

FAQ – Frequently Asked Question

- **What is the definition of an SME used for this call:**
That depends on the definition used in the national eligibility criteria, please check the call text on the website www.thcspartnership.eu. As an indication you could use the following criteria of the European Commission.

Company category	Staff headcount	Turnover
Medium-sized	< 250	≤ € 50 m
Small	< 50	≤ € 10 m
Micro	< 10	≤ € 2 m

- **How many calls will the THCS partnership organise?**
The THCS partnership aims to announce a call each year. How many call will be launched by the programme will be decided as the partnership evolves.
- **What if your country is not in the THCS partnership? Can you still participate in the call? Can partners from these countries participate with their 'own' money?**
If there is no funder from your country participating in this call, then you can only join a project consortium with you own funding. To see if your national/regional funder joins the THCS call, please check the call text on the website www.thcspartnership.eu.
- **What is the total budget for the 2024 call?**
The total budget for call 2024 is around €35 million euro's
- **Is there a minimum and/or maximum amount of funding for each project?**
The amount of funding depends on the proposal and budget needed for that. Next to that funding agencies can have a maximum amount per project/partner. Please check the eligibility criteria for this in Annex 1 of the [call text](#).
- **Where does the funding for this call come from?**
The majority of the budget will come from participating funding agencies and on top of that the European Commission contributes to a maximum of 30%.
- **What kind of organisations/companies/charities/patient organisations/etc. can apply?**
The type of organisations which can apply for funding depends on the eligibility criteria of your responsible funding agency. Please check the eligibility criteria in Annex 1 of the [call text](#).
- **How do I find partners for a consortium?**
The THCS programme offers an online partner search tool. In this tool you can make a request for partners and read proposals by others. Click [here](#) to enter the tool. Next to that you could use the [THCS linked page](#) to find potential partners. Of course your own network is always good to use.
- **Do all partners already need to be on board when submitting the intent to apply?**
A minimum of at least two partners form two different countries have to be on board when submitting the intent to apply. However you can add or change partners in the final proposal, except the project coordinator.
- **Is it mandatory for proposals to include one specific type of care?**
This call does not have a specific focus on one type of care. It is an open call when it comes on the domain of care, except for primary prevention. That type of care/support is excluded. For example project can focus on mental health care, hospital care, or care at home. More information on the scope of the call can be found in the [call text](#).

- **If a country has multiple funders: how is it decided which funder you should address for your funding?**

This depends on the eligibility criteria of the different funders. As long as you are eligible it is up to you as partner to decide at which funding agency you apply for funding. Please check the eligibility criteria of the different funders in the [call text](#) and contact the funding agencies involved for more information.

- **Will applicants receive feedback on the 'intent to apply' form?**

There will be no substantive feedback on the 'intent to apply' form. It is used as an indication for the expected applications and to know which type of applications will be send in.

- **How are different types of prevention defined?**

In the call text within section 5 you find a definition of the different types of prevention this call is aiming at: secondary, tertiary and quaternary.

- **How to add additional partners (funding or self funding/subcontracting)?**

The 2024 THCS call has an exception for patient organisations and companies to facilitate their integration in consortia. They can be added to a consortium as additional partners either on own funds or by applying for funding, if eligible, from the respective funding organisations.

Additional partner is self funding/subcontracted

If your additional partner is self funding or subcontracted you can add the partner to the collaborator section of the proposal form. The Intent to Apply form currently accommodates 2 so the rest can be added in the full proposal template which will be made available from Monday April 22nd.

Additional partner requests funding

If your additional partner requests funding then you can add them to the section of the partners in the form on the THCS submission platform. The fact that they are indicated to be a company or patient organization will assure that they are recognized as additional partners by the joint call secretariat.

In case of more than 9 partners asking for funding.

If adding the additional partners makes the consortium exceed the number of 9 partners asking for funding. We request that you contact the Joint call secretariat before submitting the proposal.