

[MALTA] – [MALTA COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY] [MCST]

a) National/Regional information and eligibility criteria

Contact Point	Ms. Martina Vella
Funding commitment	€500,000
Anticipated number of projects to be funded	A minimum of 1 (According to the number of applications received and the requested funding.)
Maximum funding per awarded project/per partner	€500,000
Eligible types of organisations	<p>Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plan to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules. Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership <i>en nom collectif, en commandite</i> or a limited liability company; or b) be duly registered as a co-operative society under the Co-Operative Societies Act, or c) professional body; or d) NGO; or f) Non-profit making entity (including Foundation).</p> <p>Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU, will be eligible for funding subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (Non-State Aid).</p>
Eligible Call Modules	All Call Modules within all Transition Initiatives
Eligible types of RDI and TRL	Fundamental Research, Industrial Research and Experimental Development TRL 3 - 7
Submission of proposal /documentation at national/regional level	<p>A national application form must be submitted by the specified deadline within the National Rules. All national documentation will be available to download from https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/ .</p> <p>The national application form is to be sent by the stipulated deadline to eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt .</p> <p>For any further information applicants can contact MCST as follows:</p> <p>Lead Call Manager – Ms. Martina Vella: martina.vella.5@gov.mt Alternate Call Manager – Ms. Annalisa Cartabia:</p>

	<p>annalisa.cartabia@gov.mt Generic email address: eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt</p>
Additional eligibility criteria	<p>It is important for all national applicants to refer to MCST's National Rules for detailed information on the call which can be accessed from MCST's website: https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/.</p>
Eligible costs	<p>Any Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation registered in Malta, that do not carry out an economic activity within the meaning of Article 107 TFEU are eligible to apply under the non-state aid route. The eligible costs included within non-state aid include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel Costs - Costs of IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities - Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Research Consumables - Travel and Subsistence - Subcontracted Activities - Indirect Costs - Other Operating Expenses <p>Eligible Undertakings with an operating base in Malta which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research or Experimental Development projects may be funded under Regulation A (de minimis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel Costs - Costs of IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities - Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Research Consumables - Travel and Subsistence - Subcontracted Activities - Indirect Costs - Other Operating Expenses <p>Or under Regulation B (GBER), for which eligible costs are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Personnel Costs - Costs of IP and Knowledge Transfer Activities - Instruments, Specialised Equipment and Research (depreciation costs eligible to the extent and for the period used for the project) - Subcontracted Activities - Indirect Costs - Other Operating Expenses
Information available at	<p>Further information on the CETPartnership and the funding opportunities in this regard by the Malta Council for Science and Technology can be found on MCST's website: https://mcst.gov.mt/mcst-news/clean-energy-transition-partnership-cetpartnership/</p> <p>Any questions can be sent to eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt</p>
Other	N/A

b) Funding rates

Maximum funding percentages:

MCST offers three funding modalities as follows:

- **Non-State Aid**

The financial contribution to an applicant (i.e., Public Entity or Public Research or Knowledge-Dissemination Organisation as defined above and in the National Rules for Participation) under non-state aid Rules for Participation shall be **100%** of the eligible costs incurred by that Partner.

- **State Aid – Regulation A (*de Minimis*)**

The financial contribution to a project partner (i.e., Eligible Undertaking as defined above and in the National Rules for Participation) applying under Regulation A (*de minimis*) shall be **up to 75%** of the eligible costs incurred on the project by that project partner. The partner must finance the remaining percentage of the eligible costs. It is not possible for a Partner to cover this percentage contribution ‘in-kind’.

- **State Aid – Regulation B (GBER)**

The financial contribution to a project partner (i.e., Eligible Undertaking as defined above and in the National Rules for Participation) applying under Regulation B (GBER) shall following the current criteria:

Type of Research	Small Undertaking	Medium Undertaking	Large Undertaking
Fundamental Research	100%	100%	100%
Industrial Research	70%	60%	50%
Industrial Research with an effective collaboration and/or results are widely disseminated	80%	75%	65%
Experimental Development	45%	35%	25%
Experimental Development with an effective collaboration and/or results are widely disseminated	60%	50%	40%

The project involves **effective collaboration** if at least one of the following requirements is satisfied:

- a. Project is being handle between undertakings among which at least one is an SME, or is carried out in at least two Member States, or in a Member State and in a Contracting Party of the EEA Agreement, and no single undertaking bears more than 70% of the eligible costs.
- b. Between an undertaking and one or more Research and Knowledge-dissemination Organisation/s where the latter bear at least 10% of the eligible costs and have the right to publish their own research results.

For the results of the project to be considered as being widely disseminated, this must be done through conferences, publications, open access repositories, or free or open-source software at the beneficiary’s **own** expense. The activities to be undertaken to satisfy these criteria must be clearly made visible in the National Application Form which is to be submitted by the stipulated deadline.