

POLAND – NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (NCBR)

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Information on the Funding Organisation in the Call

Budget	3 000 000 EUR
Anticipated number of projects to fund	6 or more (all within available funding commitment)
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National/regional requirements and guidelines on proposals

Call Modules and topics	All Call Modules eligible
Proposal submission	<p>Participants from Poland will be informed and invited to submit a national application once the international evaluation and the ranking list have been established (in all likelihood in June/July 2026).</p> <p>Only projects recommended for funding will be asked to submit a national application form (NAF).</p> <p>All eligible entities invited to submit Polish full proposal are obliged to use European Central Bank's exchange rate in force on the day the call is opened.</p> <p>If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application must be submitted jointly by a consortium (group of entities) comprising Polish entities only.</p>
Project Consortium Partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enterprises¹ – micro, small, medium or large, Groups of enterprises comprising at least two enterprises,

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

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groups of entities comprising at least one research organisation² and at least one enterprise. <p>Participating entities must be established as legal persons³ and conduct business, R&D activity or other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant Polish official register⁴.</p> <p>For a group of entities to participate as an Applicant in the call, it must formally exist on the date the pre-proposal is submitted. This existence must be evidenced by an agreement made by the members – at least conditionally - to create the group of entities (consortium).</p>		
Project duration	24–36 months		
Project budget			
Funding request	700 000 EUR per project or all Polish partners in one project		
Funding rates (%)	Basic research	Industrial/ applied research	Experimental develop- ment/innovation
Large enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75%)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50%)
Medium enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60%)
Small enterprises	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80%)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70%)
Universities, public re- search organisations	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
Public authorities	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
Associations without eco- nomic activities, NGOs	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
Notes	Funding quotas for Polish participants may reach up to 100% for universities and research organisations. For enterprises, the quota will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking into account company size and the type of research and development activity, pursuant to Section 2 of the		

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

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

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

	<p>Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development (Journal of Laws 2020, item 1456).</p> <p>In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development are eligible for funding. Other activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) shall not be included into separate tasks.</p> <p>If an enterprise applies individually at the national level (i.e. there is no Polish group of entities or group of enterprises), the state aid intensity for industrial research and experimental development shall not be increased on the basis of “effective cooperation” between enterprises or between enterprises and research organisations.</p>
Types of cost	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff employed on the research project); 2. costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services used exclusively for the research activity; this cost category shall not exceed 70% of all eligible costs of a project; subcontracting a consortium partner is allowed only in justified cases, which shall be verified by a national panel of experts 3. operating costs including (depending on the type of eligible institution): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Research Organisations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents are eligible only to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; if such instruments or pieces of equipment are not used for their entire useful life within 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; ▪ costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the period when they are 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;

- other operating costs including: costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity; training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage);
- Enterprises:
 - costs of instruments and equipment, technical knowledge and patents to the extent and for the period when they are used for the research project; if such instruments or pieces of equipment are not used for their entire useful life within 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;
 - costs for buildings and land, to the extent and for the period when they are 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. **additional overheads** incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution);
 - Research Organisations:
 - additional overheads for research organizations should account 25% of all eligible direct costs; That costs (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for research organizations, excluding subcontracting (2); It means $4 = (1+3) * 25\%$.
 - Enterprises:
 - additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, e.g. costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity, training costs; travel costs including conference fees; cost of required external audit, costs of project promotion (e.g. articles, project webpage). That costs should account 20% of all eligible direct project costs;

	<p>Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means $4=(1+2+3)*20\%$.</p> <p>Projects requesting more than PLN 3 million funding are entitled to claim the cost of the audit. For more details on eligible costs, applicants are advised to check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p>
RDI approaches and TRLs	<p>Type of research:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial/Applied research • Experimental development <p>TRL: 3-8</p> <p>Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals.</p>
Other requirements/guidelines	<p>All proposals must comply with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science; • The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development; • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, which is aligned with the Commission Regulation (EU) No 651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the internal market in application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty (General Block Exemption Regulation); • The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development.