

## Poland – The National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR)

### a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

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<b>Funding commitment</b>	3 000 000 EUR
<b>Anticipated number of projects to be funded</b>	6 or more (all within available funding commitment)
<b>Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner</b>	700 000 EUR per project or all Polish partners in one project
<b>Eligible types of organisations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enterprises<sup>1</sup> - SME and Large,</li> <li>• Groups of enterprises composed of at least two enterprises,</li> <li>• Groups of entities composed of at least one research organisation<sup>2</sup> and at least one enterprise.</li> </ul> <p>Entities must be established as a legal person<sup>3</sup> and must conduct its business, R&amp;D or any other activity on the territory of the Republic of Poland, confirmed by an entry into the relevant register<sup>4</sup>.</p> <p>A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the call is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, an agreement on the creation of a group of entities.</p>
<b>Eligible Call Modules</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM2024-01 Energy data spaces and interoperability</li> <li>• CM2024-02 Energy system flexibility: renewables production, storage and system integration</li> <li>• CM2024-03A Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (ROA)</li> <li>• CM2024-03B Advanced renewable energy (RE) technologies for power production (IOA)</li> <li>• CM2024-04 Carbon capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS)</li> <li>• CM2024-05 Hydrogen and renewable fuels</li> <li>• CM2024-06 Heating and cooling technologies</li> <li>• CM2024-07 Geothermal energy technologies</li> <li>• CM2024-08 Integrated regional energy systems</li> <li>• CM2024-09 Integrated industrial energy systems</li> <li>• CM2024-10 Clean energy integration in the built environment</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> 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”);

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

<sup>3</sup> Legal person (juridical person) - an entity that is capable of having and amend legal rights and obligations within a certain legal system, such as to enter into contracts, sue, and be sued, excluding natural persons;

<sup>4</sup> if applicable.

<p><b>Eligible types of RDI and TRL</b></p>	<p><b>Type of research:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Industrial/Applied research</b></li> <li>• <b>Experimental development</b></li> </ul> <p><b>TRL: 4-8</b></p> <p>Polish applicants shall declare the TRL of their research in the pre-proposals and full proposals.</p>
<p><b>Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level</b></p>	<p>Polish Participants will be informed and invited to submit Polish full proposal once the international evaluation and the ranking list will be established.</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 the rate of exchange of The European Central Bank dated on the day of opening the call.</p> <p>If more than one Polish entity participates in the project, the national application is submitted by a consortium (group of entities) of all Polish entities.</p>
<p><b>Additional eligibility criteria</b></p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p><b>Eligible costs</b></p>	<p>The eligible costs shall be the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>personnel costs</b> (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project);</li> <li>2. <b>costs of subcontracting, costs of consultancy and equivalent services</b> 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</li> <li>3. <b>operating costs including</b> (depending on the type of eligible institution) :</li> </ol> <p><b>Research Organizations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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);</li> </ul>

	<p><b>Enterprises:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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;</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>4. <b>additional overheads</b> incurred indirectly as a result of the research project (depending on the type of eligible institution);</p> <p><b>Research Organizations:</b></p> <p>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 <math>4=(1+3)*25\%</math>.</p> <p><b>Enterprises:</b></p> <p>additional overheads for enterprises include also other operating costs, eg. 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; Additional overheads (4) are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above (called x%) and the rest of direct costs for enterprises; It means <math>4=(1+2+3)*20\%</math>.</p> <p>-----</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, please check the guidelines in the call announcement on NCBR webpage.</p>
<p><b>Information available at</b></p>	<p><a href="http://www.ncbr.gov.pl">www.ncbr.gov.pl</a></p>

<b>Other</b>	<p>All proposals must be aligned with national regulations, inter alia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Act of 20 July 2018 - Law on Higher Education and Science;</li> <li>• The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development;</li> <li>• 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 in line 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);</li> <li>• The Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 17 September 2010 on the detailed mode of performance of tasks of the National Centre for Research and Development.</li> </ul>
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b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

	<b>Basic research</b>	<b>Industrial/Applied Research</b>	<b>Experimental development/innovation</b>
<b>Large Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+5/15/25 (max 75 %)	Up to 25+5/15/25 (max 50 %)
<b>Medium Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+10+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+10+5/15/25 (max 60 %)
<b>Small Enterprises</b>	not eligible	Up to 50+20+5/15/25 (max 80 %)	Up to 25+20+5/15/25 (max 70 %)
<b>Universities, public research organisations</b>	not eligible	Up to 100%	Up to 100%
<b>Public authorities</b>	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible
<b>Associations without economic activities, NGOs</b>	not eligible	not eligible	not eligible

Funding quota for Polish participants may be up to 100% for universities and research organisations. In case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company and type of research/development under Section 2 of 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, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.

In any case only Industrial Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) cannot be included into separate task.

For entrepreneurs independently undertaking projects at the national level (meaning there is no Polish group of entities or Polish group of enterprises), there is no possibility of increasing the intensity of state aid for industrial research and experimental development based on the condition of effective cooperation between entrepreneurs or between entrepreneurs and research organisations.