering, spatial planning, and policy development.

### Transdisciplinarity, involvement of “stakeholders”, practitioners, citizens, community groups, NGOs

This innovation call invites to bring forward knowledge on and insight in transition, innovation and implementation processes, acceptance of new systems and services and insight in short- and long-term behaviour of stakeholders and decision makers.

Therefore, collaboration and co-production of knowledge with research users and such as with professionals in companies, cities and communities, citizens, citizen groups, consumers and NGOs (grouped under the generic name of “stakeholders” below) is highly relevant.

All projects must clearly engage stakeholders and demonstrate how cities authorities and user needs are relevant to the project goals. Therefore, consortia submitting proposals to this call are asked to describe how stakeholders and cities are actively involved in the project (such as

throughout the various stages of project design, conduct, analysis and dissemination). The extent of involvement may vary according to the context of the project proposed and national/regional regulations of participating funding organisations. However, at least **one specific stakeholder** (city, municipality or regional authority OR organisation [public or private] in charge of or involved in transport/mobility infrastructure or services in a city, municipality or region OR transport/mobility-related NGO) has to be included in each project either as a co-applicant or co-operation partner (see also section 2.1).

#### **Outputs and outcomes of the projects, broader impacts of the proposed activity**

Establishment of potential long-term partnerships, leveraging of existing knowledge networks and project co-design between researchers and stakeholders are essential components of the proposed projects. The projects have to be results-oriented.

The projects are expected to address related technologies, novel practices, business models and policies to enable and facilitate cities in conceptualising, piloting and scaling these measures. While this call aims to bring forward short- to mid-term perspectives with hands-on implementation, test or demonstration in cities, long-term sustainability effects and benefits should be aimed for. Projects should describe their added value and expected impact for a sustainable urban accessibility and city planning. Other European and national initiatives can be a driving force to foster and synergise contributions resulting from this call.

The projects should also contribute to relevant urban mobility strategies and policies (such as SUMP/SULPs). Here real-world environments like urban living labs can pose as test grounds and complement research activities wherever possible (e.g. stakeholder processes, communication, monitoring).

## 2 APPLICATION

Application for funding can be a lengthy, time-consuming process. Therefore, please read this document and all additional documents and available information thoroughly. If any question should arise, do not hesitate to contact the call secretariat or your national/regional agency.

### 2.1 Who can apply

Applicants are defined as organisations/institutions/companies that are eligible to receive funding from their respective funding agency in this call. Every applicant nominates a Project Coordinator (PC) who is the lead investigator<sup>3</sup> for an applicant. **Each PC may only participate in a maximum of two proposals, and only once as the PC of a main applicant.**

Depending on national eligibility rules (see section 1.5 and chapter 5), applicants can be organisations from sectors/fields such as:

**PRC:** private sector (e.g. for-profit companies)

**REC:** research centres

**HES:** secondary or higher education (e.g. universities and universities of applied sciences)

**PUB:** public bodies (e.g. municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies)

**OTH:** other non-profit legal entities (e.g. NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies)

As this is a transnational call, not only transnational rules apply, but also those set forth by the national/regional agencies and by national/regional laws and regulations. Applicants and consortia therefore must be eligible in accordance with the transnational and the applicable national criteria.

If funded, applicants will receive funding from their respective national/regional funding agencies in accordance with their respective national rules.

These national eligibility criteria and rules for specific funding agencies can be found in chapter 5 which also contains links to the funding agencies websites.

In the consortium, project partners and applicants can take one of three roles:

#### **Applicant/Partner Roles**

The **main applicant** and the **overall project coordinator** (project coordinator of the main applicant) will be responsible for running and managing the project. This entity will be the contact point for the Call Secretariat on behalf of the whole consortium and is responsible for the administrative management of the complete project. In addition, the overall project coordinator is responsible for leading the project activities in the own organisation. The overall project coordinator must be employed in one of the countries participating in this call. As noted above, the national eligibility criteria of the respective funding agency apply, please read these carefully in chapter 5.

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<sup>3</sup> Investigator does not necessarily refer to a person with an academic background.

A **co-applicant** is eligible for and applies for funding from one of the participating funding agencies. There may be more than one co-applicant from any of the participating countries in a consortium. The national eligibility criteria of the respective funding agency apply, please read these carefully in chapter 5.

While the main applicant and the co-applicants receive funding from the agencies participating in the call, **co-operation partners** do not receive funding from a partaking agency (e.g. partners from countries not participating in this call, partners that are willing to participate with own funding, or are not eligible for funding). Co-operation partners can be included in the consortium if they finance their activity from other sources and the consortium in general fulfils the requirements on the number of applicants from participating countries. Co-operation partners must be included in the proposal form and the financial sheet but may not claim costs and funding. Co-operation partners must not be invited via the electronic submission system as project partners (see section 2.3 for details) but a LOI must be uploaded.

#### Transnational eligibility criteria

- Consortium as a whole must include
  - At least **two eligible applicants from at least two of the different countries** participating in the call.
  - At least
    - one city, municipality or regional authority OR
    - one organisation (public or private) in charge of or involved in transport/mobility infrastructure or services in a city, municipality or region (e.g. transport/mobility utilities)<sup>4</sup> OR
    - one transport/mobility-related NGO
 as an applicant (either main or co-applicant) or as a co-operation partner; co-operation partners have to provide a written statement of support (LOI).  
*N.B.: A participation of these types of organisations as a main or co-applicant is dependent on the national/regional eligibility criteria and rules for specific funding agencies. See section 1.5 and chapter 5 for further details.*
- Project proposal consortia need to be balanced between countries both in terms of number of partners and distribution of budget. The share of personnel months applied for by applicants from one country must not exceed 70.00% of the total personnel months applied for by the consortium.
- Co-operation partners must provide a letter of intent, where they concretely state how they will be involved in the project and how they will profit and partake from/in project results. Please submit this LOI via the electronic submission system.
- Each PC may only participate in a maximum of two proposals, and only once as the PC of a main applicant.
- The participation of all partners involved must be convincingly justified in the project proposal.
- Consortia are required to prove the interest and active involvement of all partners in the consortium.

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<sup>4</sup> It is not necessary that the organisation covers all transport modes.

It is strongly recommended that these criteria are checked with the contact person at the respective funding agency before submitting a proposal.

## 2.2 What can be applied for

### Project duration

Projects may be funded for a period of **up to 30 months** (starting between January and March 2023). The earliest possible starting date may depend on the budget allocation (rules) of the specific funding agencies. The start and the end date of a project should be harmonised for all applicants in a consortium.

### Funding

The total available budget for this call is approximately **4.22 M EUR**. Each national/regional funding agency will provide funds directly to their eligible beneficiaries in accordance to the agencies' rules and regulations.

There are no fixed minimum or maximum limits for a project size. Medium-sized projects with total budgets requested from the funding organisations in the range of 0.5-1 million Euros are typically expected which would allow for approximately four to five projects to receive funding.

## 2.3 Preparing and submitting an application

### Language and form

Proposals must be prepared **in English using the designated proposal form**. Proposals written in other languages will be ineligible. The proposal form has to be completely filled. Incomplete proposal forms will be ineligible.

### Submission

Submission of a proposal must be done by means of the FFG electronic submission system (<https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Home?fid=44755938>). An online help document for submission is provided via <https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Tutorial.aspx?target=6079134>. The proposal may only be submitted if all co-applicants have previously completed and submitted their partner proposals in eCall. Therefore, it is within the main applicant's duties to ensure timely submission of all partner proposals and of the proposal as a whole. The process of the invitation and application of project partners (co-applicants only, co-operation partners need not be invited or fill and submit a partner proposal) is described in detail in the section "Project Partners" of the above mentioned online help document. The terms "partner proposal" and "partner application" are used interchangeably. The "partner application" or "partner proposal" only includes the master data of the project partner and does not mean that the proposal must be submitted several times. However, both the "*Organisation / Master data*" section and the "*Projects / Project data*" section have to be completed by all project partners. It is not necessary to enter a staff pool or to create a master account (in the "*Organisation*" / "*User Management*" section in eCall) for the submission. Please note that the FFG electronic submission system generally does not allow changes to the proposal once you have submitted your proposal. Therefore, we kindly ask you to finalise your submission only when you are sure all content is ready for submission. It is not possible to resubmit or revise the proposal after the submission deadline.

If you still have technical questions about the use of the system, please contact the Call Secretariat at FFG.

Please submit your full proposal via the electronic submission system and follow these general rules:

- The consortium and all applicants must be eligible according to the transnational, national and regional eligibility criteria (see sections 1.5 and 2.1 and chapter 5).
- Co-operation partners must not be included in the application as partners via the electronic submission system (see above for details) but must be listed in the financial sheet template and included in the proposal form.
- The application must be submitted
  - Completely (all mandatory documents and information)
  - **Before 15 September, 2022, 12:00 a.m. CEST** via the submission platform
  - Including the full proposal
  - Including the detailed cost
- The templates for the proposal (proposal form) and the detailed cost (financial sheet) must be used
- The research type (either “applied research” or “innovation / implementation”) of each work package must always be indicated in the work package description in the proposal form.
- All submitted documents must be in English and must be in accordance with the guidelines and page limits stated within the template documents.
- Applications are considered final after submission. You may, however, retract an application.
- Applicants may not change their application after submission. The call secretariat may, however, ask applicants for further clarification or to correct obvious errors.
- All costs must be given in Euro.
- LOIs or CVs must be submitted via the electronic submission system
- National applications (for national rules see chapter 5) must be submitted on time and considered eligible.

#### **Data Protection**

The provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) shall be complied by the Call Secretariat and the funding agencies participating in the organisation of this call with respect to the processing of personal data.

Depending on the country and the participating funding agency, different national laws might apply and different electronic systems will be used regarding the processing of personal data.

Please note that by transmitting your proposal, the proposal will be forwarded to your responsible funding agency as well as to all other participating funding agencies involved in this call and the Evaluation Panel members.

### 3 ASSESSMENT

Within the framework of this call, a one-stage procedure will be adopted:

After the submission, the Call Secretariat will **verify the eligibility** of the proposals according to the transnational eligibility criteria. The participating funding agencies will verify the suitability for national funding according to their respective eligibility criteria.

Both transnational and funding agencies' eligibility criteria must be met.

If either the Main Applicant or the proposal does not meet the eligibility requirements, the proposal will not be admitted to the evaluation procedure.

In case a single co-applicant is not eligible, the proposal may still be eligible without this partner if the eligibility criteria are met by the proposal. In both cases, this will be communicated to the Main Applicant.

If a proposal is "eligible", this does not mean that it will be awarded funding, but only that the proposal will be admitted to the evaluation procedure.

An **Expert Panel** composed of international experts and a chair will **evaluate** the eligible proposals. The panel will consist of recognised experts in relevant fields, academics as well as practitioners and innovators, who can assess the scientific as well as the innovative and practical values of the submitted projects. The panel will be appointed by the participating funding organisations. The Expert Panel will assess the proposals using the evaluation criteria described in section 3.1. Applicants will have no possibility for an rebuttal to the experts' evaluation.

Based on the ranking by the Expert Panel and taking into account the available (national) budgets, the participating funding agencies of the call will take funding decisions. Funding decisions are final and cannot be appealed.

The Call Secretariat will send a written statement on the evaluation of each proposal to the Main Applicants. The Call Secretariat will inform the Main Applicants of projects that have been recommended for funding and on the subsequent contracting procedure.

Each project recommended for funding is required to have a **signed consortium agreement (CA)** between all partners prior to the start of the project, at least addressing the following topics:

- Internal organisation and management of the consortium
- Sharing of risks and results
- Dissemination of results
- Intellectual Property arrangements
- Settlement of internal disputes

Please note that national and regional funding agencies regulations concerning the requirement for a CA may apply.

The DESCAs model may be a helpful starting point in designing the CA. Please note that the [DESCA model CA](#) is foreseen for Horizon Europe projects with the EC acting as the sole funding agency. Thus, several of the paragraphs need to be adapted as projects funded via this call will have different funding agencies for the respective project parts carried out in the different countries.



The procedure will roughly follow the following schedule:

15 September, 2022, 12:00 a.m. CEST	Deadline Submission of proposals
September 2022	Eligibility check
November 2022	Meeting of Expert Panel to assess proposals
November 2022	Funding recommendation
January 2023	Earliest start of projects

### 3.1 Evaluation criteria

Proposals will be assessed according to specific evaluation criteria by using a common evaluation form. A scoring system from 0 to 5 will be used to evaluate the proposal's performance with respect to the different evaluation criteria.

Evaluation scores will be awarded for each main criterion and not for the various sub-criteria. Significant weakness in a sub-criterion may, however, lead to a sub-threshold score in the respective main criterion if the Expert Panel deems the weakness to be a major threat to the implementation and success of the project.

For all proposals, each criterion will be scored by the Expert Panel, using the following scale:

**0: Failure.** The proposal fails to address the criterion in question, or cannot be judged because of missing or incomplete information.

**1: Poor.** The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.

**2: Fair.** The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses that need corrections.

**3: Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion in question well, but certain improvements are necessary.

**4: Very good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but small improvements are possible.

**5: Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.

Half marks can be used. The threshold for individual criteria will be 3. The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the three individual scores, will be 10.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the proposals:

#### ***Excellence – Intellectual Merit (5 points)***

- **Clarity and pertinence of the objectives** (the project's objectives are clearly stated, coherent, and relevant)
- **Appropriateness of conceptual approach** (the project's concept and approach must be in line with the project's aims and objectives)
- **Innovativeness of the approach compared to existing solutions** (the project must have a novel approach, application and/or methodology, must significantly contribute to knowledge development and/or to the application and implementation of scientific and technological breakthroughs)

- **Added value of transnational co-operation** (the proposal must demonstrate how the dimension of transnational co-operation contributes to achieve more than otherwise possible: taking up, combining and integrating existing knowledge from different countries, cross-border exchange of knowledge and experiences, and cross-border application of [aptly modified] solutions)
- **Feasibility of aims and objectives of project** (the project's aims and objectives must be correlated with the planned outcome and impact of the project; the envisaged results must be realistically achievable within the project's budget and time allocation)
- **Feasibility and suitability of project design and methods** (the project's design and methods, including tools and technologies [where applicable], must be correlated with the planned outcome and impact of the project; the envisaged design and methods must be convincingly conceivable and executable within the project's budget and time allocation)
- **Handling of development risks** (the project's development risks must be clearly identified and appropriate preventive/remedial actions must be foreseen)

***Impact and User Engagement (societal and broader impacts of project results) (5 points)***

- **Fit to aims and topics of the call text** (see pp. 5-7; the project's expected outcomes and impacts, set out in the project description, contribute to the scope of the call and one or more of the call topics)
- **Integration of gender and diversity perspectives in the project plan and goals when applicable** (gender- and diversity-specific topics are analysed adequately [where applicable] and integrated in the methodological approach of the project)
- **Engagement of research users (e.g. communities, cities, policy makers, regulators, NGOs, or industry) and the extent to which the project is likely to be of value to end users** (the project brings specified added value to a variety of specifically identified target groups in a transdisciplinary and transnational setting)
- **Suitability of proposed arrangements for disseminating and communicating outcomes of the project** (the project's communication and dissemination structure is in line with a transdisciplinary and transnational approach tackling the academic and non-academic target groups such as cities, civil society, NGOs and companies)
- **Scalability and replicability of the solution** (the planned project outputs and outcomes are likely to be scalable and replicable in other environments than the project's own one)
- **Market potential of the project, capacity to respond to a demand or a need** (the project enhances innovation capacity and integration of new knowledge meeting the needs of communities, cities, policy makers, regulators, NGOs, and the international market by a challenge-driven approach)

***Quality (Interdisciplinarity and Personnel) and Efficiency of project implementation (5 points)***

- **Value for money** (the project planning is plausible and efficient in relation to the requested budget)
- **Appropriateness of costing** (the expenditures allocated to the various stages of the implementation of the project are adequate to the effective achievement of its goals and ambitions)
- **Feasibility and appropriateness of timescale** (the timescale is adequate to effectively achieve the project's goals and ambitions)

- **Suitability of expertise, balance of substantial contributions of members to project consortium** (the composition of the contributions and expertise of the consortium members is appropriate to the project's goals and ambitions)
- **Composition of consortium compared to the topic's needs, transnational relevance and complementarities** (the project partners encompass the diversity in skills, experience, knowledge and transnational relevance needed to achieving the project's goals and ambitions)
- **Interdisciplinary, cross-sectorial collaboration, and co-creation** (the project's implementation approach fosters interdisciplinary and cross-sectorial collaboration and co-creation)
- **Adequateness of the work package structure and work plan** (the structure and description of work packages is transparent and adequate according to the scope of work)
- **Appropriateness of governance/management arrangements for project** (the project's management system and procedures, including quality management, are adequate to the project's goals)
- **Risk assessment, regulatory and ethics issues properly addressed** (when necessary; the project's procedures regarding risk management and the management of regulatory and ethics issues are adequate to the project's goals)
- **Other key expertise of consortium members** (the key personnel shows the necessary experience and formal/informal qualifications to implement the project)

### 3.2 Conflicts of interest (Expert Panel)

All necessary steps will be taken by the Call Secretariat to ensure no major conflict of interest by Expert Panel members occurs. The Expert Panel members will be required to formally declare that no conflict of interest exists at any time of their evaluation duty and will sign a confidentiality agreement concerning all documents and the entire process. In case of breaching the rule of no conflict of interest, means of reconciliation will be sought with the support of the Call Secretariat. In cases of a major conflict of interest that cannot be dealt with, the Expert Panel member will be discharged from participation in the evaluation process for the specific proposal, which is the subject of the conflict of interest. Projects that were assigned to the respective Expert Panel member will be assigned to another Expert Panel member.

The Call Secretariat will perform a first review of potential conflicts of interest before sending the proposals to the Expert Panel members. Expert Panel members are bound to indicate after receiving the proposals whether there is a conflict of interest with any of the researchers or research groups in the proposals for review. Expert Panel members will sign a formal declaration that they will not participate in the call nor have any conflicting interests regarding the researchers or research groups participating in the projects that they review.

## 4 IMPLEMENTATION

This call is part of the Joint Programming Initiative Urban Europe that includes various joint programme activities (e.g. knowledge sharing, networking) described in this section.

Projects funded via this call will become part of the programme of the JPI Urban Europe. Participants of projects funded via this call are expected to actively participate in the programme activities and to consider this in the planning of their project proposal by including budget to participate in the programme activities.

### 4.1 Data management

The JPI Urban Europe wishes to promote open, transparent and robust urban and global change research by encouraging more open sharing of research data, leading to wider data analysis, more data re-use, and the combination of datasets from multiple sources. The JPI Urban Europe believes that an increased emphasis on the open sharing of research data has the potential to stimulate new approaches to the collection, analysis, validation and management of data, and to the transparency of the research process. However, the JPI Urban Europe also recognises that not all research data can be shared openly, and that there will be legitimate reasons to constrain access, for example the risks to the privacy of individuals must always be considered where data arise from, or are derived from, personally identifiable data.

The JPI Urban Europe considers that the production and implementation of a project-specific data management plan is an essential requirement to enable the sharing of research data. Research data includes:

- digital information created directly from research activities such as experiments, analysis, surveys, measurements, instrumentation and observations;
- data resulting from automated or manual data reduction and analysis including the inputs and outputs of simulations and models.

Project-specific data management plans should be in accordance with relevant standards and community best practice which may vary by subject and disciplinary area. Research data should normally be open by default, unless there are legitimate reasons to constrain access, and the data must be made available with minimum time delay, including being discoverable through catalogues and search engines. Data with acknowledged long-term value should be preserved, protected from loss and remain accessible and usable for future research in sustainable and trustworthy repositories.

To enable research data to be discoverable and effectively re-used by others, including those outside the discipline of origin, sufficient metadata should be recorded and made openly available to enable other researchers to understand the research and re-use potential of the data. Published results should always include information on how to access the supporting data and other research materials. Researchers should ensure that metadata created to support research datasets retained for the long term is sufficient to allow other researchers a reasonable understanding of those datasets and thereby minimise unintentional misuse, misinterpretation or confusion.

### Data Management Plan Requirements

A Data Management Plan (DMP) describes the data management life cycle for the data to be collected, processed and/or generated by a research project funded within this call. As part of making research data findable, accessible, interoperable and re-usable (FAIR), a DMP should include information on:

- the handling of research data during and after the end of the project;
- the types of data, samples, physical collections, software, curriculum materials, and other materials to be collected, processed and/or generated in the course of the project;
- the standards to be used for data and metadata format and content (where existing standards are absent or deemed inadequate, this should be documented along with proposed solutions or remedies);
- policies for broad access and sharing including provisions for appropriate protection of privacy, confidentiality, security, intellectual property, or other rights or requirements;
- policies and provisions for re-use, re-distribution, and the production of derivatives;
- plans for archiving data, samples, and other research products, and for preservation of access to them via an institutionally supported repository.

## 4.2 Project monitoring and reporting

Project monitoring and reporting will be in accordance with the respective funding agency's rules.

In addition to the funding agency's requirements, the consortia are expected to deliver **progress reports to the Call Secretariat**, in English, on an **annual basis**, including a description of their transnational cooperation and a publishable summary of the project status. A reporting template will be provided on the programme website.

A **detailed survey** must be completed by the main applicant **at project start and together with the annual joint reports**. This survey includes key performance indicators for project progress and their contribution to the overall aim of the call. For project monitoring and reporting purposes, the JPI Urban Europe Online Project Monitoring System will be used.

Furthermore, one project observer from one of the participating funding organisations will be assigned to each of the funded projects to monitor the progress in transnational cooperation on behalf of the participating funding organisations and to provide a communication link between the project, the Call Secretariat, and the JPI Urban Europe.

**Therefore, time and budget should be reserved by the consortium as a whole for monitoring and reporting.**

## 4.3 Programme activities

To foster exchange between the projects, dissemination and communication to stakeholders, national and European decision makers and the general public and to refine and identify challenges and objectives for future calls, the Secretariat has established a multi-layered scheme of mandatory activities, opportunities and support for projects.

#### 4.3.1 Mandatory project events

Three project events are foreseen to foster exchange between all projects. A project kick-off (physical or online meeting) will be organised in April/May 2023, a mid-term update (online meeting) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2024 and a final event (physical or online meeting) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2025. Active participation of the funded projects is mandatory, e.g. by preparing short project presentations and/or posters.

**Therefore, time and budget should be reserved by the consortium as a whole for the project meetings.**

#### 4.3.2 Reports and summaries for the general public

All consortia of funded projects are expected to prepare regular popular science summaries of the project contents and updates for programme activities and JPI Urban Europe publications (e.g. for brochures, (digital) newsletters, the website). Projects must ensure that all outcomes (e.g. publications) of transnational projects include a proper acknowledgement of JPI Urban Europe, and the respective funding agencies.

At the end of each project, projects are expected to submit an additional publishable report, meant for the general public. A template for this report will be provided by the Call Secretariat.

**Therefore, time and budget should be reserved by the consortium as a whole for these summaries, updates and reports.**

## 5 FUNDING AGENCIES' SPECIFIC RULES OF ELIGIBILITY, BUDGETS AND CONTACT DETAILS

### General information on the joint call

Updated information on this joint call and all relevant documents/templates are published on:  
<https://jpi-urbaneurope.eu/calls/enuac-innovation-action/>

If you have questions on the **general call process and proposal submission**, please contact the Call Secretariat:

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### Contact points of participating funding agencies

The tables below summarise specific funding agencies' rules, application procedures and the indicated budget of every participating agency. Additional information can be obtained by contacting the indicated national contact person(s).

Country / Region	Austria
Funding Agency	FFG – Austrian Research Promotion Agency
National contact person	<p><b>Dietrich Leihs</b>  <a href="mailto:dietrich.leihs@ffg.at">dietrich.leihs@ffg.at</a>  +43 5 77 55 5034</p> <p><b>Johannes Bockstefl</b>  <a href="mailto:johannes.bockstefl@ffg.at">johannes.bockstefl@ffg.at</a>  +43 5 77 55 5042</p> <p><b>Petra Gruber</b>  <a href="mailto:petra.gruber@ffg.at">petra.gruber@ffg.at</a>  +43 5 77 55 5037</p>
National funding committed	750.000 EUR
Estimated number of projects to be funded	3
Maximum funding per partner	250.000 EUR
Maximum funding per project	250.000 EUR
Funding rate	35-85% (see <a href="#">national guidelines</a> for details)
Who can apply (eligible entities)	PRC, REC, HES, PUB, OTH in accordance with the national guidelines
Eligible cost categories	<p>Personnel, subcontracting, travel, R&amp;D infrastructure/equipment, materials, services, overhead (fixed 25% flat rate for most cost categories) as stated in the national financial guidelines</p> <p>Catering costs for public events (e.g. stakeholder workshops, public interim presentations or final events) are considered eligible cost.</p>
Further restrictions and requirements	<p>At least one PRC as co-applicant in the transnational consortium.</p> <p>A detailed list may be found in the documents at the national call website</p>
Proposal submission at the national level	<p>Mandatory national application via the eCall system to be submitted until <b>22 September, 2022, 12:00 a.m. CEST</b>.</p> <p>Details on the documents and information you need to submit may be found at the <a href="#">national call website</a>.</p>
National Reporting requirements	<p>Annual financial and scientific reporting via the eCall system is mandatory. Please use the templates, which will be available on your project's eCall site once you initiate a reporting session.</p>
Other	We strongly recommend contacting the national contact persons during the preparation of the project.
Relevant national documents	Relevant national documents may be found at the <a href="#">national call website</a> .



Country / Region	Belgium – Brussels Capital Region																							
Funding Agency	Innoviris – Brussels Institute for Research and Innovation																							
National contact person	Kourosch ABBASPOUR TEHRANI Scientific Director <a href="mailto:katehrani@innoviris.brussels">katehrani@innoviris.brussels</a> +32 2 600 50 30																							
National funding committed	0,5 M EUR																							
Estimated number of projects to be funded	1-2																							
Maximum funding per partner	N/A																							
Maximum funding per project	N/A																							
Funding rate	40%-100% <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th colspan="4">Maximum funding rates</th></tr> <tr> <th></th><th>Large enterprises</th><th>Medium-size enterprises</th><th>Small enterprises</th><th>Research organisations, associations and administrations without economic activities</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Applied research</td><td>65%</td><td>75%</td><td>80%</td><td>100%</td></tr> <tr> <td>Experimental research-innovation</td><td>40%</td><td>50%</td><td>60%</td><td>100%</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Eligibility of associations and administrations will be analysed by Innoviris. Therefore, every interested association must submit at Innoviris an official document called “<b>declaration of activities</b>». This document will be analysed and will allow to fix funding level of an association</p>					Maximum funding rates					Large enterprises	Medium-size enterprises	Small enterprises	Research organisations, associations and administrations without economic activities	Applied research	65%	75%	80%	100%	Experimental research-innovation	40%	50%	60%	100%
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Who can apply (eligible entities)	Innoviris can fund private and public enterprises, urban administrations, municipalities, associations, and research organisations.																							
Eligible cost categories	<b>Eligible cost:</b> salary (personnel costs), operational costs, investment costs, overhead, subcontracting. Please check eligible costs categories at: <a href="https://innoviris.brussels/documents/general-accounting-directives-2021">https://innoviris.brussels/documents/general-accounting-directives-2021</a>																							
Further restrictions and requirements	1. At least one public actor from Brussels Region must be involved in the project (urban administration, municipality, etc.)																							

	<p>2. Brussels projects needs to fulfil specific regional eligibility and funding criteria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional beneficiary develops entirely or partially its activities in Brussels Capital Region</li> <li>• Regional beneficiary will perform a research or innovation activity in the project</li> <li>• The project will be innovative and will present the positive impact on regional economy and employment by valorisation of results in the region</li> <li>• Regional Beneficiary has not received public funding for the same activities</li> <li>• Regional Beneficiary has fulfilled the obligations in the context of previous grants allocated by the Region</li> <li>• All applicants should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project and the implementation of the results.</li> </ul>
Proposal submission at the national level	Regional application form <u>needs to be submitted by each individual</u> partner to Innoviris by 15 September 2022. The templates and instructions can be found at <a href="http://www.innoviris.brussels">www.innoviris.brussels</a>
National Reporting requirements	Annual financial and scientific reporting via Innoviris electronic system is mandatory. Details of financial and activities reports can be found at <a href="http://www.innoviris.brussels">www.innoviris.brussels</a>
Other	We strongly recommend contacting the NCP during the preparation of the project.
Relevant national documents	Relevant regional information can be found at the: <a href="http://www.innoviris.brussels">www.innoviris.brussels</a>

Country / Region	Belgium Flanders region
Funding Agency	<a href="#">VLAIO</a>
National contact person	<p><b>Veerle Desmet</b>  <a href="mailto:veerle.desmet@vlaio.be">veerle.desmet@vlaio.be</a>  +32 2 432 43 02</p> <p><b>Elsie De Clercq</b>  <a href="mailto:elsie.declercq@vlaio.be">elsie.declercq@vlaio.be</a>  +32 2 432 42 78</p>
National funding committed	1 M EUR
Estimated number of projects to be funded	---
Maximum funding per partner	500.000 EUR
Maximum funding per project	500.000 EUR
Funding rate	35-70% (see <a href="http://www.vlaio.be">www.vlaio.be</a> for details)
Who can apply (eligible entities)	Eligible partners are Flemish enterprises and non-profit organisations (with legal entity, economic activities and valorisation in Flanders). Scientific partners and cities can be involved as subcontractors in the project. Applicants should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project.
Eligible cost categories	<p>Eligible costs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Personnel costs</li> <li>○ Indirect costs (max. 25k€ per FTE)</li> <li>○ Operational costs</li> <li>○ Subcontracting</li> <li>○ Depreciation costs</li> </ul> <p>Funding rates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for industrial development: 35% (large enterprise), 45% (medium-size enterprise), 55% (small enterprise);</li> <li>- for industrial research: 60% (large enterprise), 70% (medium-size and small enterprise)</li> </ul> <p>Details on <a href="http://www.vlaio.be">www.vlaio.be</a></p>
Further restrictions and requirements	<p>The minimum and maximum funding per project follows the national rules of the funding scheme: minimum budget of 50.000€ for development projects, minimum budget of 100.000€ for research projects. Maximum funding per project is 3M€.</p> <p>A detailed list may be found in the documents at <a href="http://www.vlaio.be">www.vlaio.be</a></p>
Proposal submission at the national level	<p>Additional templates to be completed can be found on the VLAIO website. These templates are mandatory to check the eligibility and must be sent to VLAIO on the date of deadline. We kindly ask the applicants to apply for a meeting with VLAIO as soon as possible and ultimately 2 weeks before the deadline to check the eligibility aspects.</p>

National Reporting requirements	Annual scientific reporting is mandatory, as well as financial and scientific report at the end of the project. VLAIO provides additional templates for applicants on the VLAIO website and through the VLAIO portal once you initiate the reporting phase.
Other	Please note that VLAIO does not allow multiple funding; the principal investigator should clearly state how the proposed project differs from other granted projects.  We highly recommend applicants to apply for a meeting with VLAIO as soon as possible during the preparation of the project.
Relevant national documents	Relevant national documents may be found at the national call website <a href="http://www.vlaio.be">www.vlaio.be</a> - industrial development projects: <a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/ontwikkelingsproject</a> - industrial research projects: <a href="https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject">https://www.vlaio.be/nl/subsidies-financiering/onderzoeksproject</a>

<b>Country / Region</b>	<b>Latvia</b>
Funding Agency	LCS – Latvian Council of Science (LZP – Latvijas Zinātnes padome)
National contact person	<b>Maija Bundule</b> <a href="mailto:Maija.Bundule@lzp.gov.lv">Maija.Bundule@lzp.gov.lv</a> +371 – 26 514 481  <b>Uldis Berķis</b> <a href="mailto:Uldis.Berkis@lzp.gov.lv">Uldis.Berkis@lzp.gov.lv</a> +371 – 29 472 349
National funding committed	500.000 EUR
Estimated number of projects to be funded	2
Maximum funding per partner	100.000 EUR per year, i.e. max 250.000 EUR for a 30-months project
Maximum funding per project	150.000 EUR per year total in case of 2 Latvian partners, and 100.000 EUR per year in case of 1 Latvian partner
Funding rate	According to the Regulation EU 651/2014 For public scientific institutions – RPO-RKDO special conditions
Who can apply (eligible entities)	1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities Having the status of Research and knowledge dissemination organisation (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 (R651/2014) together with financial reporting requirements. Two previous statements with sworn auditor's approval should be provided and they must reflect the correspondence to the regulation as well as evidence of previous scientific activity.
Eligible cost categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personnel costs incl. taxes;</li> <li>• Consumables;</li> <li>• Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted;</li> <li>• Equipment (only depreciation costs during project);</li> <li>• Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment;</li> <li>• Travels (according to travel plan);</li> </ul> Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Further restrictions and requirements	<p>Projects with TRL 9 are not supported</p> <p>Projects having TRL 8 activities are supported only by a special decision by funding board</p> <p>Funding shall respect Regulation 651/2014. Latvia cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities.</p>
Proposal submission at the national level	There is no national application phase, the applicants bear full responsibility for respecting all eligibility criteria.
National Reporting requirements	<p>Annual financial and scientific reporting is mandatory.</p> <p>To receive funding by LCS, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented.</p> <p>Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request.</p>
Other	No
Relevant national documents	<p>Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibai-starptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma</a></p> <p>These provisions should be respected without exceptions. The maximum rates should respect the Provisions. The requirements in the provisions to specific applicant groups must be respected.</p>

<b>Country / Region</b>	<b>Sweden</b>
Funding Agency	Vinnova – Sweden’s innovation agency (coordinating the Swedish participation)  SWEA – Swedish Energy Agency
National contact person	Vinnova: Björn Svensby Kurling (principal national contact person) <a href="mailto:bjorn.svensbykurling@vinnova.se">bjorn.svensbykurling@vinnova.se</a> +46 8 4733148  Swedish Energy Agency: Maria Alm <a href="mailto:maria.alm@energimyndigheten.se">maria.alm@energimyndigheten.se</a> +46 16 5442187
National funding committed	Up to 1.12 M EUR
Estimated number of projects to be funded	Approx. 3-5
Maximum funding per partner	-
Maximum funding per project	-
Funding rate	Undertakings carrying out economic activities: 25-80 % (depending on the size of the entity). Depending on types of activities funding will be based on either Industrial research or Experimental development, both found in art 25 GBER.  Non-economic entities: up to 100 % (non state aid)  For more details, see Vinnova’s guidelines: <a href="#">State aid to companies   Vinnova   Vinnova</a>
Who can apply (eligible entities)	<b>PRC:</b> private sector (e.g. for-profit companies) <b>REC:</b> research centres <b>HES:</b> secondary or higher education (e.g. schools and universities) <b>PUB:</b> public bodies (e.g. municipalities, regional/national administrative bodies) <b>OTH:</b> other non-profit legal entities (e.g. NGOs, stakeholder associations, societies)  Observe that applicants must be Swedish legal entities.
Eligible cost categories	See Instruction to eligible costs, GBER art 25, in: <a href="#">Microsoft Word - guide stödberättigande kostnader -1 januari 2019.docx uppdatering inför 2020 200206 (002) (vinnova.se)</a> and § 6.1 in <a href="#">vinnovas-general-terms-and-conditions-for-grants---2022-multiple-participants-engelsk-version.pdf</a>
Further restrictions and requirements	Observe the call specific rules and criteria that govern applicants from all countries.
Proposal submission at the national level	Following the international expert evaluation, the Swedish Principal Investigators in projects recommended for funding will be invited to submit

	<p>a national application to Vinnova. Information about the submission will be provided in the invitation and by the national contact person.</p> <p>Consequently, observe that one actor must be appointed as Principal Investigator, if several Swedish actors are included in a consortia.</p>
National Reporting requirements	<p>Two times a year, following the plan in the national project decision. National reporting will be done through Vinnova's Intressentportalen-system</p>
Other	<p>We strongly recommend applicants to contact the NCP during the preparation of the application.</p>
Relevant national documents	<p>Relevant national documents may be found at <a href="http://www.vinnova.se">www.vinnova.se</a> and include:</p> <p><a href="#">Vinnova's general terms and conditions for funding   Vinnova</a> (observe that the terms differ, depending on whether there is one or several Swedish actors in the consortia).</p> <p><a href="#">State aid to companies   Vinnova   Vinnova</a></p>

<b>Country / Region</b>	<b>Turkey</b>
Funding Agency	TÜBİTAK- The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey
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National funding committed	Up to 0.35 M EUR
Estimated number of projects to be funded	Approx. 2-3
Maximum funding per partner	<p>Higher education institutions, training and research hospitals and public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities) 720.000 TRY (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs)</p> <p>Private Entities: 1.500.000 TRY</p>
Maximum funding per project	1.500.000 TRY (excluding Project Incentive Payment and Overhead costs)
Funding rate	Higher education institutions, their institutes, research hospitals and R&D centres can receive funds as 100% of all eligible R&D costs. SMEs can receive funds as 75% of all eligible R&D costs and large companies receive funds as 60 % of all eligible R&D costs.
Who can apply (eligible entities)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Higher education institutions,</li> <li>• Training and research hospitals,</li> <li>• Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities),</li> <li>• SMEs and large companies established in Turkey</li> </ul>
Eligible cost categories	Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.
Further restrictions and requirements	Observe the call-specific rules and criteria that govern applicants from all countries.
Proposal submission at the national level	Electronic application is required via: <a href="https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/">https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/</a>
National Reporting requirements	National Reporting is required in a predefined format
Other	We strongly recommend applicants to contact the NCP during the preparation of the application.
Relevant national documents	<p><a href="#">1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&amp;D Cooperation</a></p> <p>Further information will be announced on <a href="http://www.ufukavrupa.org.tr">http://www.ufukavrupa.org.tr</a></p>