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Starting from the topic indicated in the THCS Annual Work Plan 2023, the topic to be included in the Call text was agreed and finalised by the THCS Research and Innovation Funding Organisations (RFOs) participating in the Call, i.e. the Call Steering Committee.

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2 Methodology

Starting from the topic indicated in the THCS Annual Work Plan 2023 and based on the description of activities set out in the THCS Grant Agreement, WP6 Leader (Research Council of Norway) started to design the final topic of JTC2023 and the scope of the Call. In doing so, special care was taken to underpin the topic with the appropriate structural priorities/building blocks identified in the THCS SRIA.

Two rounds of written consultations have been conducted with the RFOs to gather feedbacks and inputs on the content of the call text as well as the type of funding instrument to be used, projects size and duration ensuring an alignment on the call topic and with regional/national rules and possibilities of each RFO.

In addition, a physical meeting involving representatives from WP6, from the three organisations in charge of the Joint Call Secretariat of the Call, from IT MOH and from EC Services, and in particular DG RTD, DG SANTE, and DG CNCT, was organised in Brussels in November 2022 to discuss and advance the Call Text. The Call text was then shared in December 2022 with EC Services and HADEA to gather comments on it and subsequently with the Call Steering Committee for their final comments.

The pre-announcement of the JTC2023 “Healthcare of the future” was published in the THCS website on March, 6th 2023 and the Call text and the templates for the submission of the Intent to Apply on March, 22nd 2023. On April, 5th an amended version of the Call text and Frequently Asked Questions were published in the THCS website.

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Call for transnational proposals 2023

"HEALTHCARE OF THE FUTURE"

Call text

DEADLINES

Submission deadline for obligatory "Intent to apply": 23 May 2023, 14:00 CET

Central submission deadline for proposals: 13 June 2023, 14:00 CET

Electronic proposal submission

For further information, visit our website:

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1. Introduction and background

1.1 What is a European Partnership?

Co-funded European Partnerships are instruments implemented in Horizon Europe as Programme Co-fund Actions. These partnerships are involving EU countries, with research and innovation funders and other public authorities at the core of the consortium. The Partnership instrument is open to all EU Member States, as well as to countries associated to Horizon Europe. It is open also to non-EU countries that can participate at their own costs. In a co-funded Partnership driven by cash contribution the core activity is the funding of Research and Innovation projects on a specific field. The European Commission is directly involved in the governance of the Partnership and contributes by co-funding 30% of all eligible costs.

1.2 The European partnership on Transforming health and care systems (THCS)

The health and care systems of Europe are under a lot of strain and need to transform to be able to respond to people's future needs. The COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted even further the need to rethink and redesign health and care services.

The Transforming Health and Care Systems (THCS) initiative has been established as a European partnership under Horizon Europe, co-funded by the European Commission (https://www.thcspartnership.eu/). The aim of THCS is to coordinate and optimize research and innovation efforts in Europe and its partner countries supporting health and care systems transformation.

1.3 Ambition of the call

The ambition of the first Joint Transnational Call (JTC) for proposals is to identify and **develop innovative solutions that can, in the future, help to relieve the pressure on health and care facilities**. The call addresses the challenge presented by the increasing number of patients admitted in hospitals or other healthcare facilities and the need to ensure they are treated in the appropriate setting according to their respective medical condition in a healthcare continuum that makes the best use of resources and deliver better patient satisfaction. To reach this ambition, **the complementarity of inpatient and outpatient care, and the coordination between them needs to be optimised.** Organisational innovations, continuity of care across all care levels, integrated care and harnessing the potential of supporting digital technologies provide a multitude of possibilities for such optimization, creating opportunities for health and care systems to reap the benefits of distributed health and care.

Collaborative transnational projects responding to the challenges and opportunities described here will be supported through this call. The goal of this call is to identify, develop and implement innovative solutions that can inform decision-making and optimise the delivery of health and care services across different settings. These solutions should aim to make health and care systems economically, socially, and environmentally sustainable, while keeping people at the centre of the care process.

The challenges are complex and can be answered with a wide variety of Research and Innovation (R&I) projects and concepts. These include applied, innovative research as well as development of strategies, testing, implementing and assessing interventions and solutions in the different partner countries and in different health and care contexts and settings. Suggested research and innovation topics are further described below.

The funding organisations that have agreed to fund the joint call for transnational research and innovation projects are listed in Annex I. The call will be launched simultaneously by the funding organisations in their respective countries and is coordinated centrally by the THCS Joint Call Secretariat.

2. Aim of the call

This first call aims to:

1. To provide the necessary knowledge to build the health and care of the future. This includes addressing several dimensions of health and care systems such as quality, safety, equity, efficiency, effectiveness, accessibility, sustainability, economy, ethics and resilience in reorganised health and care settings. By providing this knowledge, the call aims to support the development of new and innovative solutions that can address the current and future challenges facing health and care systems.
2. To support the implementation of innovative solutions on a larger scale. This includes identifying and promoting the adoption and transferability of evidence-based and successful practices that have already been proven to be effective in some contexts in addressing the challenges facing health and care systems. With research and innovation supporting the implementation of these existing solutions, the call aims to accelerate the pace of change and make a positive impact on health and care systems in a more efficient way.

The call will address the general objective of the THCS Partnership, by focusing on identification, testing, implementation and assessment of models and solutions to optimise complementarity of inpatient and outpatient care, supporting the transformation to people-centred services. Hospitals and other (specialised) care facilities will remain important stakeholders in health and care systems. The research and innovation funded by this call will fill knowledge gaps and support implementation of innovative solutions aimed at better organising the health and care systems of the future, with a focus on promotion of prevention, personalised care and fostering better integration and continuity of care, including remote care when desirable/possible.

A shift towards more distributed, community-based health and care facilities provides opportunities, but also a range of challenges for the health and care systems and especially for existing health care providers whose roles would need to be redesigned. Examples include the need to improve prioritization in decision making processes, to empower primary health and care, respond to the growing demand for interprofessional collaboration and to equip the workforce with new insights and competencies.

3. Expected outcomes

Expected outcomes of the call are:

- Citizens and patients are better informed and engaged and have access to more distributed, community-based health and care facilities that better support their needs. This will include new/adapted sustainable concepts of care, prevention models, personalised approaches in prevention and care on different intervention areas (e.g.,

NCDs and CDs, cancer) to be translated in different contexts.

- Primary care and community-based health and care services are better equipped with integrated and cost-effective intervention tools to help prevent, monitor and manage age-related diseases, conditions and disabilities, while promoting healthy lifestyles.
- Health and care providers and professionals are engaged and have access to validated customized and adopted solutions for health and care delivery supporting continuity of care and integration of the different settings.
- Health and care authorities and policy makers and other stakeholders involved in the decision-making processes have access to evidence-based and successful strategies and learn from good practices supporting the transformation towards people-centred services and the optimisation the delivery of health and care services across different settings.

4. Scope of the call

The JTC 2023 envisages proposals addressing solutions for seamless integration of health services in different settings in which health and care is delivered and received, locally, regionally, at home or in specialised hospitals, and in different contexts. Proposals should identify and describe the health and care settings where particular needs can be best addressed. Proposals can focus on one or more intervention areas (I.e., NCDs and CDs, cancer etc.)

The transformation of health and care systems involves re-evaluating the role of hospitals, primary care and community care. Proposals should aim at presenting a clear vision of the future role, mission, and activities of health- and care organisations within the context of new and evolving care settings and determining the most appropriate roles in that new context.

4.1 Essential elements

The research and innovation activities should provide a broad range of knowledge, models, and solutions, while maximising the service coverage, ensure the best care pathway, and also ensuring safety, quality, and equal access to health and care. Proposals may address a few or several dimensions of health and care systems.

Proposals must address the economic and social impact of the proposed models/solutions/approach.

Proposals must show how the project will be linked to the policy context and wider eco-systems. This includes cooperation and coordination between stakeholders, across the boundaries of traditional health and care domains, locally or regionally, involving end-users, health and care professionals, and /or other stakeholders e.g., health and care system owners, when relevant.

4.2 Research and innovation areas particularly relevant to this call include:

a) Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR), which is an interdisciplinary field of study that aims to understand and improve the functioning of healthcare systems, services, policies, and environments affecting access, quality, efficiency and cost of healthcare. It encompasses a wide range of research activities, including policy analysis, systems

thinking, and implementation science, health economics, sociology, political science, anthropology, epidemiology, and management.

b) Health Technology Research (HTR), which is an interdisciplinary field of study that aims to develop, evaluate and implement new technologies to improve the delivery of healthcare services and to achieve better health outcomes. The field includes a wide range of research areas such as medical devices, diagnostics, digital health, telemedicine, mobile health, electronic health records and others.

c) Social, economic and behavioural research, which is an interdisciplinary field that aims to understand the social and economic determinants of health and healthcare. It encompasses a wide range of research activities, including sociology, economics, political, behavioural research, anthropology, epidemiology, and management, with the goal of informing decision-making and improving health outcomes.

4.3 Examples of research and innovation activities that are particularly needed:

a) Identify or develop innovative, people-centered solutions and/or models that support structural changes and the delivery of best care pathways. This includes organisational models, management approaches, and interventions that promote continuity and integration of care and improved patient outcomes.

b) Develop knowledge that supports implementation of existing solutions on a large-scale, or in different contexts.

c) Develop, or identify quality measures and methodologies which can support the allocation of people-centred care in the most effective and efficient health and care setting.

d) Identify and implement strategies for improving the integration of services across different levels of the healthcare system (e.g., primary care, hospital care, community-based care). For example: hospitals and specialised health and care facilities may act as hub for coordinating care across different levels of the health and care systems and can play a strategic role in offering telehealth and remote monitoring services to improve the continuity of care for patients with chronic conditions.

e) Testing and adaptation of interventions (a broad spectrum from public health to disease management) and integrated people centred health and care models in different settings and contexts.

f) Development of innovative tools, including adaptation, testing and integration, building necessary digital health services and health literacy tools for both people and the healthcare workforce.

g) Redistribution or shifting of tasks and better planning for the health and care workforce, including evidence for economic, social, and environmental sustainability, particularly considering the workforce shortages and misdistribution and the development of new skills of health and care professionals (relevance of new trainings and education programmes).

h) Increase access to knowledge and decision-support tools for regional and local health and care management to better plan and manage the outpatient care, community-based care and/or distributed health and care, considering continuation of treatment pathways.

i) Strengthen the role of health promotion and prevention of ill health when reorganising health and care to more distributed systems, and/or redesigning health services based on efficiency.

j) Identify innovative tools/practices for people/citizen involvement, engagement, and access, whilst ensuring responsible use of data.

4.4 Proposals will be rejected if they:

a) Have a predominantly pre-clinical /bio-medical component.
b) Are purely epidemiological studies mapping the extent of and causal factors behind illnesses, without a focus on solutions, models or implementation in the health and care systems.
c) Solely concern social /welfare services and do not address issues in the health and care services.
d) They solely concern development of new technological solutions, without a focus on integration of the solutions, models or implementation in the health and care systems.

5. General conditions for participation

5.1 Duration of projects

The minimum project duration is 12 months and projects must be designed to be achievable during a maximum funding period of 36 months.

5.2 Type of action

This is a call for collaborative, transnational research, innovation and assessing actions. Applied research, and implementation research, developing, piloting, and testing are within the scope of the call. Projects demonstrating proof of concept(s), validation of concepts or solutions, and demonstrations of solutions in relevant health and care settings, replication in other settings are also within scope.

5.3 Requirements relating to stakeholder participation and involvement

Applicants are required to describe how end-users and other stakeholders (e.g. policymakers, healthcare professionals, informal carers, patient representatives and voluntary organisations/NGOs) are involved in the planning and implementation of the project, in dissemination activities and in the planned utilisation of the results.

6. Participating countries and respective funding organisations

The following participating funding organisations have agreed to fund this call for transnational research and innovation projects:

Country	Funding organisations (ACRONYM)
Austria	ÖSTERREICHISCHE FORSCHUNGSFÖRDERUNGSGESELLSCHAFT (FFG) on behalf of BUNDESMINISTERIUM FUER KLIMASCHUTZ, UMWELT, ENERGIE, MOBILITAET, INNOVATION UND TECHNOLOGIE (BMK)
Belgium	FOND INNOVEREN EN ONDERNEMEN (FIO) MINISTÈRE DE LA FÉDÉRATION WALLONIE-BRUXELLES (MFWB) FONDS DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE- FNRS (FRS-FNRS)
Denmark	INNOVATIONSFONDEN (IFD)
Estonia	SIHTASUTUS EESTI TEADUSAGENTUUR (ETAG)
Finland	SUOMEN AKATEMIA (AKA)
France	AGENCE NATIONALE DE LA RECHERCHE (ANR) MINISTERE DE LA SANTE ET DE LA PREVENTION (FR MOH)

Iceland	RANNSOKNAMIDSTOD ISLANDS (RANNIS)
Ireland	HEALTH RESEARCH BOARD (HRB)
Israel	MINISTRY OF HEALTH (CSO MOH)
Italy	MINISTERO DELLA SALUTE (IT MOH) MINISTERO DELL'UNIVERSITA E DELLA RICERCA (MUR) REGIONE TOSCANA (RT) AGENZIA REGIONALE STRATEGICA PER LA SALUTE ED IL SOCIALE (ARESS)
Latvia	LATVIJAS ZINATNES PADOME (LZP)
Lithuania	LIETUVOS MOKSLO TARYBA (LMT)
Malta	MALTA COUNCIL FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MCST
Netherlands	NEDERLANDSE ORGANISATIE VOOR WETENSCHAPPELIJK ONDERZOEK (NWO) ZORG ONDERZOEK NEDERLAND (ZONMW)
Norway	NORGES FORSKNINGSRAD (RCN)
Poland	NARODOWE CENTRUM BADAN I ROZWOJU (NCBR)
Portugal	FUNDAÇÃO PARA A CIÊNCIA E A TECNOLOGIA (FCT) COMISSÃO DE COORDENAÇÃO E DESENVOLVIMENTO REGIONAL DO CENTRO (CCDRC)
Romania	EXECUTIVE AGENCY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION, RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION FUNDING (UEFISCDI)
Scotland	SCOTTISH GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGY ENABLED CARE AND DIGITAL HEALTHCARE INNOVATION (SG)
Slovenia	MINISTRSTVO ZA DIGITALNO PREOBRAZBO (MDP)
Spain	FUNDACION INSTITUTO DE INVESTIGACION MARQUES DE VALDECILLA (IDIVAL) INSTITUTO DE SALUD CARLOS III (ISCIII) CONSEJERÍA DE SALUD Y CONSUMO DE LA JUNTA DE ANDALUCÍA (CSCJA) DEPARTAMENTO DE SALUD GOBIERNO VASCO (DPTO SALUD/ BIOEF)
Sweden	FORSKINGSRADET FOR HALSA ARBETSLIVOCH VALFARD (FORTE) VERKET FOR INNOVATIONSSYSTEM (VINNOVA)
Switzerland	SCHWEIZERISCHE AGENTUR FUR INNOVATIONSFORDERUNG (INNOSUISSE) SCHWEIZERISCHER NATIONALFONDS ZUR FÖRDERUNG DER WISSENSCHAFTLICHEN FORSCHUNG (SNSF)

7. How to apply

7.1 Who is eligible to apply?

Joint transnational research and innovation proposals may be submitted to this call by teams working in different entities such as universities (or other higher education institutions) research and knowledge dissemination organisations, non-university public or private research and/or innovation organisations, hospitals or foundations or any healthcare providers, as well as commercial companies, particularly small and medium-size enterprises.

The eligibility of the afore-mentioned institutions, together with details of eligible costs (e.g. personnel, material, consumables, travel money, expenditure) are subject to the administrative requirements of the individual funding organisations participating in this call. **It is strongly recommended to carefully read the country/region specific information regarding eligibility and funding and to contact the respective funding organisations since additional regional/national procedures might be mandatory (Annex I).** THCS Partnership Governing Board Members, THCS Partnership General Assembly members or researchers from participating Funding Partners, cannot submit proposals to THCS Joint Calls.

7.2 Size of the consortium

Each project proposal must include at least three independent legal entities from at least three different countries participating in the THCS Partnership Joint Call 2023. No more than three consortium partners can be from the same country. **The total number of partners in a consortium is limited to nine** excluding collaborators, i.e. partners participating with their own expenses and therefore fully self-financed. Only transnational projects will be funded

The number of participants and their research contribution should be appropriate for the aims of the transnational research and innovation project and be reasonably balanced in terms of international participation. Each transnational collaborative project should represent the critical mass to achieve ambitious scientific goals and should clearly demonstrate an added value from working together.

7.3 Composition of a consortium

Project consortia must include one project coordinator who will represent the consortium externally and will be responsible for its internal management (e.g. the application procedure, coordination of consortium agreement drafting, Data Management Plan, Gender equality plan, reporting). The consortium coordinator must be eligible for funding by one of the funding organisations listed in Annex I. The same applicant may only be project coordinator of ONE project proposal submitted to this call. **Please note that this rule may be subject to regional/national regulations. Applicants are consequently strongly encouraged to contact their regional/national contact points to check their regional/national eligibility rules before submission.**

Other consortia members are partners, of which there are two categories:

- The first are partners eligible for funding by a funding organisation participating in the THCS Partnership Joint Call 2023. The consortium must include at least two partners eligible for funding, in addition to the coordinator.
- A second and optional category of partners are collaborators, i.e. "fully self-financed partners", bringing their own secured budget into the project. The maximum number of collaborators in a project is two. The collaborator cannot be project coordinator and must demonstrate a clear added value in the project. Collaborators may only participate in project consortia if they demonstrate, at the time of the proposal submission, that their financial and human resources are secured for the entire project period and will be available at the start of the project.

7.4 Obligatory submission of "Intent to apply"

To ensure eligibility to the Joint Call 2023 and to advance the evaluation process, the project coordinator of each project consortium must submit a brief "*Intent to apply*" through the online submission portal **by 23 May 2023, 14:00 CET.** Proposals without a preceding "Intent to apply" will not be eligible and will not be evaluated.

7.5 Call timeline

March 3, 2023	Pre-announcement of *Healthcare of the Future* call
March 16, 2023	Webinar
March 22, 2023	Publication of call *Healthcare of the Future*
May 23, 2023	Deadline for *Intent to Apply* letter submission
June 13, 2023	Deadline for proposal submission
29 August – 6 September, 2023	Rebuttal stage
October	Communication of the funding decisions to the applicants
December 2023 – May 2024	Expected project to start (subject to national procedures)

7.6 How to submit a proposal

Only proposals with a preceding **Intent to apply (ItA), submitted in the online portal before May 23, 2023** (14:00 CET), will be accepted to submit full proposals deadline **June 13, 2023** (14:00 CET). Both the ItA and the full proposal must be submitted via the **online submission** system. No project proposals will be accepted after the submission deadlines. Proposals that do not meet the formal criteria will be rejected from the evaluation process without any further review. This call is organised in a **one-stage procedure**. One ItA and one full **proposal document** shall be prepared by the Project Partners of the project consortium and must be submitted by the Project Coordinator through the THCS Partnership Online Submission System. The English-language call for proposals is the legally binding version, and proposals must be written in English. All fields in the proposal template must be completed**, respecting the page limits and format.**

Please note that the regional/national funding organisations may require additional documentation from applicants according to regional/national regulations. Such additional national/ regional documentation cannot be submitted through the THCS Partnership Online Submission System but must be submitted directly to the relevant funding organisation. It is the responsibility of each project partner to ensure that all the necessary documents are submitted on time to the appropriate recipient**.**

The Call Steering Committee (CSC), which is comprised of all funding organisations participating in the call, will take all lawful steps to ensure confidentiality of the information and documents obtained during the evaluation and selection procedure of the joint call.

7.7 Financial and legal modalities

Project partners will be funded by their relevant regional/national funding organisation. Eligible costs, funding rules and the type of studies allowed vary between the respective funding organisations (see Annex I). Each project partner must be involved in the budgeting of their planned tasks. For information on the specific funding rules and eligibility criteria of the

regional/national funding organisation - Carefully read Annex I and the regional/national announcements of the call. In addition, applicants are strongly advised to contact their relevant funding organisation contact person before submitting an application; please note that for some countries/regions it might be mandatory.

Please note that if a partner is found to be non-eligible at any step of the process by one of the funding organisations, the entire proposal could be rejected without further review.

7.8 State aid rules apply

This call for proposals constitutes a funding scheme that is notified to the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) Surveillance Authority (ESA) and must be practised in compliance with the national applicable (EU/EEA (European Economic Area) State Aid rules.

7.9 Further information

For additional information, please contact the JCS, or your regional/national funding organisation Contact Person (see Annex I).

8. Evaluation of proposals and decision

8.1 Formal check of proposals

The THCS Partnership's Joint Call Secretariat will check the proposals to ensure that they meet the call's formal criteria (e.g. date of submission; number of participating partners and countries; inclusion of all necessary information according to the respective templates in English). The Joint Call Secretariat will also forward the proposals to the regional/national funding organisations, which will perform an eligibility check of compliance with their respective regulations. Funders can provide some time to comply with the eligibility criteria. Proposals not meeting the formal criteria described above at the end of both eligibility checks will be rejected. Proposals passing this step will be forwarded to the Peer Review Panel for evaluation.
Applicants shall avoid applying for the same activities to different calls. The Joint Call Secretariat and regional/national funding organisations will perform cross-checks with other joint transnational calls and national calls (e.g. other EJPs, IHI, EU4Health, ERA-nets and others) and national calls. Double funding is not allowed.

8.2 Peer-review of proposals

The selection of projects is based on the principle of peer review. Experts in the field(s), hereinafter referred to as reviewer, carry out written evaluations and will participate to a panel meeting. Reviewers operate independently and confidentially, without exchange with third parties. They only have at their disposal the information included in the submitted proposal on the closing date and time of the call.
Each proposal will be reviewed by three reviewers. The reviewers will assess the proposal and complete a written evaluation form with scores and comments for each criterion (see evaluation criteria below). The reviewers will meet in a Peer Review Panel (PRP) to discuss all proposals, to produce an assessment report for each full-proposal and a ranking list of proposals recommended for funding.

8.3 Rebuttal stage

Before the PRP members meet to discuss the full proposals in a PRP meeting, each

coordinator is provided with the reviewers' assessments. This stage allows applicants to comment on factual error or misunderstandings that may have occurred in the review process and to reply to reviewers' questions. However, issues not related to reviewers' comments or questions cannot be addressed and the work plan cannot be modified at this stage. The applicants will have up to one week (29 August – 6 September 2023) for this optional response to the reviewers' comments. Answers sent after the notified deadline, or not related with reviewers' comments or questions will be disregarded.

8.4 Evaluation criteria

The reviewers will assess if the projects are within the scope of the call and evaluate them using the following criteria:

1. Excellence

Relevance:

- The extent to how and why the proposed project is relevant to the aim and scope of the call;
- The extent to which a clear need for the project is made plausible.
- The extent to which the proposed work is ambitious, novel, and goes beyond the state-of-the-art, scientific creativity and originality;
- Novelty and boldness of hypotheses/research and innovation questions;
- Potential for development of new knowledge beyond the current state of the art, including significant theoretical, methodological, experimental or empirical advancement.

The quality of the proposed R&I activities:

- Quality of the research and innovation questions, hypotheses and project objectives, and the extent to which they are clearly and adequately specified;
- Credibility and appropriateness of the theoretical approach, research and innovation design and use of scientific methods. Appropriate consideration of interdisciplinary approaches;
- The extent to which appropriate consideration has been given to societal responsibility, ethical issues and gender dimensions in research and innovation content;
- The extent to which appropriate consideration has been given to involvement of stakeholders/users;
- The extent to which end-user knowledge and perspectives are appropriately included and ethical concerns regarding user-involvement has been taken into account.

2. Impact

Potential impact of the proposed research and innovation:

- The extent to which the planned outputs of the project address important present and/or future scientific and societal challenges;
- The extent to which measures or indicators of project success are described in the application.
- The extent to which the planned outputs of the project address important present and/or future challenges for the sector(s);
- The extent to which the competence developed, and planned outputs of the project

will provide the basis for value creation in European business and/or development of the public sector;
- The extent to which the planned outputs of the project address UN Sustainable Development Goals or other important present and/or future societal challenges;
- The extent to which the potential impacts are clearly formulated and plausible.

Communication, engagement and exploitation:
- The extent to which the measures to maximise the impact of the project are clearly formulated and plausible;
- Quality and scope of communication and engagement activities targeted towards relevant stakeholders/users;
- The extent to which the partners are involved in dissemination and utilisation of the project results;

3. Implementation
The quality of the project coordinator and project consortium:
- The extent to which the project coordinator has relevant expertise and experience and demonstrated ability to perform high-quality research and/or innovation;
- The degree of complementarity of the participants and the extent to which the project consortium has the necessary expertise needed to undertake the research effectively.

The quality of the project organisation and management:
- Effectiveness of the project organisation, including the extent to which resources assigned to work packages are aligned with project objectives and deliverables;
- Appropriateness of the allocation of tasks, ensuring that all participants have a valid role and adequate resources in the project to fulfil that role;
- Appropriateness of the proposed management structures and governance;
- Appropriateness of the partners' contribution to the governance and execution of the project.

8.5 Scoring system

- **5 = Excellent.** The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the criterion in question.
- **4 = Very good.** The proposal addresses the criterion very well, but minor improvements are possible.
- **3 = Good.** The proposal addresses the criterion in question well, but a number of improvements are necessary.
- **2 = Fair.** The proposal generally addresses the criterion, but there are significant weaknesses that need corrections.
- **1 = Poor.** The proposal shows serious weaknesses in relation to the criterion in question.
- **0 = Failure.** The proposal fails to address the criterion in question or cannot be judged because of missing or incomplete information.

A proposal will be considered fundable if it reaches 3 points for each individual criterion and an overall score of at least 10 points.

8.6 Active engagement in THCS knowledge community

Applicants are encouraged to support the involvement in activities promoted by the Partnership: knowledge-building science and policy dialogue, knowledge hub supporting the assessment and transferability of good practices and act as a community-building and exchange forum, strengthening the ecosystem of health and care research and innovation, and creating synergies in the health and care systems research and innovation communities of Europe.

8.7 Ethical clearance

After the PRP meeting, members of the Ethics Review Board (ERB) will remotely check the full proposals, which are recommended for funding by the PRP and selected for funding by the CSC, for alignment with ethical norms and regulations. If necessary, tasks that need to be performed and documents that need to be submitted by the consortium will be listed. The Ethics experts may put forward additional conditions that need to be fulfilled by applicants. Only those proposals approved by both the scientific/innovation evaluation and ethical assessment (complying with all central Horizon Europe and regional/national ethical requirements), will be funded.

8.8 Decision

The international Peer Review Panel will evaluate the proposals based on the above-mentioned evaluation criteria and establish a ranking list based on assessment at the panel meeting. Additionally, experts on user involvement will assess the user/stakeholder relevant aspects, and an ethics board will give recommendations on the ethical aspects of the proposals recommended for awarded funding. A short list of proposals will be identified as recommended for funding based on the ranking list. Based on the ranking list established by the PRP and on available funding, the CSC will suggest the projects to be funded to the regional/national funding organisations. Final decisions will be made by the regional/national funding organisations and will be subject to budgetary considerations. In case several projects with an equal overall score cannot be awarded due to budgetary constraints, the THCS Partnership Funding Partners will prioritise according to the following core principles, in the order listed below:

1. Maximisation of the total output in terms of total funded budget per funder;
2. Maximisation of the number of countries/regions involved in the funded project;
3. Ensuring sufficient thematic spread and avoiding directly overlapping projects to be funded by the THCS programme;
4. Maximisation of inclusion of undersubscribed countries;
5. Maximisation of inclusion of widening countries in the consortia;
6. Maximising the inclusion of SME(s);
7. The gender balance of the work package leaders of the project;
8. The score of *Excellence*.

9. Conflict of Interest

All necessary steps will be taken by the joint call secretariat (JCS) and the Call Steering Committee (CSC) to ensure that there is no conflict of interest (CoI) concerning PRP members for those proposals assigned to them for review. The PRP members will be required to formally declare that no CoI exists at any point in the evaluation process and will sign a confidentiality

agreement concerning all documents and the entire process. Any PRP member who breaches the conflict-of-interest rule will be removed from the panel and excluded from the Peer Review Panel members list of the THCS partnership. Projects assigned to that reviewer will be assigned to another reviewer. A first review for conflicts of interest will be performed by the JCS when analyzing the reviewers' publications. After receiving the proposals, reviewers are obliged to indicate whether there is a CoI with any of the researchers or innovation groups in the proposals for review. Reviewers will sign a formal declaration that they will not participate in the call, nor have any conflicting interests regarding the other projects that are reviewed within this call. On top of that it will be asked again during the PRP meeting. In case a CoI might arise at the PRP meeting that specific reviewer will be asked to leave the room when discussing this specific proposal.

10. Redress procedure

Applicants can appeal against the evaluation outcome if they suspect a breach in the application of the evaluation and selection procedures. This redress procedure only covers the procedural aspects of the evaluation and/or eligibility checks, including the regional/national eligibility checks. The redress will not call into question the scientific or technical judgement of appropriately qualified experts. In this case they shall submit their appeal to the JCS via email, up to 14 calendar days after the date of dispatch of the evaluation outcome email by the call secretariat at the end of each stage (first or second step). The proposal outcome email containing the results of the evaluation will give information on the appeals procedure, which is described below.

10.1 Admissibility of appeals

For an appeal to be admissible the following conditions must be met:

- The appeal must be submitted by the coordinator of the proposal to which the appeal relates;
- Only one appeal per proposal will be considered;
- The appeal must be submitted via email within the 14 calendar days deadline.

The appeal must contain the following minimum information:

- The name of the call for proposals;
- The proposal acronym;
- The title of the proposal;
- A description of the alleged shortcomings of the evaluation procedure.

The appeal must demonstrate a procedural irregularity, factual error, manifest error of assessment, misuse of power, or a CoI. Appeals that do not meet the above conditions, or do not deal with the evaluation of a specific proposal or express mere disagreement with the result or the reasoning of the evaluation might be judged as not suitable for redress.

10.2 Procedure

Upon receipt of an appeal, an acknowledgement of receipt will be sent by the call secretariat within 7 calendar days. The acknowledgement shall report the redress process and the anticipated date by which a decision on the appeal will be communicated to the appellant. All appeals received by the 14 calendar days deadline will be processed together and the decision

will be communicated to the appellant within 14 calendar days from the deadline for submitting the appeals.

11. If your project is funded

11.1 Funding procedure

Partners from the projects on the list of projects approved for funding will subsequently enter into granting arrangements with the relevant funding organisations, according to their applicable grant awarding process and will be funded directly by the respective funding organisations. Projects are expected to start late 2023 (or early 2024).

Funding will be administered according to the terms and conditions of the responsible funding organisations, considering all other applicable regulations and legal requirements.

11.2 Responsibilities

Within a joint proposal, each partner will be the contact person for the respective regional/national funding organisation. The coordinators of funded projects together with the relevant funding organisations shall make every effort to seek a common start date for all partners in a consortium.
After the evaluation and selection procedures are completed, each funded consortium is required to draft a Consortium Agreement (CA) and a data management plan (DMP). The CA will determine a common project start date, manage the delivery of project activities, finances and intellectual property rights (IPR), and set in place mechanisms to avoid disputes that might be detrimental to the completion of the project. Please note that regional/national rules might require additional documents before the start of the project to release funds, please refer to the country and region-specific information and national rules for more information in this regard.

11.3 Inclusion of sex, gender analysis or underrepresented populations

Applicants are strongly encouraged to integrate sex and gender considerations as well as underrepresented populations (e.g. ethnic minorities), or underrepresented patient sub-groups (e.g. children or elderly). This includes not only the sex distribution of research and innovation teams, but also the inclusion of sex and/or gender analysis in the research and innovation per-se. This applies especially when patients are involved in the proposal. A project is considered sex- and gender-relevant when it concerns individuals or groups of people or when its findings may affect individuals or groups.

11.4 Scientific Data Policy

Proposals should explain how the data, tools, code or algorithms gathered through the project would be available (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Re-usable, FAIR) to the wider research and innovation community, even after the end of the project. In addition, THCS expects proposals to develop DMPs according to international state-of-the-art standards for data security (following the FAIR principles, the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and in accordance with Ethical principles for data management). The DMP represents an essential document for the implementation of the research and innovation, as it helps to define the responsibilities of research data management ahead of the start of the project. The consortia of projects selected for funding must submit a detailed DMP (template available on the THCS website). The project coordinator is responsible for sending the complete DMP to

the JCS no later than three months after the official start of the project.

11.5 Reporting Requirements

On behalf of the project consortium, the consortium coordinator will be required to submit to the THCS Partnership's JCS annual progress reports, as well as a final report at the end of the project. Additionally, the individual partners may be required to submit reports separately to their regional/national funding organisation. In the latter case, reporting guidance will be forwarded by the relevant funding organisation, as applicable. Annual reports must be submitted by April 30, starting in 2025. Final reports must be submitted at the latest six months after the end of the project. Annual reports do not need to be submitted if the project ends between January and March on the last year. In the latter case, the submission of a final report three months after the end of the project will suffice.

In exceptional cases, partners may be granted runtimes of different start and/or duration according to regional/national funders' decision. It is the task of the coordinators to determine, in agreement with the consortia, a formal end date for project completion. Coordinators will be informed about this procedure by the JCS and will receive the report templates in due course.

The coordinators will be asked to present a progress report during a Midterm symposium. The attendance is expected for all coordinators and project partners. Students and postdoctoral researchers working on the projects are welcome to join the Midterm symposium. Accordingly, travel expenses to attend the symposium should be included in the proposal budget plans.

Awarded applicants must ensure that all outcomes (publications, etc.) of the transnational THCS Partnership projects include a proper acknowledgement of the THCS partnership and the respective funding partner organisations. All the publications resulting from funded projects must be published in adherence to the EC Open Science Policy

12. Confidentiality

The THCS JCS takes all reasonable steps to ensure that information provided in the application is treated confidential. The proposals will be handled confidentially by the JCS and by the regional/national funding organisations. In selecting the international experts for the PRP, the JCS shall endeavour to avoid any possible CoI. Each expert will have to sign a declaration of confidentiality and absence of CoI. In case of a CoI the reviewer will be withdrawn from evaluating the respective proposal.

13. General data protection regulation

Applicants are informed that their personal data submitted in their application to the call are processed in accordance with article 6.1 (e) and (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679), and for the purposes of

- Processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- Administering any subsequent funding award;
- Managing the funding organisations relationship with them;

- Analysing and evaluating the call;
- Providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses on the funded projects;
- Complying with audits that may be initiated by the funding organisations and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The CSC may share applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may link the data that funding recipients provide in the application with regional/national, bibliographic or external research and innovation funding data which are available through public subscription-based databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other national/open datasets.

Annex I. Regional/national eligibility criteria

Please note that country/regions specific requirements might apply to this call. Compliance with the regional/national regulations specified in the country specific information is mandatory. A parallel regional/national application or additional requirements will be requested by most funding organisations participating in the call. We advise you to contact your regional/national representative prior to submitting a proposal:

Overview

Under the THCS regional/national funding rules are applied. The following overview is meant to give a quick orientation on the general eligibility of organisations contributing to call 1. For specific information, please read carefully the regional/national eligibility criteria in this document. Furthermore, it is highly recommended to contact the regional/national funding agency.

Y = yes, eligible for funding, N = no, not eligible for funding, S = special rules apply, see regional/national eligibility criteria

Country	Funding agency	University	Research organisation	SME	Large enterprises	User organisations	Other organisations
Austria	FFG/BMK	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y/S	Y/S
Belgium (Flanders)	FIO	S	S	Y	Y	S	S
Belgium (The Wallonia-Brussels Federation/ French-speaking Community of Belgium)	MFWB	N	N	N	N	N	Only University Colleges
Belgium (The Wallonia-Brussels Federation/ French-speaking Community of Belgium)	FRS-FNRS	Y	S	N	N	N	N
Denmark	IFD	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Estonia	ETAG	Y	Y	S	S	S	S
Finland	AKA	Y	Y	S	S	S	S
France (ANR)	ANR	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
France (Fr MoH)	Fr MoH	N	N	N	N	N	Only healthcare institutions
Iceland	RANNIS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ireland	HRB	S	S	N	N	S	S
Israel	CSO-MOH	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Italy	IT MOH	N	S	N	N	S	S
Italy	MUR	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	S
Italy	Regione Toscana	S	S	N	N	N	S

Italy	AReSS	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	
Latvia	LZP	Y	S	S	S	N	N
Lithuania	LMT	Y	Y	S	S	S	Y
Malta	MCST	S	S	S	S	S	S
Netherlands (NWO)	NWO	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Netherlands (ZonMw)	ZonMw	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	
Norway	RCN	Y	Y	Y,S	Y,S	Y	Y,S
Poland	NCBR	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Portugal (FCT)	FCT	Y	Y	Y/S	Y/S	Y/S	Y/S
Portugal (CCDRC)	CCDRC	Y	Y	Y	N	S	S
Romania	UEFISCDI	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	S
Scotland/UK	SG	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Innovation centers
Slovenia	MDP	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	S
Spain	IDIVAL	N	Y	N	N	N	Public bodies
Spain (Andalusia)	CSCJA	S	S	N	N	N	S
Spain (Basque Country)	DPTO Salud/BIOEF	Y	Y	N	N	N	N
Spain	ISCIII	Y	Y	N	N	Y	S
Sweden	Forte	Y	Y	N	N	S	S
Sweden	Vinnova	Y	Y	Y	Y	S	S
Switzerland	SNF	Y	S	N	N	N	S
Switzerland	Innosuisse	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

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Committed funding

Funding organisation	Anticipated amount of funding for call 2023 in €	Anticipated amount of funding per participant in €	Anticipated number of fundable participants
FFG/BMK	1.000.000		
FIO	1.000.000	Max funding per project is 500.000	
MFWB	300.000	150.000-300.000	1-2
FRS-FNRS	300.000	-	1
IFD	1.000.000	300.000 per partner, If two or more Danish partners: max 500.000.	-
ETAG	150.000	-	1
AKA	850.000	-	2-4
ANR	1.500.000	260.000, 310.000 if coordinator	~5
Fr MoH	4.500.000	N/A	-
RANNÍS	900.000	N/A	
HRB	370.000, if coordinator 500.000	370.000, if coordinator 500.000	1-2
CSO-MOH	Up to 320.000	140,000, 180.000 if coordinator	1-2
IT MOH	6.000.000	400.000	15
MUR	3.000.000 (three million euro) from National Funds, of which: - 1 million is allocated for projects, as specified in the national annex, in which the coordinator of the Italian partner/s (Principal Investigator) is a young researcher under 40.	Max € 300.000 per PROJECT	
Regione Toscana	400.000	Max. 400.000 per project, if 2 Tuscany partners in same consortium 400.000 will be shared.	
AReSS	60.000	Max 60.000 total. If 2 or more partners are eligible, the budget will be shared proportionally.	1-2
LZP	450.000	max 100.000 EUR/year per partner	1-2

LMT	200.000	1 mere partner - 100.000; 1 coordinator - 150.000; 2 mere partners - 150.000; if 1 coordinator of project and 1 mere partner – 200.000	-
MCST	500.000	N/A	1-2
NWO	1.800.000	275.000	~6
ZonMw	1.300.000	Max 150.000, if Dutch partner has the coordinator role the max contribution for total project is 250.000.	1-3
RCN	2.000.000	Max 300.000, 400.000 if coordinator	
NCBR	1.450.000	max 300.000	-
FCT	500.000	150.000, 250.000 if coordinator of project	2-3
CCDRC	300.000	150.000, 250.000, if coordinator	1-2
UEFISCDI	1.000.000	200.000, 250.000 if coordinator	-
SG	300.000	-	2
MDP	200.000	N/A	1-3
IDIVAL	150.000	100.000, 150.000 if coordinator of project	1-2
CSCJA	500.000	125.000, 250.000 if coordinator of project	2-4
DPTO SALUD/BIOEF	300.000	Max. 150.000, 200.000 if coordinator of project	2-4
ISCIII	1.000.000	180.000, 260.000 if coordinator of project	4-6
Forte	1.430.000 EURO	Max. €300.000 per Swedish partner and project, if coordinator max €450.000. Maximum €450.000 Euros to Swedish partners within the same project	4-6
Vinnova	1.060.000 EURO	Approx. 270.000 if more partners in total approx. 350.000	3-4
SNF	900.000	-	3-4
Innosuisse	1.800.000	-	-

Eligibility Criteria

Austria, FFG/ BMK

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact Details
Austria	Gerda Geyer	Österreichische ForschungsFörderungsgesellschaft (FFG) on behalf of Bundesministerium fuer Klimaschutz, Umwelt, Energie, Mobilitaet, Innovation und Technologie (BMK) gerda.geyer@ffg.at, Tel.+43(0)577554205

Initial funding pre-commitment	1 Mio Euro. Minimum funding per Austrian participation (1 or more partners) : 100.000 €

Eligible institutions	The following legal entities are eligible for funding:
	• Companies of any legal form, including
	  • Local authorities[1] and autonomous bodies,
	  • Non-profit making organisations such as NPOs[2]/ ”Daseinsvorsorger”/ user organisations
	• Institutions of research and knowledge dissemination
	  • Universities and universities of applied sciences
	  • Non-university research institutions
	  • Technology transfer institutions, innovation agents and other research-oriented organisations such as associations with a relevant purpose

[1] Activities of local authorities falling within their statutory mandate are not eligible for funding
[2] Non-profit making organisations do not distribute profits to their owners, members or other natural persons or legal entities in accordance with their legal status or articles of association.

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<tr><td>Additional eligibility criteria</td><td>Austria requires the fulfilment of the following Eligibility Criteria for Austrian participants and verifies them by means of an eligibility pre-check):
Registration at the eCall system of the FFG at https://ecall.ffg.at within the submission deadline of the Call; please consult the tutorial at https://ecall.ffg.at/Cockpit/Help.aspx; participant’s cost information has to be filled in the FFG ecall proposal prior to submission deadline;
For companies: upload of the balance sheets of the last two years in the FFG eCall within the submission deadline;
FFG experts will check the financial potential (credit rating and liquidity) of the participating enterprises.
Declaration of SME Status for associations and sole traders</td></tr>
<tr><td>Eligible costs</td><td>Eligible costs must be allocable directly to the project. This means that:
they are incurred additionally to the normal operating costs during the funding period
they are in accordance with the Funding Contract</td></tr>
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[3] Undertakings in difficulty as defined in the General block exemption Regulation (EU), Allgemeine Gruppenfreistellungsverordnung (ABl. L 187 S. 19, idF ABl. L 270/39 vom 29.07.2021)

	– they can be evidenced by receipts For details on the eligibility of costs see the Cost Guidelines.
Funding of user organisations	User organisations are eligible for funding. They will be treated as enterprises when contributing with commercial activities (eg as a provider of care).
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes, see additional eligibility criteria If more than 1 Austrian partner participate in the same proposal, they will nominate one of the Austrian partners to act as the national coordinator. The duties of the national coordinator are listed in the « Leitfaden für kooperative F&E Projekte, Transnationale Ausschreibungen », Chapter 2.1 and Chapter 2.3. Contrary to Chapter 2.2 it is not mandatory that 1 enterprise must be part of the European project consortium, consequently, also the given percentages of effort of the partners are not applicable.
Further guidance	**The national rules on eligible costs for Austrian participants are available from the FFG webpage at https://www.ffg.at/recht-finanzen/kostenleitfaden, Kostenleitfaden 2.2 (Cost Guidelines). Legal background for funding: Missionen-Richtlinie (**FFG-Missionen-Richtlinie). More information can be found in the Guidelines « Leitfaden für kooperative F&E Projekte, Transnationale Ausschreibungen » and on the **FFG Call webpage under www.ffg.at/THCS_Call1**

Belgium (Flanders), FIO

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details
Belgium, (Flanders)	Lieve Apers	FIO - Fonds Innoveren en Ondernemen – VLAIO - Flanders Innovation and Entrepreneurship Lieve.apers@vlaio.be– tel. +32 497 59 33 58.

Initial funding pre-commitment	€1.000.000 For this call the maximum funding (subsidy) per project is € 500.000.
Eligible institutions	Companies established in the Flemish region, with a sustainable activity in this region, based upon a sound business model are eligible to apply for funding. They have not received public funding for the same activities. Flemish public and non-public universities and academic organisations, research organisations, higher and secondary education organisations (Knowledge Institutes) can only participate as research partner or subcontractor of a Flemish company. All applicants should demonstrate their viability and financial soundness regarding their own contribution to the project and the implementation of the results.
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations established in the Brussels or Walloon region, without a sustainable activity in Flanders.
Additional eligibility criteria	For a project to be eligible, enterprises must request at least €25,000 and at most €500.000 subsidy.
Eligible costs	Alle information on eligible costs and funding rates for development projects: **www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/development-project** Alle information on eligible costs and funding rates for research projects: **www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/research-project**
Funding of user organisations	End user organisations, may be funded for the activities necessary for the success of the project.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	In addition to the centrally submitted THCS project application form, partners from Flanders need to submit an application to VLAIO (development - **www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/development-project/how-apply-development-project-subsidy** or research project - www.vlaio.be/en/subsidies/research-project/application-process-research-project-grant including a project plan and budget.
Further guidance	We invite Flemish partners to contact us for a pre-check of their project ideas and get support by our team VLAIO advisors (**www.vlaio.be/en/maak-een-gratis-afspraak-voor-advies-op-maat**).

Belgium (The Wallonia-Brussels Federation/ French-speaking Community of Belgium), MFWB

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details
Belgium, The Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French-speaking Community of Belgium)	Florence Vandendorpe	Ministère de la Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles Florence.vandendorpe@cfwb.be, Tel.+32 (0)2690 86 57

Initial funding pre-commitment	€300.000
Eligible institutions	University colleges
Organisations excluded from funding	Universities, scientific and non-scientific partners, research centres associated to the university colleges
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found on the dedicated THCS page on **https://www.recherchescientifique.be/**
Eligible costs	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found on a dedicated THCS page on **https://www.recherchescientifique.be/**
Funding of user organisations	N
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	All proposals must be submitted simultaneously at FWB level, according to the procedure described on the dedicated THCS page on **https://www.recherchescientifique.be/**
Further guidance	

Belgium (The Wallonia-Brussels Federation/ French-speaking Community of Belgium), FRS-FNRS

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details
Belgium, The Wallonia-Brussels Federation (French-speaking Community of Belgium)	Joel Groeneveld,	Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FRS - FNRS) international@frs-fnrs.be; Tel.+32 2504 9270

Initial funding pre-commitment	€300.000
Eligible institutions	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the **PINT-MULTI regulations**. This call is co-funded (See article III.6). Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 EUR for this call.
Organisations excluded from funding	Please note that the F.R.S.-FNRS only funds Basic research (low Technology Readiness Level) carried out in a research institution from the "Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles". The F.R.S.-FNRS will not fund industrial partners or any activity related to the private sector. Nevertheless, partners funded by the F.R.S.-FNRS can be in a consortium where there are also partners from the private sector.
Additional eligibility criteria	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the **PINT-MULTI regulations**.
Eligible costs	All eligibility rules and criteria can be found in the **PINT-MULTI regulations**. This call is co-funded (See article III.6). Please note that personnel costs (Article III.6) have an annual average cap of 80,000 EUR for this call.
Funding of user organisations	N
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Applicants to F.R.S.-FNRS funding must provide basic administrative data by submitting an administrative application on e-space within 5 working days after the general deadline of the THCS call to be eligible. Please select the "PINT-MULTI" funding instrument when creating the administrative application. Proposals invited to the second stage will be able to complete the pre-proposal form and provide information for the full proposal upon validation by the F.R.S.-FNRS.
Further guidance	**www.frs-fnrs.be**

Denmark, IFD

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	€ 1.000.000
Eligible institutions	Any legal entity (for instance an enterprise, a research institution, or a public institution) in Denmark who is directly involved in the international project activities is eligible to participate and receive funding from IFD.
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	- Maximum investment: IFD has a maximum funding per partner at € 300,000. If two or more Danish partners participate in a project the maximum funding is € 500,000. - Investment rates : Investment rates and conditions vary depending on organisation type. Please consult the Danish **Guidelines for international projects.**
Eligible costs	Eligible cost-categories for Danish partners: Salary, Travel, Subcontracting, Materials, Communication and knowledge sharing, 'Other expenses' and overhead.
Funding of user organisations	Yes.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Each Danish participant in a project will after the call deadline for the pre-proposal be allocated a national e-grant file number and an invitation to upload a pdf version of the preproposal with annexes on e-grant. If invited to hand in the Full Proposal, this proposal should be uploaded on the same e-grant file number. IFD will not be able to conduct the national eligibility check without the application uploaded on e-grant. If the application is not uploaded, it can lead to the rejection of the project.
Further guidance	Please consult the Danish **Guidelines for international projects**

Estonia, ETAG

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Contact details
Estonia	Margit Suuroja Argo Soon	Sihtasutus Eesti Teadusagentuur/ Estonian Research Council (ETAG) margit.suuroja@etag.ee; Tel.+372 731 7360

Initial funding pre-commitment	€150.000
Eligible institutions	The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. The Host Institution (the final recipient) is the institution to which the grant will be allocated. After the submission deadline (in case of two-stage application, after the preproposal deadline) and upon the notice from the Funding Organisation, the Host Institution must confirm to the Funding Organisation in the written form that the project can be carried out on their premises in Estonia and that they will employ the Principal Investigator during the proposed project, should the project receive funding. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account.
Organisations excluded from funding	None
Additional eligibility criteria	The Principal Investigator is a researcher who acts as the Estonian team leader in the project proposal. He/she will be responsible for how the grant is used and how the Estonian part in the project is executed. The Principal Investigator: 1. must have an updated public profile in the Estonian Research Information System (ETIS) by the submission deadline; 2.must hold a doctoral degree or an equivalent qualification. The degree must be awarded by the submission deadline of the grant application at the latest; 3. must have published at least three articles that comply with the requirements of Clause 1.1 of the ETIS classification of publications, or at least five articles that comply with the requirements of Clauses 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1, within the last five calendar years prior to the proposal submission deadline. International patents are equalled with publications specified under Clause 1.1. A monograph (ETIS Clause 2.1) is equalled with three publications specified in Clause 1.1 if the number of authors is three or fewer. If the applicant has been on pregnancy and maternity or parental leave or performed compulsory service in the Defence Forces, or has another good reason, they can request the publication period requirement to be extended by the relevant period of time. 4. If the Principal Investigator has received the PhD degree outside Estonia, its correspondence to an Estonian doctoral degree must be recognised by either the Estonian ENIC-NARIC Center or the Host Institution in accordance with the Regulation of the Government of the Republic of April 6, 2006, No. 89 "Evaluation and academic recognition of documents proving foreign education and the name of the qualification awarded in the foreign education system terms and conditions of use". The Funding Organisation may ask for a relevant Evaluation Report. 5. If several Estonian institutions participate in a proposal, all institutions must have a Principal Investigator who meets the national eligibility requirements.

Eligible costs	1. Personnel costs are monthly salaries with social security charges and all other statutory costs of the project participants, calculated according to their commitment and in proportion to their total workload at their Host Institution. 2. Other direct costs are: - travel costs that may cover expenses for transport, accommodation, daily allowances and travel Insurance only for travels abroad; - consumables and minor equipment related to the project; - publication and dissemination of project results; - organising meetings, seminars or conferences (room rent, catering); - fees for participating in scientific forums, conferences and other events related to the project; - patent costs; - all other costs that are identifiable as clearly required for carrying out the project (e.g. translation, copy editing, webpage hosting, etc.) and comply with the eligible costs. 3. Subcontracting costs should cover only additional or complementary research related tasks (e.g. analyses, conducting surveys, building a prototype, etc.) performed by third parties. Subcontracting costs should not be included in the overhead calculation. The activities and budget should be described in the proposal. Core project tasks should not be subcontracted. Subcontracting costs may not exceed 15% of the total costs. 4. Indirect costs (overhead) may not exceed 15% of the personnel costs and should cover the general expenses of the Host Institution. Costs for equipment and services intended for public use (e.g. a copy machine or a printer that is publicly used, phone bills, copy service, etc.) should be covered from the overhead. 5. Double funding of activities is not acceptable. 6. If several Estonian institutions participate in one proposal, the sum of their requested budgets may not exceed the maximum contribution of the respective national Funding Organisation indicated in the call documents. 7. EU Regulations on State aid and de minimis aid must be taken into account when requesting funding.
Funding of user organisations	yes
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	no
Further guidance	**https://www.etag.ee/valiskoostoo/euroopa-horisont/partnerlused/era-net-projektid/**

Finland, AKA

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Finland	Marko Uutela Sirpa Nuotio	Suomen Akatemia/ Academy of Finland (AKA) marko.uutela@aka.fi; Tel.+358 29 533 5113 sirpa.nuotio@aka.fi; Tel.+358 29 533 5082

Initial funding pre-commitment	€850.000 Anticipated number of funded research groups : 2-4
Eligible institutions	Finnish research organisations such as higher education institutes, research institutes, technology transfer organisations, innovation intermediaries, regardless of their legal status (organised under public or private law). Academy funding is not granted to support economic activity. Economic activity is defined as all activity where goods or services are offered on an open market regardless of whether profits are pursued or generated. When an organisation is also engaged in economic activities, separate accounts must be kept of the funding and costs of and the revenue generated by such activities.
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	In addition to a doctoral degree, the principal investigator (PI) of the proposed project must also have other significant scientific merits.
Eligible costs	Academy funding can be used to cover both direct costs (e.g. salaries, mobility of researchers, consumables, travel expenses, purchases of services, overheads) and indirect costs (e.g. rents for premises) of a research project. All costs are covered with the same funding percentage. Academy's contribution to funding can be up to 70% of the total project costs. The host institution has to commit at least 30 % of the total project costs. Please ensure the commitment of the host institution before submitting the proposal.
Funding of user organisations	Costs related to promoting the utilisation of research can be funded, if they are not incurred in economic activities
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Only in case of case of positive funding recommendation from THCS call, the applicant is invited to submit the proposal also in the Academy of Finland's online services for national decision.
Further guidance	Please refer to Academy of Finland's funding terms and conditions for further detail (**https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/**). Terms concerning Academy Project funding apply.

France, ANR

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
France (ANR)	Michael Joulie Maria Tsilioni	Agence Nationale de la Recherche (ANR) thcs@anr.fr Tel.+33 (0)180488357

Initial funding	€1 500 000
Eligible institutions	ANR may fund research organisations and undertakings, as defined by the EC regulation on State aid for research, development and innovation (see the ANR funding regulations for further reference). As for research organisations, only those that have their primary establishment in France may be funded. As for undertakings, those that have their real head office in an EU member State and having an establishment (primary or secondary) in France may be funded. Within this framework, public research institutions (such as EPST, EPIC, Universities) as well as foundations can apply, in general for up to 100% of direct costs. This list is not comprehensive and funding rates vary. Enterprises may also be eligible: Funding rates vary based on the types of research and types of enterprises. For fundamental research, maximum funding rates are 45% of total costs for SMEs, 30% for larger companies. Please consult **https://anr.fr/fr/rf/** for full details. Private partners are asked to indicate their SIRET number in the pre- and full-proposal template (partner description: “Project Consortium”, “Other information”).
Organisations excluded from funding	Healthcare institutions. Please see with the French Ministry of Health.
Additional eligibility criteria	• ANR has a maximum funding per Partner for this call: a Partner can be granted with a maximum amount of 310 000 € for a coordinating Partner and 260 000 € for a simple partner. There is a minimum amount per partner: 15 000 €. • Submission of the proposal at the national level: No • Submission of other information at the national level (e.g. bioethics approval): No • ANR prohibits double applications and double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other calls. ANR will cross-check the proposals submitted to ANR through the national and international calls for possible demands of double funding. • Large clinical trials are not funded by ANR.
Eligible costs	Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of partners. Among others, eligible costs may include the following: personnel costs; equipment costs; consumables and animal costs; travel and subsistence costs; sub- contracting costs. For public research organisations, only personnel costs of fixed-term contracts are eligible (except for an EPIC in partnership with an enterprise). The ANR heading for «overheads» in the ANR financial regulations is «frais d’environnement». 13.5% of the total eligible costs must be applied for if the partner is a public research organisation (or other organisation funded at “marginal” costs), or up to 68%

	of the total personnel costs and up to 7% of other costs for partners funded at full economic cost (such as enterprises). Please refer to ANR's financial regulations ("Règlement financier" ANR: **https://anr.fr/fr/rf/**) for full details.
Funding of user organisations	
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	No
Further guidance	Funding regulations : **https://anr.fr/fr/rf/** ACCESS TO GENETIC RESOURCES AND BENEFIT-SHARING: Funded Partners participating in projects falling within the scope of the regulations on access to genetic resources and benefit-sharing (Nagoya protocol) will be required to provide evidence to demonstrate compliance with these obligations and must ensure that all data relating to such genetic resources or associated traditional knowledge are kept in order to demonstrate that the necessary due diligence has been exercised.

France, FR MOH

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
France (Fr MoH)	Diane Tassy	Ministère de la Santé et de la Prévention/ French Ministry of Health (Fr MoH) diane.tassy@sante.gouv.fr

Initial funding pre-commitment	€4 500 000
Eligible institutions	French ministry of Health (Fr MoH) funds French healthcare institutions defined by public health regulation articles L.611-1 and further, L.6141-1 and further, L6161-1 and further (*établissements de santé*), L6133-1 to 8 (*groupements de coopération sanitaire*), L6323-3 (*maisons de santé*) and L6323-1 (*centres de santé*) of the *Code de la Santé Publique.* They can apply for up to 100% of total costs.
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	A partner must be composed of a physical leader and of a health care institution, which manages the financing. The physical leader must be contractually linked to a healthcare institution and get its approval to be part of the project. For example, leaders can be private health professionals if they have a binding agreement with a French healthcare institution. Minimum funding per awarded to a partner : 10 000 € They is no maximum funding per partner. Fr MoH will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other calls.
Eligible costs	Funds are reserved for the exclusive use of French healthcare institutions involved in the project. Transfer for part of these funds to other French structures, organisations or physical or legal person may be allowed provided they are not eligible for funding by another financing body of the partnership. The healthcare institution would also have to demonstrate that they do not have the necessary skills. If so, public tenders rules including call of bides applies. Investment expenses giving rise to depreciation are not eligible. Management costs up to 10% of personal expenses are eligible.
Funding of user organisations	French user organisations are not directly eligible. They can be funded as sub-contractor of a French partner and if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	The certificate and budget grid available on Fr MoH website page must be fulfilled and send before submission deadline. See online for further instructions.
Further guidance	Funds delegation will be performed through budgetary circulars of the Fr MoH. Funds will be allowed regarding project progression.

Iceland, RANNIS

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact Details
Iceland	Bylgja Valtýsdóttir	Rannsoknamidstod Islands/ The Icelandic Centre for Research (RANNIS) bylgja.valtysdottir@rannis.is Tel.+354-515 5800

Initial funding pre-commitment	900.000 euros
Eligible institutions	See table:

University	Research organisation	SME	Large enterprises	User organisations	Other organisations
Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Organisations excluded from funding	None
Additional eligibility criteria	We wish not to dedicate a budget to specific pathways but to be 100% flexible on which projects we support based on quality of the projects.
Eligible costs	Ref: https://www.rannis.is/media/markaaetlun-samfelgagslegar-askoranir/SRDP_SC-Handbook-2020-2023.pdf
Funding of user organisations	Ref: https://www.rannis.is/media/markaaetlun-samfelgagslegar-askoranir/SRDP_SC-Handbook-2020-2023.pdf
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Ref: https://www.rannis.is/media/markaaetlun-samfelgagslegar-askoranir/SRDP_SC-Handbook-2020-2023.pdf
Further guidance	Ref: https://www.rannis.is/media/markaaetlun-samfelgagslegar-askoranir/SRDP_SC-Handbook-2020-2023.pdf

Ireland, HRB

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact Details
Ireland	Siobhán Hackett Amanda Daly	Health Research Board (HRB), eujointprogrammes@hrb.ie

Initial funding pre-commitment	€370,000 An additional €130,000 is available for coordination activities (€500,000 total for project coordinators)
Eligible institutions	HRB Host Institutions (**Policy on Approval of HRB Host Institutions**).
Organisations excluded from funding	Any organisation that is not a HRB Host Institution. Please refer to HRB's Policy on Approval of HRB Host Institutions for further information.
Additional eligibility criteria	Applicants based in Ireland must consult the HRB Guidance and FAQs for this call, for additional important eligibility information: **HRB Funding Schemes**
Eligible costs	Funding available is inclusive of overheads (in line with **HRB's Policy on usage of overheads**) and pension contributions and will cover research related costs including: • salary for research staff • running costs (including travel and Public, Patient and Carer involvement associated costs) • FAIR data management costs • equipment (up to €10,000) • dissemination costs (including dissemination-related travel). For consortium coordinators, the additional €130,000 for coordination-specific activities will not cover equipment or consumables. Irish Partner(s) are not eligible for HRB funding for: • Proposals involving basic biomedical research. • Research intended to create human embryos solely for the purposes of research or for the purposes of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.
Funding of user organisations	Organisations providing services for the project can be paid by the Host Institution via running costs. Any procurement activities should adhere to national procurement guidelines.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	For full proposal stage: Irish partners are asked to provide a list of deliverables and supplementary budget information to the HRB. This will expedite contract negotiations with HRB in the case of successful consortia with applicants from Ireland. Relevant templates will be provided by the HRB.

Further guidance	Applicants based in Ireland must consult the HRB Guidance and FAQs for this call, for additional important eligibility information: **HRB Funding Schemes.**

Israel, CSO MOH

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Israel	Dr. Irit Allon Orly Spivak	Ministry of Health (CSO MOH) irit.allon@moh.health.gov.il orlee.f@gmail.com Tel.+972 (0)2 5082167

Initial funding pre-commitment	Up to €300.000 depending on budget availability
Eligible institutions	Universities, research centers or hospitals
Organisations excluded from funding	Industry, patient advocate organisations
Additional eligibility criteria	Eligible researchers will hold a position in a university, research center or hospital. Research authority must approve position prior to submission. PI should hold a Ph.D., M.D., D.M.D., D. Sc or equivalent degree and employed by an eligible institution. Research will not be funded simultaneously by CSO-MOH on more than one grant (Era-NET or regional/national). Researchers can not apply for more than one grant from any ERA-NET funded by CSO-MOH or submit more than one proposal for any programme.
Eligible costs	Materials and consumables; Travel and hosting (up to 10%); No salaries for applicants; No heavy equipment, Institutional overhead 10%.
Funding of user organisations	No
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes
Further guidance	Prior to submission, researchers will submit to CSO-MOH an abstract approved by their research authority including budget distribution. No submission of abstract can result in declaration of the consortium as ineligible. If the application involves human or animal experiments, bioethics approvals must be submitted with the application or up to 4 months later. Submission of financial and scientific reports at the national level is required annualy. **http://www.health.gov.il/research-fund**

Italy, IT MOH

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Italy (IT MOH)	Gaetano Guglielmi Chiara Ciccarelli Anna Ceccarelli	Ministero della Salute/ Ministry of Health (IT MOH) g.guglielmi@sanita.it c.ciccarelli@sanita.it a.ceccarelli-esterno@sanita.it

Initial funding pre-commitment	€6.000.000 Anticipated number of fundable proposals : 15
Eligible institutions	Only IRCCS (Istituti di Ricovero e Cura a Carattere Scientifico) researchers are eligible to apply.
Organisations excluded from funding	Universities, other research Institutes, companies.
Additional eligibility criteria	Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner: 400.000 € per project Simultaneous PI participation in different 2023 JTCs funded by the Ministry of Health is not allowed. No more than two Italian PIs (Principal Investigators) are eligible to apply for the same project.
Eligible costs	Direct Costs: • Personnel (only temporary contracts, max 50%); • Consumables; • Animals; • Equipment (only on hire); • Travel (max 10%); • Documentation (Max 1%) Indirect Costs: • Overhead (max 10%, included in the total); Other indirect costs are not eligible. Transfer of eligible funds abroad is not allowed. Subcontracts are allowed only upon approval, by presenting via Workflow – code ER, a request together with the National pre-elegibility form, the latest 20 days before the deadline of the pre-proposal submission.

Funding of user organisations	Italian PAOs can be funded as a sub-contractor of an IRCCS if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC. The maximum cost eligible for a sub-contract is 25.000 Euros (from the IRCCS Budget). Italian PAOs can still participate in Consortia as “Collaborators” with their own funds.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	In order to expedite the eligibility check process, the Ministry of Health will grant an eligibility clearance to the applicant prior to the submission of the proposals. To this end, it is mandatory that the applicants fill out and return to the IT-MoH a pre-submission eligibility check form through their IRCCS, using WFR System-> ER communication code, before submitting their proposal to the Joint Call Secretariat. It is strongly recommended that the form, completed and duly signed, is returned at least 10 working days before the proposal submission deadline. Applicants will be sent written notification of their eligibility status. Changes in acronyms and budgets provided in the pre-submission eligibility check are not allowed. The pre-eligibility form can be downloaded here: https://www.salute.gov.it/imgs/C_17_pagineAree_4441_listaFile_itemName_0_file.pdf
Further guidance	Submission of annual scientific and financial reports at the national level will be required according to the rules of the Ministry of Health (Ricerca Corrente). Further information on the rules of the Ministry of Health can be requested to the national contact persons.

Italy, MUR

Country/ region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Italy (MUR)	Aldo Covello Yasmine Iollo Anisa Bruci	Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca (MUR) aldo.covello@mur.gov.it yasmine.iollo@est.mur.gov.it anisa.bruci@est.mur.gov.it

Initial funding pre-commitment	€ 3.000.000,00 (three million euro) of National Funds. of which: - 1 Million is allocated for projects in which the coordinator of the Italian partner/s (Principal Investigator) is a young researcher under 40. Max € 300.000 per PROJECT
Eligible institutions	• Type/nature of participants The following entities are eligible for funding, providing that they have stable organization in Italy: 1. Universities; 2. Enterprises; 3. Private and Public research institutions 4. Research organizations (public and private) in accordance with EU Reg. n. 651/2014 of the European Commission - June 17, 2014.
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	• **Legal/administrative/financial conditions** **The participant must be registered at the "Anagrafe Nazionale delle Ricerche". A non-registered partner can submit an application but it has to be registered before a funding decision can be taken.** **The participant must not be defaulting with regard to other funding received by the Ministry.** **The participant must not have requested/got any other funding for the same research activities.** **The participant must respect the Italian law "D.Lgs. n 159 del 6/09/2011 e successive modificazioni ed integrazioni".** **The participant must not be subject to bankruptcy proceedings as of art. 5, comma 4, letter b) of DM 593/2016 or must not be a company in difficulty according to the definition under number 18) of article 2 "Definitions" of Regulation (EU) no. 651/2014.** **The participant must follow the obligations laid down in the contributory and social security regulations (DURC).** **The judicial and pending records of the legal representative of the participant are negative.** • **Financial conditions** **For any participant, with the exception of public universities and public research institutions (Enti pubblici di ricerca), the following financial criteria, calculated using the data reported in the last approved balance sheet, must be fulfilled.**

	CN > (CP – I)/2 **Where:** **CN = net assets (Capitale netto)** **CP = sum of the costs of all the projects for which public funding has been requested by the participant during the year.** **I = sum of the contributions received, approved or requested for the same projects.** **OF/F < 8%** **Where:** **OF = financial charges (Onerifinanziari)** **F = turnover (Fatturato)**
Eligible costs	All activities classifiable as Basic research, Industrial research and Experimental development are eligible for funding. Furthermore, Basic Research and Industrial research activities must be predominant with respect to Experimental development activities (in terms of costs). **All costs incurred during the lifetime of the project under the following categories are eligible: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and Overheads. Overheads ("Spese generali") shall be calculated as a percentage of the personnel costs and cannot be higher than 50% of them. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs are to be included in the overheads.** **The amount of funding which can be granted to each beneficiary is calculated multiplying the eligible costs for the funding rates listed in the following table:** **Basic research: 70%** **Industrial research: 50%** **Experimental development: 25%** **On request of applicants a pre-payment may be done, equal to 50% of the total funding at project start and a second pre-payment up to 40% of the total funding at mid-term. The remaining 10% will be paid at the end of the project. Private partners requesting the pre-payments need to provide MUR with a bank guarantee. Beneficiaries who doesn't request the pre-payments will be paid after each financial and progress report.**
Funding of user organisations	Public and private IRCCS (including ecclesiastical institutions and nursing home, as long as they provide in the statutory purposes the execution of research activities) can be funded, provided that they met all the national eligibility criteria. For more details, consult the "Avviso integrativo nazionale"
Submission of the proposal needed at national/regional level	**In addition to the project proposal, which shall be submitted at European level, the Italian participants are requested to submit further documentation to MUR, through the national web platform, available at the following link: https://banditransnazionali-miur.cineca.it** **These national additional documents must be submitted by the same deadline established for the proposal phase submission as defined in the international call. Any participant who does not submit its national documents by the deadline of the proposal phase will be considered not eligible for funding.**

	The complete list of criteria and provisions legally valid, which must be respected by all the Italian participants, is included in the "Avviso integrativo nazionale", to be published on the dedicated web page on MUR website: http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it Applicable laws and rules (http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it/evidenza/normativa-prog-internazionali.aspx): - DL 22 giugno 2012, n. 83, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla Legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, articoli 60, 61, 62 e 63 di cui al Titolo III, Capo IX "Misure per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica" - DM n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca - DM n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 - Modificazioni all'articolo 15 del decreto n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 Information available at http://www.ricercainternazionale.miur.it
Further guidance	**The admission for funding is subject to the adoption of the necessary accounting and administrative measures for the allocation of the resources.** **Funded participants will be requested to submit financial and scientific reports to MUR.** The criteria and provisions provided herewith are intended only for informative purposes.

Italy, Region Tuscany

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Italy (Region Tuscany)	Donatella Tanini Teresa Vieri	Regione Toscana thcs@regione.toscana.it Tel.+39 055 4383256 Tel.+39 055 4383289

Initial funding pre-commitment	€400.000 Max. 400.000 per project, if 2 Tuscany partners in same consortium 400.000 will be shared.
Eligible institutions	A. Authorities of the Tuscany Health Service-SST (Local Health Authorities, University Hospitals, including IRCCS AOU Meyer) and the SST bodies that carry out institutional research activities (Fondazione Toscana Gabriele Monasterio and ISPRO Institute for Study, Prevention and Networking Oncology) located in the territory of Tuscany. B. Universities and other research institutes located in the territory of Tuscany. NB: Institutions referring to point B. are eligible only in partnership with institutions referring to point A.
Organisations excluded from funding	SME, patient representatives, voluntary organisation/NGOs
Additional eligibility criteria	The Principal Investigator must be affiliated to one of the eligible bodies

Eligible costs	Only costs generated over the lifetime of the project will be considered eligible.
	- Personnel (ad hoc temporary contracts ONLY);
	- Consumables (no limit);
	- Equipment (on hire/leasing or eligible amortisation rate ONLY);
	- Travel (Up to 10% of the requested fund) Travel expenses and subsistence allowances associated with activities only linked to the project;
	- Other direct costs :
	  o dissemination of results (publications, organisation of meetings/workshops etc.- up to 5% of the requested fund)
	  o data handling and analysis (no limit)
	  o patients costs
	- Subcontracting (up to 20%of the direct costs of the projects)
	- Overheads (Up to 10% of the direct cost of the project excepted subcontracting).

Funding of user organisations	Project proposals must ensure appropriate knowledge and integration with the National and Regional contexts, planning and laws.

Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	PHASE 1: Intent to apply It is strongly recommended to contact the Regional focal point at least 30 days before the “Intent to apply” submission deadline in order to ensure that the project proposal is in line with the regional acts and planning and to receive adequate support referring to regional eligibility. PHASE 2: Proposals submission Tuscany Region will grant an eligibility clearance to the potential applicants prior to the submission of their proposals. The eligibility check will be performed by Tuscany Region offices after receiving a dedicated form (available on Tuscany Region institutional web-site or on request to mail to: thcs@regione.toscana.it) duly filled and signed by the Tuscan Principal Investigator and by the legal representative of the beneficiary The form should be sent to Tuscany Region (mailto: thcs@regione.toscana.it), at least, 10 days before the proposal submission deadline.
Further guidance	Financial guidelines will be published in due time on Tuscany Region website

Italy, AReSS

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Italy (Puglia)	Francesco Fera	Agenzia Regionale per la Salute ed il Sociale (ARESS) management@aress.regione.puglia.it; +39 080 5403222

Initial funding pre-commitment	€60.000
Eligible institutions	AReSS can finance only legal persons with with legal and/or operational headquarters in Puglia falling into the following categories: • SMEs • Universities (public and private) • Research institutions (public and private) • Research organisations (public and private) in compliance with the EU Reg. no. 651/2014 of the European Commission - 17 June 2014. • Other private subjects who carry out research activities in the sector of interest for the tender as well as end users whose contribution is functional to the achievement of the project objectives AReSS cannot finance natural persons.
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	Maximum funding per awarded to a partner: AReSS has a maximum funding per partner for this call: a research team can be funded with maximum 60.000 total. If 2 or more partners are eligible, the budget will be share proportionally.Submission of the proposal at the national level: No • Submission of other information at the national level (e.g. bioethics approval): No • AReSS will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other calls. • AReSS will cross-check the proposals submitted to AReSS through the national and international calls for possible demands of double funding. • Large clinical trials are not funded by AReSS.
Eligible costs	Activities classifiable as fundamental or basic research, industrial research and experimental development (Reg. EU n. 651/2014) are eligible - experimental development activities must not be predominant (in terms of costs) • The costs must be incurred during the course of the project or between the start date and the end date of the international project • The following types of costs are allowed: Personnel, Equipment, Consulting and equivalent services, Consumables and General expenses.

	• Overheads cannot exceed 50% of personnel expenses. Travel expenses, dissemination and coordination costs should be included in overheads or other cost categories where possible.
Funding of user organisations	Patient organisation can be funded as a partner if they perform research activities. Otherwise, patient organisation can be funded as sub-contractor of a Italian partner and if they fulfil the eligibility criteria of the EC.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	No
Further guidance	Decreto-Legge 22 giugno 2012, n. 83, convertito, con modificazioni, dalla Legge 7 agosto 2012, n. 134, articoli 60, 61, 62 e 63 di cui al Titolo III, Capo IX "Misure per la ricerca scientifica e tecnologica" Decreto Ministeriale n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021 - Nuovo sistema di concessione delle agevolazioni del MUR alle attività di ricerca Decreto Ministeriale n. 1368 del 24 dicembre 2021 - Modificazioni all'articolo 15 del decreto n. 1314 del 14 dicembre 2021

Latvia, LZP

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Latvia	Maija Bundule Uldis Berkis	Latvijas Zinātnes padome/ Latvian Council of Science (LZP) Maija.Bundule@lzp.gov.lv Tel: +371- 26514481 Uldis.Berkis@lzp.gov.lv Tel.: +371-29472349

Initial funding pre-commitment	€450.000
Eligible institutions	1) Research institutions registered in the Latvian Registry of Scientific Institutions, e.g. - Research Institutes - Universities And must have 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, in this case this is state aid. 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 and presence of capacity.
Organisations excluded from funding	Any other organisation not mentioned in previous point as eligible institution can not be funded by LCS
Additional eligibility criteria	To receive funding by LCS, Consortium agreement duly signed should be presented. Enterprises shall provide audited statements of 2 previous closed financial periods on request. Final audit according to the LCS regulations. Maximum funding for a Latvian partner eligible for funding by LCS is 100.000 EUR/year.
Eligible costs	1. Personnel costs incl. taxes; 2. Consumables; 3. Subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs), needs detailed justification, includes all external services, project core activities cannot be subcontracted; 4. Equipment (only depreciation costs during project directly attributable to project tasks); 5. Replaceable and fully consumable during project elements of equipment (e.g. electrodes);

	Travels (according to travel plan); Indirect costs (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).
Funding of user organisations	No
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	No
Further guidance	Support is provided according to Provisions Nr 259, 26.05.2015 of the Latvian Cabinet of Ministers (**http://likumi.lv/ta/id/274671-atbalsta-pieskirsanas-kartiba-dalibaistarptautiskas-sadarbibas-programmas-petniecibas-un-tehnologiju-joma**) 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. LCS cannot fund implementation support, nor training activities. LCS is funding only research.

Lithuania, LMT

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Lithuania	Živilė Ruželė	Lietuvos Mokslo Taryba/ Research Council of Lithuania (LMT) zivile.ruzele@lmt.lt Tel.+370 67614383

Initial funding pre-commitment	€200.000
Eligible institutions	- Lithuanian research and education institutions: Universities, Research centres (listed in the Register of Ministry of Education, Science and sports of Republic of Lithuania) - - Public health care institutions: University hospitals, other public hospitals. Any private or public legal entity can be associated partner of the main applicant.
Organisations excluded from funding	Non eligibles organisations
Additional eligibility criteria	Within a single project proposal, the maximum funding can be up to EUR 100 000 for a consortium partner or up to EUR 150 000 for a coordinator/2 eligible LT partners in the consortium
Eligible costs	Direct costs: personnel, travel, purchase (assets, servises, consumables), subcontracting. Overheads (indirect costs): up to 20 % from direct costs.
Funding of user organisations	Lithuanian patient organisation can be funded as sub-contractor of a Lithuanian partner
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Not required
Further guidance	By national contact point National call text that can be found: https://www.lmt.lt/lt/mokslo-finansavimas/kalendorinis-kvietimu-planas/2287

Malta, MCST

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Malta	Annalisa Cartabia Martina Vella	Malta Council for Science and Technology (MCST) General inbox: eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt annalisa.cartabia@gov.mt, Tel.+356 2360 2152; martina.vella.5@gov.mt, Tel.+356 2360 2113.

Initial funding pre-commitment	€500.000
Eligible institutions	• Malta-based applicants that are Eligible Undertakings, with an Operating Base in Malta, which plans to carry out Fundamental, Industrial Research and/or Experimental Development projects are eligible for funding, subject to the terms and conditions laid out in the latest version of the National Rules for Participation (State Aid). Eligible Undertakings can be: a) a partnership constituted under the Companies Act, being a partnership *en nom collectif*, *en commandite* 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). • 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).
Organisations excluded from funding	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website: **https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/**
Additional eligibility criteria	Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website: **https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/**
Eligible costs	Eligible costs and rates of funding depend on the type of the Malta-based entities and the funding route chosen. Eligible costs include the following: personnel; equipment; instruments, specialised equipment, and research consumables; IP and knowledge transfer activities; travel and subsistence; subcontracting; other operating expenses; overheads. Further information can be found in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website: **https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/**
Funding of user organisations	User organisations need to be “eligible entities” as per the definition provided in the detailed National Rules accessible from the MCST website: **https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/**
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	The national application form together with the required annexes can be downloaded from the MCST website and must be sent to **eusubmissions.mcst@gov.mt** by the deadline specified in the detailed National Rules.

	For any further information and assistance with partner search, applicants can contact the MCST lead call manager Ms Annalisa Cartabia (**annalisa.cartabia@gov.mt**) and/or the alternate call manager Ms Martina Vella (**martina.vella.5@gov.mt**).
Further guidance	Further information and detailed National Rules can be found on the MCST website (**https://mcst.gov.mt/funding-opportunities/**).

Netherlands, NWO

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Netherlands (NWO)	Melanie Neijts	Nederlandse organisatie voor Wetenschappelijk Onderzoek/ Dutch research Council (NWO) m.neijts@nwo.nl, Tel.+31 70 3494033

Initial funding pre-commitment	€ 1.8 Million Maximum amount per proposal : € 275,000
Eligible institutions	For scientists based in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the NWO eligibility criteria apply. Full, associate and assistant professors, lectors and other researchers with a comparable position* may submit an application (i.e. participate in a consortium and request NWO funding) if they have a tenured position (and therefore a paid position for an indefinite period**) or a tenure track agreement at one of the following organisations: • universities located in the Kingdom of the Netherlands; • university medical centres; • Institutes affiliated to the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW) or NWO; • Universities of applied sciences as referred to in Article 1.8 of the Higher Education and Scientific Research Act (WHW); • the Netherlands Cancer Institute; • the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics in Nijmegen; • Naturalis Biodiversity Center; • Advanced Research Centre for NanoLithography (ARCNL); • Princess Máxima Center. * A comparable position refers to a researcher that has a demonstrable and comparable number of years of experience in carrying out scientific research and supervising other researchers as a full, associate or assistant professor. ** Lectors employed at a university of applied sciences may also submit provided that they have at least a salaried position for a limited period of time. Persons with a zero-hour employment agreement or with a contract for a limited period of time (other than a tenure track appointment and the exception stated above for lectors) may not submit a proposal. It could be the case that the applicant's tenure track agreement ends before the intended completion date of the project for which funding is applied for, or that before that date, the applicant's tenured contract ends due to the applicant reaching retirement age.

	In that case, the applicant needs to include a statement from their employer in which the organisation concerned guarantees that the project and all project members for whom funding has been requested will receive adequate supervision for the full duration of the project. This also holds for an applicant affiliated at a university of applied sciences whose contract ends before the end date of the project for which funding is applied for. Applicants with a part-time contract should guarantee adequate supervision of the project and all project members for whom funding is requested.
Additional eligibility criteria	• An application for NWO funding (i.e. the Dutch part of a European Consortium) has a single main applicant (i.e. Dutch partner or Coordinator in the European consortium), responsible for scientific and financial management • An applicant may only request NWO funding for one project (part of a European consortium) in this call of the THCS Partnership • Applicants may not apply for a post-doc position for themselves • Impact of the research is at the heart of this call of the THCS Partnership. Please refer to the detailed description of requirements and evaluation criteria, including impact, in the full call announcement of the THCS Partnership • Stakeholder engagement is essential to maximize the chances of reaching impact and NWO considers engagement of stakeholders an important asset, starting with the design of your project, as well as the definition of active roles for each of them during the course of the project. Valorisation of stakeholder engagement in the project (as self-financed industrial and/or societal partner) in the form of in kind or in cash contributions from stakeholders is therefore strongly recommended by NWO
Eligible costs	The NWO budget modules (including the maximum amount) available for this Call for proposals are listed in the table below. Apply only for funding that is vital to realize the project. ***Available budget modules*** • *Postdoc* – at least 6 full months and at most 36 full-time months, according to UNL or NFU rates • *Research leave* – max. 5 months, 1 fte, according to UNL or NFU rates • *Personnel universities of applied sciences* - rates based on Handleiding Overheidstarieven (HOT) (Manual for Dutch Government Fees) • *Material costs* – max. 15 000 € per year per full-time scientific position (postdoc) • *Knowledge utilisation* - max. € 25.000 • *Internationalisation* - max. € 25.000 For the budget module “Postdoc”, a one-off individual bench fee of €5,000 is added on top of the salary costs to encourage the scientific career of the project employee funded by NWO. Note that PhD positions cannot be applied for in this call, due to the maximum project duration of 3 years.

	Please refer to the detailed explanation of NWO budget modules to see which costs are eligible for NWO funding.
Funding of user organisations	No
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	Applicants are required to submit a NWO budget form at national level separately per email to **m.neijts@nwo.nl** The deadline to submit the completed budget form to NWO is similar to the official deadline for the proposals of the call of the THCS Partnership. A more detailed explanation of the budget modules and the financial details form can be found at the following web address: **https://www.nwo.nl/thcs**
Further guidance	• NWO may award more than € 275.000 to compensate for new personnel UNL/NFU/HOT tariffs • Full details for project funding in this call is available on the NWO website: **https://www.nwo.nl/thcs** • Submission of financial and scientific reports at national level is required in accordance with the rules of NWO • The **NWO Grant Rules 2017** and the **Agreement on the Payment of Costs for Scientific Research** are applicable to the part of the project's budget covered by the grant from NWO • Under the Dutch General Administrative Law Act, any interested party has the right to lodge an objection to the decision taken by NWO within six weeks of the date of the decision letter. Further information about the objections procedure can be found on the NWO website. This right for Dutch applicants holds irrespective of the general redress procedure for this Call for proposals.

Netherlands, ZonMw

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Netherlands (ZonMw)	Rik Wisselink Denice Moi Thuk Shung	Zorgonderzoek Nederland/ The Netherlands organisation for health research and development (ZonMw) Mail: thcs@zonmw.nl Phone: +31703495374 Rik Wisselink +31703495242 Denice Moi Thuk Shung

Initial funding pre-commitment	€1.300.000 (up to 1.3 million Euros). The maximum financial contribution for Dutch partners in a project is €150.000 in total. If a Dutch partner has the coordinator role the maximum contribution for the total project is €250.000.
Eligible institutions	Universities, health authorities, research institutes, SME, user organisations, NGOs, public sector, municipalities.
Organisations excluded from funding	Large enterprises
Additional eligibility criteria	**Project Duration:** ZonMw aims to foster implementation and therefore funds projects with a duration from 12 up to 24 months **State Aid:** No grants will be awarded by ZonMw if this would or could constitute unlawful state aid. Therefore, the following state aid measure applies to this funding round: Exemption Decision for Services of General Economic Interest (SGEI). For the purposes of this call for grant applications, ZonMw will consider proposed project activities as SGEI. This means that there are specific conditions for funding and rules for budgets. Read more here about the specific conditions of the SGEI Exemption Decision. **Note: Each Dutch project partner is expected to co-finance 25% of their total costs.** ZonMw will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or part of projects that have been funded through other calls. ZonMw will cross-check the proposals submitted to ZonMw through the national and international calls for possible demands of double funding.
Eligible costs	**The following costs are eligible:** - staff costs - Travel costs - material/ equipment and consumer goods - Dissemination and knowledge exchange costs - Datamanagament / data steward - Open access costs with a maximum of € 5000,-/project

	There will be a maximum of € 150 000 euro for the Dutch partners in a consortium. Note that if a Dutch partner has the coordinator role the maximum available contribution is €250.000 per project. **For more information,** please consult the **ZonMw terms and conditions** or your national contact person.
Funding of user organisations	Yes
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	**Not at central submission stage.** Only proposals recommended for funding will be invited by ZonMw at a later stage to submit an additional application. - Funded projects will be subject to standard ZonMw Grants Conditions. **-** Make sure to consult the ZonMw Open Access publication and Data management policies.
Further guidance	Awarded projects will need to deliver a Consortium Agreement (CA) and a Data Management Plan. With regards to the Consortium Agreement ZonMw requests a copy of the CA, signed by all partners, within 3 months after the project start date.

Norway, RCN

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Norway	Jostein Holmgren Siv Øverås	Norges Forskningsradet/ The Research Council of Norway (RCN) johol@rcn.no sio@rcn.no Tel.+47 96646834

Initial funding pre-commitment	€2.000.000 (up to two million Euros). Maximum €300.000 / Norwegian participant. If the participant has coordinator role, max €400.000
Eligible institutions	Universities, health authorities, research institutes, SME, industry/large enterprises, user organisations, NGOs, public sector, municipalities
Organisations excluded from funding	The Research Council cannot award support to an enterprise that is defined as an “undertaking in difficulty” under the state aid rules (see the “Definition of ‘undertaking in difficulty’” on our website). "Enkeltpersonforetak", that is Norwegian companies with sole proprietorship can only participate as subcontractor, and have the role as partner (beneficiary) in projects.
Additional eligibility criteria	
Eligible costs	Described here: **What to enter in the project budget (forskningsradet.no)**. Note that the cost category "Procurement of R&D services" will not be used in this call. Funding to Norwegian SMEs and Industry will be provided according to the State aid rules. More information here: **Conditions for awarding state aid (forskningsradet.no)**
Funding of user organisations	Yes.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes, after the evaluation process, if the project is retained for funding,
Further guidance	Please refer to the guidelines for applicants

Poland, NCBR

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Poland	Marcin Chmielewski Mateusz Skutnik	Narodowe Centrum Badan i Rozwoju/ National Centre for Research and Development (NCBR) marcin.chmielewski@ncbr.gov.pl Tel.+48 22 39 07 109 M.+48 571 226 666 mateusz.skutnik@ncbr.gov.pl Tel.+48 22 39 07 148 M.+48 515 339 175

Initial funding pre-commitment	€1.450.000 EUR
Eligible institutions	Following entities are eligible to apply: • Micro, Small, Medium and Large enterprise; • Research organisation; • Group of entities (within the meaning of art. 37 section 1, point 1a of The Act of 30 April 2010 on the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 2279, 2022;).
Organisations excluded from funding	Other than those listed above
Additional eligibility criteria	Entity must be registered in Poland; • For enterprises it is strongly advised to state in the Pre-proposal application form the KRS number of the enterprise and the size of the enterprise (micro/small, medium, large); • A condition for the participation of a group of entities as the Applicant in the competition is its formal existence on the date of submission of the pre-proposal, confirmed by its members concluding, at least conditionally, agreement on the creation of a group of entities; Please note that group of entities counts as at least two project partners from Poland (it meets the limit on the number of participants from the same country, please refer to call text for details).
Eligible costs	Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner - 300 000 € per project. The eligible costs shall be the following: 1. personnel costs (researchers, technicians and other supporting staff to the extent employed on the research project); 2. operating costs including costs of instruments, equipment, technical knowledge, patents, costs for buildings and land, costs of materials, supplies and similar products incurred directly as a result of the research activity.

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3. cost of contractual research, costs of consultancy and equivalent services 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 expert panel.
4. additional overheads incurred indirectly as a result of the research project; that costs are exactly 25% of eligible project costs and are counted as a multiplication by percentage given above and the rest of direct costs, excluding subcontracting (3); It means 4 = (1+2)*25%.

Funding quota of Polish participants can be up to 100% for research organisations. In the case of enterprises, funding quota will be decided on a case-by-case basis depending on the size of the company, type of research/development, risk associated with the research activities and commercial perspective of exploitation, under the Regulation of the Minister of Science and Higher Education of 19 August 2020 on criteria and rules on granting state aid by the National Centre for Research and Development, published in Journal of Laws item 1456, 2020.

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Only Industrial/Applied Research and Experimental Development will be funded. Other type of activities (e.g. coordination, dissemination, management) is not eligible for funding as separate research tasks in the project schedule.
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	We encourage you to learn about and use our "PartFinder" (Partner Search Tool), which allows you to match science and industry entities from around the World with each other. The search engine is available at: **https://partfinder.ncbr.gov.pl/**

Portugal, FCT

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Portugal	Andreia Feijão	Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia/ The Foundation for Science and Technology (FCT) thcs@fct.pt +351 213924356

Initial funding pre-commitment	€500.000 Anticipated number of funded research groups: 2-3 Applicants should select FCT as the funding agency. Applicants from NUTSII Centro region are eligible for funding from FCT or CCDR Centro and should consult FCT and CCDR Centro regulations and eligibility conditions. Please also consult the national contact persons for this call. The Portuguese funding agencies in this call reserve the right to evaluate the possibility of transferring application(s) to the other national funding agency when necessary, for example in the following conditions: 1. if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency; 2. if it is necessary to maximize the number of funded national projects.
Eligible institutions	To be eligible the organisations must be registered in Portugal. Eligible partners as beneficiary institutions are: a) Non-entrepreneurial entities of the R&I system, namely: i. Higher education institutions, their institutes and R&D units; ii. State or international laboratories with head office in Portugal; iii. Non-profit private institutions whose main object is R&D activity; iv. Other non-profit public and private institutions developing or participating in scientific research activities. b) Companies of any type and under any legal form. The information contained in this section does not exempt you from consulting article 3 of the " Regulation on Projects Funded by National Funds" (link below in “further guidance”)
Organisations excluded from funding	
Additional eligibility criteria	In each consortia the maximum funding for Portuguese participation is:

	• **€250.000 for coordination** • **€150.000 for participation** If more than one Portuguese institution participates in a consortium, the budget must be shared, even if funded by different funding agencies
Eligible costs	Equipment, consumables, human resources, travel, overheads.
Funding of user organisations	Portuguese patient organisations, as any other public or private non-profit institutions, can be funded if developing or participating in scientific research activities.and if included in the list of beneficiaries listed in the Regulation on Projects Funded by National Funds (see link below, in 'Further Guidance')
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes, but only for full proposals selected for funding
Further guidance	• Within 10 working days after the deadline for submitting the proposals, Portuguese teams must send to the National Contact Point from FCT (thcs@fct.pt) a Declaration of Commitment duly signed by the Researcher in Charge and by the Head of the Portuguese applicant organization, dated and stamped. Electronic signatures are accepted and in this case the institucional stamp is not required. • The dedication (FTE) in transnational projects is not considered for the 100% (FTE) dedication to national projects. • For purposes of follow-up and final assessment, beneficiaries submit an annual scientific progress report(s) and one final scientific report through the FCT, I.P. portal, preferentially in English. • The information provided in this table is a summary only. Portuguese institutions must follow FCT's Legislation, Regulations and Norms. Therefore, it's necessary to consult the detailed and complete information in the "Regulation on Projects Funded by National Funds" at: **https://myfct.fct.pt/LibDocument/FileDisplay.aspx?EcrypDoctId=0YW6IReGBmqzg64djM7vPA==** • Please see more information at the FCT website : **https://www.fct.pt/en/concursos/healthcare-of-the-future-concurso-da-parceria-europeia-thcs**

Portugal, CCDRC

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Portugal (CCDRC)	Teresa Jorge Jorge Brandao	Comissão de Coordenação e Desenvolvimento Regional do Centro/ Regional Coordination and Development Commission of Centro (CCDRC) ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt , Tel.+351239400134, Tel.+351 239 400 100

Initial funding pre-commitment	**300.000€** **In each consortia the maximum funding is:** **€250.000 for coordination** **€150.000 for participation** **If more than one Portuguese institution participates in a consortium, the budget must be shared, even if funded by different funding agencies.** Applicants should select FCT as the funding agency. **Applicants from NUTSII Centro region are eligible for** funding from FCT **or** CCDR Centro and should consult FCT and CCDR Centro regulations and eligibility conditions. **Please also consult the national contact persons for this call.** The Portuguese funding agencies in this call reserve the right to evaluate the possibility of transferring application(s) to the other national funding agency when necessary, for example in the following conditions: 1. if an application is considered non-eligible by the funding agency selected by the candidate institution, but is eligible by the other Portuguese funding agency; 2. if it is necessary to maximize the number of funded national projects.
Eligible institutions	Only entities from NUTS II Centro or the ones that can assure that the investment will be made in Centro Region can apply to CCDRC's funding. Higher Education Institutions (HEI) (maximum funding rate – 85%) Research organisations (maximum funding rate – 85%) SME (micro and small enterprises – maximum funding rate 80% | medium enterprises – maximum funding rate 75%) User organisations and Other organisations – can participate only if partnering up with one (or more) regional institutions from the typologies listed above (maximum funding rate – 85%) ATTENTION: 1) The funding rates presented are the maximum (possible) values. For projects led by companies, consult funding rates at

	article 71 of RECI. For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research organisations), consult funding rates at article 110 of RECI. 2) Industrial research activities have a maximum funding rate of 80%; experimental development activities have a maximum funding rate of 60%.
Organisations excluded from funding	Large enterprises
Additional eligibility criteria	The eligibility of partners, as beneficiary institutions, must be verified in article 5 of RECI. In addition: - For projects led by companies, consult articles 68 and 69 of RECI to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research organisations), consult articles 105 and 106 of RECI to have concrete information about the eligible beneficiaries and the eligibility criteria that must be fulfilled. When checking eligibility of projects the following articles should also be considered: - For projects led by companies, article 66 of RECI; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities, article 107 of RECI.
Eligible costs	For eligible costs verify article 7 of RECI. Additionally: - For projects led by companies, articles 72 and 73 of RECI; - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities from the regional research and innovation system (HEI and research. organisations), articles 111 and 113 of RECI.
Funding of user organisations	"User organisations" and "Other organisations" can be funded as long as they: i) Comply with RECI's articles listed above; ii) Partner up with a regional HEI and/or research organisation and/or SME, which must assume the leadership of the project to be submitted at regional level.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Must be done after the final decisions for approvals at transnational level. Stakeholders will receive instructions on this in due time. ATTENTION: When applying to the transnational call, all regional stakeholders must fill in and sign this Declaration: - For projects led by companies: **https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/thcs-declaracao-de-compromisso-si-i-dt/download** - For projects led by non-entrepreneurial entities: **https://ris3.ccdrc.pt/index.php/ris3-documentacao/thcs-declaracao-de-compromisso-saict/download** The Declaration must be sent within 10 working days after the submission of the proposal to ccdrc.projects@ccdrc.pt
Further guidance	To all other criteria and conditions not explicit in this annex, please consult RECI **https://dre.pt/dre/legislacao-consolidada/portaria/2015-70790258** This regulatory framework was approved by Ordinance number 57-A/2015 of February 27th, for 2014-2020. Considering that the

	operations to be selected in this scope will be integrated into Centro's Regional Programme for 2030, the beneficiaries must explicitly acknowledge the applicability of the upcoming Portuguese specific regulations for the 2021-2027 programming period.

Romania, UEFISCDI

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Romania	**Mihaela Manole** **Nicoleta Dumitrache**	Unitatea Executiva pentru Finantarea Invatamantului Superior, a Cercetarii, Dezvoltarii si Inovarii/ Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI) mihaela.manole@uefiscdi.ro, Tel.+40 213023863 nicoleta.dumitrache@uefiscdi.ro, Tel.+40 213023886

Initial funding pre-commitment	€250.000 euro for all Romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is the Coordinator; €200.000 for all romanian partners in case a Romanian institution is not the Coordinator;
Eligible institutions	Eligible entities for funding are universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions, joint-stock companies, SME's and Large companies, NGOs (associations, foundations, etc.), others, with research and innovation within their activities. Funding rates vary in accordance with state aid legislation.
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations without research and innovation within their activities.
Additional eligibility criteria	…
Eligible costs	a. Staff costs; b. Logistics expenses - Capital expenditure ; - Expenditure on stocks - supplies and inventory items; - Expenditure on services performed by third parties cannot exceed 25 % of the funding from the public budget. The subcontracted parts should not be core/substantial parts of the project work; c. Travel expenses; d. Overhead (indirect costs) is calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, logistics costs (excluding capital costs and cost for subcontracting) and travel expenses. Indirect costs will not exceed 20 % of direct costs.
Funding of user organisations	As described above.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	No
Further guidance	**https://uefiscdi.ro/pachet-de-informatii-suprogramul-3-2-orizont-2020**

Scotland/UK, SG

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact Details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	300,000 euro - Projects can run from 18 to 24 months. Anticipated number of funded research groups – 2
Eligible institutions	Research organisations Innovation centres Health and social care partnerships Housing providers End users' organisations Voluntary organisations
Organisations excluded from funding	SMEs and for profit businesses.
Additional eligibility criteria	• Eligible organisations must have establishment in Scotland and they have to have a track of at least 3 years functioning accounts. • Eligible organisations need to demonstrate in-house experience/track of research and innovation development in digital health and care. • Eligible organisations need to demonstrate skills and capability to undertake and/or lead research and innovation development in digital health and care. • SG will avoid double funding and will not finance projects or parts of projects that have been funded through other funding calls, either national or international. • Funding sought for the business as usual will not be considered for funding. • Funding sought for equipment is only for low cost "non-standard" equipment or associated technology costs (i.e. not standard equipment already in place). • Funding sought for staff time is project specific only e.g. backfill, clinical or other leadership, analytical support, improvement support or project support for duration of improvement project. Funding will not be given and may not be used for operational costs, nor for the procurement of staff time that is reliant on any form of recruitment process. • Large clinical trials and business as usual will not be considered for funding. • Eligible projects must directly contribute to the implementation of Scotland's Digital Health and Care Strategy and its Delivery Plan 2022/2023. • The technology or technology enabled care service involved must be citizen focused (e.g. Telecare, Video Conferencing,

	Home & Mobile Health Monitoring, digital applications), with a clear outline of benefits and outcomes to citizens.
Eligible costs	Personnel costs (100% funding rate) for day-to-day management and implementation of the project activities. Travel costs (100% funding rate) to attend project meetings (2 per year) and relevant dissemination and communication activities.
Funding of user organisations	Scottish patient and voluntary organisations can be funded as a partner if they perform research and/or implementation activities.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes
Further guidance	Scotland's Digital Health and Care Strategy: **https://www.gov.scot/publications/scotlands-digital-health-care-strategy/** Scotland's Digital Health and Care Delivery Plan 2022/2023: **https://www.digihealthcare.scot/strategy/digital-health-and-care-strategy-delivery-plan-2022-23/**

Slovenia, MDP

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	200.000 euro
Eligible institutions	Small and Micro Enterprises, Medium Enterprises, Large Enterprises, Universities and Research Organisations, Primary end-user, Secondary end – user, Tertiary end – user
Organisations excluded from funding	Percentage of cost covered by public funding (Overall public funding consist of National and EC funding) Type of organisations Small and Micro Enterprises: Industrial Research 80%, Experimental development 60% Medium Enterprises: Industrial Research 75%, Experimental development 50% Large Enterprises: Industrial Research 65%, Experimental development 40% Universities and Research Organisations: Industrial Research up to 80%, Experimental development up to 60% (depends on the size of research organisation, the R&D organisation should specify its size (using the same criteria as they apply for an enterprise)) For “end – users” funding rates will be: Primary end-user (only for single individual): 90% Secondary end – user (only for NON – PROFIT organisations): 90% Tertiary end – user (only for NON – PROFIT organisations): 50%
Additional eligibility criteria	
Eligible costs	Personnel costs, costs of instruments and equipment, consultancy and other services (external staff), indirect costs (flat rate 20%)
Funding of user organisations	Yes
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	No
Further guidance	

Spain, IDIVAL

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Spain (IDIVAL)	Galo Peralta Paloma Gonzalez	Instituto de Investigación Marqués de Valdecilla/ Biomedical Research Institute (IDIVAL), direccion@idival.org, Innovacion4@idival.org, Tel.+34 942202857

Initial funding pre-commitment	€150.000 Anticipated number of funded research groups 1 – 2 Only one partner from Cantabria will be accepted per proposal.
Eligible institutions	Institutional eligibility criteria: The eligible institutions are non-profit research organisations and public bodies in the health care sector of the autonomous community of Cantabria, such as Hospitals, Healthcare centers, the ministry of health or the Cantabria Health Service that performs RDI activities in Cantabria. Eligible applicants: Cantabrian Principal Investigators must have a job relationship with the Public Health System of Cantabria, IDIVAL or with the University of Cantabria as a professor linked to health care activity. The research team will be made up of at least three people and could participate researchers from other national or international institutions. The figure of the Co-principal investigator is contemplated, who does not need to meet the requirements for the principal investigator. Incompatibilities: • Principal Investigators are not allowed to apply for funding in more than one proposal under the Joint Call 2023
Organisations excluded from funding	Only will be eligible entities from Cantabria working in the public health sector and legally linked to IDIVAL
Additional eligibility criteria	Proposals must fit within Cantabria's strategic areas defined in the biodynamization plan: **https://boc.cantabria.es/boces/verAnuncioAction.do?idAnuBlob=368181**

Eligible costs	• Direct costs such as: - Personnel costs for employment contracts - Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, and other costs that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. - Travelling costs incurred directly as a result of the research project. - Depreciation costs of instruments and equipment corresponding to the life of the research project, calculated based on good accounting practices. - Subcontracting special tasks to EU and non-EU countries (i.e. IT services, etc.) is allowed within the limits legally established. • Indirect costs (overheads) or clinical assays, proofs of concept, proofs of principle are not eligible for funding in this call.
Funding of user organisations	…
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	no
Further guidance	**https://boc.cantabria.es/boces/verAnuncioAction.do?idAnuBlob=368181**

Spain (Andalusia), CSCJA

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	€500.000 Anticipated number of funded research projects : 2-4
Eligible institutions	Andalusian Non-profit entities registered as Agents of the Andalusian Knowledge System (Registro de Agentes del Sistema Andaluz del Conocimiento) with research and innovation activity in Biomedicine and Health Sciences, ie: Research managing foundations of the Andalusian Public Health System
Organisations excluded from funding	Organisations not fulfilling eligibility criteria
Additional eligibility criteria	• Maximum funding per grant awarded to a project partner is 125.000 € or 250.000 if the partner coordinates the project (including 21% Indirect costs) • Principal investigators must be linked through a civil servant, statutory or labour relationship with the applicant or performing centre. For Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS), the link may be with any of the public or private law entities that are part of the IIS provided that the entity meets all the specific requirements determined in each action, and, in any case, be personnel assigned to the IIS. • More than one partner from Andalusia may participate in the same project • A PI can only participate in one application per call. • For receiving regional funding, the final funding decision issued by the corresponding program's decision-making body must be accredited • The duration of the projects shall be determined by the corresponding JTC. In any case, this period shall be stated in the award resolution.
Eligible costs	a) Goods and services: consumables, bibliographic material, equipment rentals, software licenses and external services. b) Personnel costs: specifically hired for the project, including salaries, employer Social Security contributions, legally established compensation and other duly justified expenses derived. c) Travel, accommodation and subsistence according to the maximum amounts of compensation for service established in Decree 54/1989, of March 21, on compensation for service of the Junta de Andalucía, exclusively for people who are part of the research group or hired under the funded project. Exceptionally, any expense outside these amounts, or for people other than those listed before, must be authorised by the granting body. d) Registration fees for congresses or conferences for the presentation and dissemination of the results e) Publication costs f) Other expenses duly justified and necessary for carrying out the project.

	g) Indirect costs (21% of Direct Costs)h) Subcontracting costs: cannot exceed 50% of the funding and need prior authorization from the granting body. Nor Scientific aspects nor the management of the project should be subcontracted. The following are not considered eligible expenses - Equipment or Equipment repair and maintenance - Items or amounts that, after analysis, are not considered justified - Amounts paid to persons participating in the project, with the exception of expenses necessary for special attention to patients that involve compensation for their participation in the project not derived from an employment relationship. - The sum of the funding or income received for the same purpose may in no case exceed the cost of the funded activity. Transfer between categories. Under 25%
Funding of user organisations	User organisations can be funded if they fulfill the eligibility criteria
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Regional applications must be submitted to the General Secretariat of Public Health and R&D&I in Health exclusively by telematic means. The deadline for the submission of regional applications will be established in the regional call and will be informed through the website of the Regional Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs. The following documents must be provided: - Certificate of registration in the corresponding public registry - National ID (DNI) of the person legally representing the applicant entity - Fiscal Identification Code (CIF) of the applicant entity - Documentation accrediting the representation or power of attorney of the legal representative. - Certificate of being up to date in the fulfilment of the obligations with the Social Security and tax obligations. - Statutes - Documentation accrediting duly compliance with the obligation to submit the accounts to Protectorado de las Fundaciones Andaluzas For projects involving invasive procedures on human beings, their biological material and/or clinical data, a favourable report or a document accrediting the request for its evaluation by the Biomedical Research Ethics Committee has to be provided For funded projects, beneficiaries must submit financial and scientific reports to Consejería de Salud y Consumo de la Junta de Andalucía.
Further guidance	The projects must respect the fundamental principles established in national and international declarations, protocols and conventions on research ethics, as well as respect the requirements established in national and regional legislation in the field of biomedical research, development and innovation, personal data protection and bioethics. When the results are not susceptible to protection of industrial or intellectual property rights, the scientific publications resulting from the funding granted must be made available in open science, in accordance with article 37 of Law 14/2011, of June 1.

Spain (Basque Country), DPTO SALUD/ BIOEF

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact Details
Spain (Basque Country)	Ion Exeberria Ainhoa Martín Pagola	Departamento de Salud Gobierno Vasco (DPTO SALUD/ BIOEF) amartin@bioef.eus, Tel.+34 944536142

Initial funding pre-commitment	300.000€ Anticipated number of funded research groups: 2-4
Eligible institutions	• Agents integrated in the Basque Science, Technology and Innovation Network (RVCTI) will be eligible for these grants. • **The participation in the consortium of at least one RVCTI Agent accredited in the category of Health Research** Centers **will be an essential requirement.** Proposals without a Health Research Center will not be eligible.
Organisations excluded from funding	• Organisations not fulfilling eligibility criteria
Additional eligibility criteria	• **Maximum funding per awarded partner: 200.000€ for a coordinating partner and 150.000€ for a partner.** • **The members of the research teams must officially have a staff, statutory staff or contractual link with the beneficiary RVCTI Agent, with the centre that is carrying out the project or with the entities with which the RVCTI Agent holds an agreement in force covering the link with the researcher.** • **Coordinating PIs may only participate in this role in a single project.** • **Double funding of the same concept is not allowed.**
Eligible costs	Eligible costs include the following: • **Personnel costs for the required and specifically dedicated staff in order to carry out the project, who have a contractual labour relation with the beneficiary entity.** • Travel and subsistence costs incurred directly as a result of the research project. • Consumables and services costs: This includes small scientific equipment used to carry out the project, consumables and complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), and expenses related to the publication and dissemination of project results, duly justified and necessary for the successful completion of the project. • Subcontracting costs: cannot exceed 50% of the funding. Nor scientific aspects nor the management of the project should be subcontracted. • Overheads 21%

Funding of user organisations	• NO
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	• YES
Further guidance	• Grants for health research and development projects 2022: Promoting health research activity https://www.euskadi.eus/ayuda_subvencion/2022/promocion_actividad_investigadora_salud/web01-tramite/es/

Spain, ISCIII

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Funding commitment	National Programme: Acción Estratégica en Salud (AES 2023) 1.000.000 € (pending of approval of Spanish State Budget) Anticipated number of fundable proposals 4-6
Maximum/ Minimum funding per grant awarded to a project partner	Maximum funding from ISCIII per awarded Spanish project partner: • Up to **180,000 €** per partner (overheads included) • Up to **260,000 €** per coordinator (overheads included) Overheads according to AES 2023 : 25% **Projects' duration**: from 24 months to 36 months The level of funding will take into account the evaluation of the collaborative proposal, the scientific quality of the Spanish group, the added value of the international collaboration, the participation of the primary health care and the financial resources available.
Eligibility of partners	The participation of the **Spanish primary health care** is crucial to the success of this call so for that: • The participation in the consortium of at least one Spanish primary health care center is mandatory in this call. **Proposals without a Spanish primary health care center will not be eligible**. • Therefore, only projects with at least one Principal Investigator (PI) **belonging to an** (assigned/affiliated) primary care center participates **will be** eligible for funding. The principal investigator (PI) of the applications submitted must present a document that certifies the relationship through an official, statutory or labour relationship of the IP with the primary health care center. • In the event that the corresponding primary care center forms an integral part of an Accredited Health Research Institute (IIS) and the **PI belongs to** (assigned/affiliated) the IIS, the eligible institution will be the Institute. In this case, additional groups from the same IIS **might** participate in the same proposal, **taking into account the maximum number of entities by country considered in the eligibility criteria requirements described in the call text.** Eligible Institutions: • **Accredited Health Research Institutes** (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Accredited according to the RD 279/2016 (These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated according to the Spanish Act 50/

	2002, of December 26th). See the list of IIS in this link. • **Hospitals or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System** (SNS) These institutions may manage research via a foundation regulated in accordance to the Spanish Act 50/2002, of December 26th (a copy of the foundation's statutes may be submitted). • **CIBER** Team members applying to the call must be from at least two groups belonging to CIBER in two different home institutions and one of these two should be a Hospital, primary health care or public health administration of the Spanish National Health System (SNS) or Accredited Health Research Institutes (Institutos de Investigación Sanitaria acreditados, IIS). Please contact Cristina Rodríguez (cristina.rodriguez@ciberisciii.es) for more information related to CIBER's eligibility. • **Private health entities and institutions**, **Public Research Institutions** (OPIs) as defined in article 47 of Law 14/2011, of 1 June, in accordance with the provisions of Royal Decree 202/2021, of 30 March, public Universities and private Universities with proven R&D activity capacity, other public R&D centres. • **National Technological Centres** and National Centres for supporting technological innovation that are inscribed in the Register according by RD 2093/2008, of 19 December. • **Applicants from ISCIII**. Eligibility criteria from AESI 2023 apply. • **Spanish Primary health care** will be eligible Institutions even if they apply independently. - Please be careful that in AES2023 some specific Institutions may be declared as ineligible to receive funds by ISCIII in this call.
Eligibility of PI and team members	• Principal Investigators (PI) can only participate in one project proposal per call. • Principal Investigators (PIs) belonging to an **Accredited Health Research Institutes** (IIS) should apply **only from the IIS.** • The Principal Investigator (PI) and all members of the research group must belong to the eligible institutions in the call. • PIs that has an ongoing International Collaboration (PCIN) project of the same initiative and purpose that this call and that the project has an ending date after the **31st December 2023** will not be able to apply for this call. This incompatibility will affect only to the PI. And this incompatibility will not apply in the case that the PI participate as coordinator in the new application or in the ongoing project. For additional incompatibilities please review AES2023. **Excluded** personnel as Principal Investigator (PI): • Those undergoing a postgraduate training in Health Specialization (MIR, EIR, FIR, QIR, BIR, PIR, RFIR). • Those undergoing research training (e.g. PhD students, or "Río Hortega" contracts). • Those undergoing postdoctoral training (e.g. "Sara Borrell" or "Juan de la Cierva" contracts).

	• Researchers contracted by a RICORs and platforms funded by ISCIII.
Eligibility of costs, types and their caps	Personnel costs: - It will be eligible personnel costs for contracts with the needed professional category (superior technician, BSc (grado), MSc (máster), PhD (doctor) for the project development accordingly to the published salary tables in AES2023 / ISCIII's webpage. - Contracts for PhD students will be done in the framework of National Subprogramme for Training (scholarships are not eligible). - Personnel costs will be eligible with a maximum of 36 PM in total for the personnel contracts altogether. - The hiring of permanent personnel already belonging to the beneficiary entity or members of the research team will not be considered eligible expenses. **Other eligible costs** : Current costs, small scientific equipment, disposable materials, travelling expenses, complementary expenses (use of central and general research support services of the beneficiary entity), publication and dissemination of resultsand other costs as included in AES 2023 that can be justified as necessary to carry out the proposed activities. • **Overheads**, according to AES 2023 (25%) • Double funding of the same concept is not allowed.
Submission of the proposal at the regional/national level	• National applications will be required by ISCIII. Due to administrative and legal regulations, the Institute of Health Carlos III establishes the **31st October 2023** as the national deadline for the decision on fundable project consortia which includes Spanish partners to be funded by ISCIII, which must present their National application in the period stated in AES 2023 (*1-15 November 2023, tentative*). Any concerned applicant in a proposal for which no final decision has been made by the deadline of 31.10.2023, could be declared not fundable by ISCIII.
Submission of other information at the regional/national level	As specified by AES 2023.
Submission of financial and scientific reports at the regional/national level	As specified by ISCIII's instructions (please check ISCIII's webpage).
Requirements on data and repositories	• Researchers funded by ISCIII must make public the human genomic data, as well as relevant data (phenotype and exposition data) generated inside the funded project and will use open science repositories. Researchers must also make public all the necessary information for the interpretation of these genomic data, including lab protocols, data instruments survey tools. Regarding genomic data it is understood: association of complete genomes (GWAS), matrixes of de polymorphism of a single nucleotide (SNP) and sequence of genome, and transcriptomic, metagenomic, epigenomic and gene expression data. The

	researchers whose projects are funded by ISCIII are recommended to store their scientific data at the "ELIXIR Core Data Resources", or if non-European repositories or data bases are to be used they must be certified by ELIXIR or the US National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI). • ISCIII may not fund any project that may require a repository and/or a data base without a plan ensuring sustainability and decommissioning after the end of funding.
Requirements for clinical studies	Spanish groups that participate in a proposal performing a clinical study, **must include** in their team a member from their scientific node of the EU Clinical Trials Network (SCReN or ECRIN-ERIC) or if it does not apply, a member from the personnel of their Clinical Research Supporting Platform of their institutions (UIC). In the proposals that performs a clinical study, it has to be specified in the proposal who is exactly the mandatory member of these dedicated Units.
Acknowledgements	Any publication, data base, product or event protected with IPR or not, resulting from the granted project must acknowledge “Award no. XX by Instituto de Salud Carlos III (ISCIII) through AES 2023 and within the THCS Partnership” even after the end of the project, including other specific acknowledgments that could be requested by ISCIII to the granted project. For more information please see ISCIII’s ROR here.

Sweden, Forte

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	€1.430.000, maximum 300.000 Euros per Swedish partner and project, if coordinator max 450.000. Maximum 450.000 Euros to Swedish partners within the same project.
Eligible institutions	The grants paid out by Forte must be administrated by a Swedish organisation. They need to be **a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number**. There is an exception, grants may be paid out to a foreign organisation in accordance with governing documents or agreements. An approved administrating organisation must conduct research, which means having a documented research activity and being assessed as capable of taking on commitments in accordance with the general conditions for research grants.
Organisations excluded from funding	An administrating organisation ***cannot*** use grants for economic activity. **As a general rule, all companies are assumed to conduct economic activity. Associations and other organisations may also be included here, depending on what sort of activity they conduct. For organisations that conduct both economic and non-economic activity, it is possible to be an administrating organisation if grants are used for the non-economic activity. Grants cannot be used for the economic activity. The accounts for the different activities must be kept separate.**
Additional eligibility criteria	The main applicant must be employed by a Swedish organisation that is approved as an administrating organisation. However, the main applicant does not need to be employed by the administrating organisation at the time of application. The main applicant must have a doctoral degree.
Eligible costs	Among others, eligible costs may include the following: personnel costs; equipment costs; consumables and travel. The costs of general publication may not be included as direct cost in the application.
Funding of user organisations	In addition to participating researchers, it is also possible to include other participants in the project, and to apply for salary funds for these. These participants do not necessarily have to be researchers but can include all the people needed to complete the project. This also means that they do not need to have doctoral degrees.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Yes, applicants also need to submit their proposals to Forte´s application portal, Prisma.
Further guidance	For additional information, please go to: **Who can apply for a grant? - Forte (English)**

Sweden, Vinnova

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	Approx. 1,06 million Euros (12 million SEK).
Eligible institutions	The Swedish participation applying for funding from Vinnova should have at least one partner from industry. Eligible partners are universities, public research institutes, healthcare providers and industry. The grants paid out by Vinnova must be administrated by a Swedish organisation. They need to be a Swedish legal entity with a Swedish organisation registration number. See **Terms and conditions for Vinnova funding | Vinnova**
Organisations excluded from funding	See **Terms and conditions for Vinnova funding | Vinnova**
Additional eligibility criteria	…
Eligible costs	Universities, public research institutes and public healthcare providers may receive funding of up to 100 % of their eligible costs, provided that the project is part of their non-economic activities. Large companies can apply for up to 20 % of their eligible costs. Small and medium sized companies can apply for up to 70 % of their eligible costs depending on activity or 100% if they are eligible for minor support (EU no. 1407/2013). If minor support is used, you need to include a Minor support certificate. For more information see **State aid rules** The eligible cost are defined in: **Terms and conditions for Vinnova funding | Vinnova**
Funding of user organisations	Vinnova funds a range of organisations according to our **Terms and conditions for Vinnova funding | Vinnova**
Submission of the proposal needed at national level	Yes, no later than 1 week after the final deadline for submission to THCS. For more information and link to the Vinnova e-service see **Find the right funding | Vinnova.**
Further guidance	All information on national eligibility can be found here **Find the right funding | Vinnova.** A Swedish partner may apply for 3 MSEK (approx. €270.000). If more than one Swedish partner applies for financing, the total amount cannot exceed 4,5 MSEK (approx. €360.000). The Swedish participation applying for funding from Vinnova should have at least one partner from industry. If not, the Swedish partners should apply for funding from Forte.

Switzerland, SNF

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
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Initial funding pre-commitment	€900.000 Anticipated number of funded research groups: 3-4
Eligible institutions	Pursuant to the Research and Innovation Promotion Act (RIPA) and the legal framework of the SNSF, accredited Swiss Higher Education Institutions according to Higher Education Funding and Coordination Act as well as institutions listed on the list Research Institutes of National Relevance are eligible. Besides these institutions, there are other established research institutions/institutes that are eligible for funding at the SNSF (e.g., list in mySNF in the respective data container). The SNSF exclusively funds basic research conducted for purposes that are not directly commercial; thus, the SNSF can fund basic research and applied research without direct commercial goals only. Please contact the national contact person for questions and re-assurance.
Organisations excluded from funding	SME, large entreprises, user organisations.
Additional eligibility criteria	Applications must comply with the SNSF Regulations on Project Funding and practices. All Swiss applicants and co-applicants submitting to the SNSF must be eligible for the SNSF Project Funding Scheme. Both applicants and co-applicants must be scientifically independent. Please note that applications submitted by a non-eligible person will not be considered nor evaluated. Please refer to the regulations and contact the national contact person for questions and re-assurance.
Eligible costs	○ Personnel costs ○ Operational costs ○ Subcontracting Please refer to the Regulations on project funding (Article 8) for full details. Overhead contributions cannot be applied for: they are calculated on the basis of the total research funding given to a particular

	institution through all SNSF funding instruments, and are paid directly to the applicant's institution on a yearly basis. There is no maximum amount set. However, if two Swiss based researchers are involved in the same project submitted to the SNSF, they can submit one application only, and they must split the requested budget among themselves. Furthermore, the SNSF expects the research group's budget to be balanced.
Funding of user organisations	Under certain circumstances, user organisations can be included in the Swiss part of the project as project partners (please see Article 12 of the Regulations on project funding). Within the scope of their contributions such as analyses etc., project partners benefit from the SNSF grant. However, they do not count as (remunerated) employees of the project and are not among those responsible for the entire project. They may not refer to the support received from the SNSF as a grant they have acquired themselves.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	Swiss based applicants submitting to the SNSF must provide basic administrative data by submitting administrative applications via the online submission system mySNF for the same deadlines as the consortium applications. For this, Swiss based applicants need a personal account on **www.mySNF.ch**. Please note that the SNSF defined a new format for the CV and Swiss applicants also need an account in the SNSF Portal to create their CV in the required standardised format. Please select the "Partnerships" funding instrument under Projects when creating the administrative application for the "THCS: Full Proposal". As applicants must pre-register by 23 May 2023 (please see the call document), we kindly ask you to send an e-mail to thcs@snf.ch and complete the following sections in mySNF by 23 May, 2023, 17:00 CET, too: ○ Responsible applicant ○ Project partners ○ Applicant's employment ○ Basic data I and Basic data II The SNSF uses this information exclusively to prepare the national eligibility check, and it is still possible to change data in mySNF after the pre-register date (i.e., please do not submit the application on 23 May 2023). In case of funding, consortia including Swiss partners at the SNSF must submit a data management plan (DMP) on mySNF which complies with the SNSF policy on open research data.
Further guidance	National Regulations: ○ **SNSF Funding regulations** ○ **SNSF Project Funding regulations** ○ **General implementation regulations for the Funding Regulations**

	Article 7.3. of the Regulations on SNSF project funding applies. Swiss based applicants may participate in at most one proposal per call. Partners of the international project consortium applying for funding at other funding agencies than the SNSF cannot be declared as project partners in the sense of article 11.2 of the SNSF Funding Regulations. They should be declared as consortium partners instead and apply for their funding at their respective research funding organisation. Article 17 of the SNSF Funding Regulations only applies in the sense that proposals with overlapping funding periods are only approved if the research projects pursue different goals in the context of this European programme than any ongoing projects by the same applicant. Grants will be managed according to standard SNSF rules. Yearly financial reports for the use of SNSF funds and a scientific report at the end of the project will be required.

Switzerland, Innosuisse

Country/Region	Contact person(s)	Funding organisations contact details
Switzerland (Innosuisse)	Larissa Beutler	Schweizerischen Agentur für Innovationsförderung/ Swiss Innovation Agency (Innosuisse) larissa.beutler@innosuisse.ch, Tel.+41 58 467 16 05

Initial funding pre-commitment	€1.800.000
Eligible institutions	Swiss based organisations/institutions/research organisations registered in Switzerland.
Organisations excluded from funding	Non-Swiss based organisations.
Additional eligibility criteria	The Swiss part of the consortium must at least contain of one Swiss implementation part-ner1. Participation of a Swiss research partner is optional.
Eligible costs	Only costs exclusively utilised for the execution of the respective THCS project are eligible. Only salaries of personnel with a Swiss employment contract of a partner registered in Switzerland are eligible. Employees working at a foreign subsidiary count as subcontractors.
Funding of user organisations	User organisations are eligible for funding.
Submission of the proposal needed at regional/national level	No
Further guidance	It is recommended, to contact the NCP (National Contact Point) before submitting a proposal. **https://www.innosuisse.ch/inno/en/home/promotion-of-international-projects/eu-partnerships.html**

Annex II. Glossary

This glossary of terms aims to provide clarifying definitions related to the THCS call 1 2023, and are based on

- the glossary to the WHO European Primary Health Care Impact, Performance and Capacity Tool (PHC-IMPACT)
- the Health promotion glossary of terms 2021
- definitions used in the THCS SRIA.

Word	definition, THCS call 1 2023	reference
Applied research	Original investigation undertaken to acquire new knowledge. It is, however, directed primarily towards a specific, practical aim or objective. https://www.oecd.org/sti/inno/Frascati-2015-Glossary.pdf	SRIA
Carer	Carers (family carers) refer to individuals who provide unpaid care for a member or members of their family, friends or community (5). They can be any relative (spouse, children, daughter- and son-in-law), friend or neighbour who provides a broad range of assistance with personal care or basic activities of daily living to people with functional limitations. They may provide regular, occasional or routine, 'hands-on' care or be involved in organizing care delivered by others, sometimes even at-distance. Carers can live with or separately from the person receiving care. Carers are in contrast with providers associated with a formal service system, whether paid or on a volunteer basis (formal caregiver) (6, 7).	Link
Context	By synthesising the definitions included in the review (Rogers 2020), the authors generate a broad definition of context. "Context is defined as a multi-dimensional construct encompassing micro, meso and macro level determinants that are pre-existing, dynamic and emergent throughout the implementation process. These factors are inextricably intertwined, incorporating multi-level concepts such as culture, leadership and the availability of resources".	Rogers, L., De Brún, A. & McAuliffe, E. Defining and assessing context in healthcare implementation studies: a systematic review. BMC Health Serv Res 20, 591 (2020) (link)
Decentralised care	In the context of this call, the terms 'decentralised health and care' and 'distributed health and care' are used interchangeably. See distributed health and care.	
Disease prevention	Disease prevention describes measures to reduce the occurrence of risk factors, prevent the occurrence of disease, to arrest its progress and reduce its consequences once established.	Link
Distributed, decentralized, remote care	Distributed healthcare is the concept of providing health and care services, e.g. monitoring vital signs and diagnostic tests, and moving services closer to the person in need. This way a health and care system can help to keep people healthy by providing the right care and support at the right time. In this call distributed and decentralised health and care have the same meaning.	Healthcare in the Home: How Distributed Health Service Delivery Can Reduce Costs and Improve Outcomes by Philip E. Auerswald - SSRN

Experimental development	Systematic work, drawing on existing knowledge gained from research and practical experience, that is directed towards: producing new materials, products, and devices; installing new processes, systems, and services; or improving substantially those already produced or installed. OECD: "Frascati Manual 2002: The measurement of scientific and technological activities - Proposed Standard Practice for Surveys on Research and Experimental Development", OECD, Paris, 2002.	SRIA
End-user	Refers to the final users of the research and innovation produced by the project, examples are employees and employers, residents, , patients or non-profit organisations, but also health and care authorities, owners and policy makers. A project can have several end-user groups.	
Healthcare settings	A particular setting is a particular place or type of surroundings where something is or takes place, here meaning the surroundings, situation, location, site, where health and/or care is provided.	Link
Health	In this Partnership, "health" is understood according to the WHO definition of 1948 and revised in 1984, namely "the extent to which an individual or group is able to realise aspirations and satisfy needs and to change or cope with the environment. Health is a resource for everyday life, not the objective of living; it is a positive concept, emphasising social and personal resources, as well as physical capacities". Furthermore, the approach to care is inclusive, encompassing formal and informal care as well as health-related social care.	SRIA
Health and care systems	The term implies a broader notion than “health systems” or “healthcare systems” notably encompassing all parts of health systems and health related parts of social care systems.	SRIA
Health and care workforce	Professionals working in the health and care systems.	Link
Health equity	Health equity is the absence of unfair, avoidable or remediable differences in health status among population groups defined socially, economically, demographically or geographically.	Health Promotion Glossary of Terms 2021 (who.int)
Health literacy	Health literacy represents the personal knowledge and competencies that accumulate through daily activities, social interactions and across generations. Personal knowledge and competencies are mediated by the organisational structures and availability of resources that enable people to access, understand, appraise and use information and services in ways that promote and maintain good health and well-being for themselves and those around them. In this call, both personal health literacy and organisational health literacy are addressed.	Health Promotion Glossary of Terms 2021 (who.int)

Health professionals	Health professionals (ISCO-08 22) are professionals who establish and undertake research and develop and apply scientific knowledge in a range of health and related fields including: medicine, complementary medicine, dentistry, optometry, environmental health and occupational health. More details in reference.	Link
Health promotion	Health promotion is the process of enabling people to increase control over, and to improve their health.	Link
Implementation research	Specifically considers context and real-life conditions, and engages concerned population groups, leading to more successful translation and scale-up of public health interventions.	SRIA, link
Innovation	An innovation is a new or improved product or process (or combination thereof) that differs significantly from the unit's previous products or processes and that has been made available to potential users (product) or brought into use by the unit (process).	SRIA and Page 60, point 2.6 in Link
Integrated care	"Integrated health services delivery is defined as an approach to strengthen people-centred health systems through the promotion of the comprehensive delivery of quality services across the life-course, designed according to the multidimensional needs of the population and the individual and delivered by a coordinated multidisciplinary team of providers working across settings and levels of care. It should be effectively managed to ensure optimal outcomes and the appropriate use of resources based on the best available evidence, with feedback loops to continuously improve performance and to tackle upstream causes of ill health and to promote well-being through inter-sectorial and multi-sectorial actions". In the context of this call, terms 'integrated care' and 'integrated health services delivery' are used interchangeably.	Link
Organisational health literacy	Is the degree to which organisations equitably enable individuals to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others.	Link
Outpatient care	Outpatient consultations/visits include consultations/visits at the physician's office, consultations/visits in the patient's home, consultations/visits in outpatient departments in hospital, but excludes telephone contacts, visits for prescribed laboratory tests, visits to perform prescribed and scheduled treatment procedures e.g., injections, physiotherapy, etc. visits to dentists, visits to nurses.	Link

People-centred	According to the World Health Organisation, person-and population-centredness can be defined as “putting the comprehensive needs of people and communities, not only diseases, at the centre of health systems, and empowering people to have a more active role in their own health”.	SRIA
Personal health literacy	Is the degree to which individuals have the ability to find, understand, and use information and services to inform health-related decisions and actions for themselves and others.	Link
Research and innovation (R&I)	Are used according to the common terminology of the framework programme. In funding various activities, and in line with existing national regulations, the categories of basic research, industrial research and experimental development are applied.	SRIA
Resilience	Health systems are resilient when they show “the capacity to absorb, effectively respond, and adapt to shocks and structural changes in a way that allows them to sustain required operations, resume optimal performance as quickly as possible, transform their structure and functions to strengthen the system, and (possibly) reduce their vulnerability to similar shocks and structural changes in the future”. Thus, resilient, and adaptive health systems would be able to protect themselves and human lives from the public health impact of disasters, and are critical to achieving good health outcomes before, during and after disasters.	SRIA, according to the definition developed at an EU level by the Expert Group on Health Systems Performance Assessment,
Telehealth	In this call text the term refers to telemedicine as described by the EC, the provision of healthcare services at a distance.	
Care/ treatment pathways	Care pathway (or care map) refers to an aid (in addition to clinical guideline) that maps the patient pathway through the care system. It plans for the management of patient care that set goals for the patients and provide the sequence of interventions that physicians, nurses and other health professionals should carry out in order to reach the desired goals in a given time period. See also clinical guidelines and clinical protocols.	Link
Value creation	Developing project outcomes in terms of knowledge or goods that can be used in practice. The created value can either it can be used by businesses or public bodies to generate revenues out of it.	
Voluntary organisations/ NGO	Non-profit, voluntary citizens’ groups, principally independent from government, which are organised on a local, national or international level to address issues in support of the public good.	Link
Well-being	Describes a positive state experienced by individuals and societies. Similar to "health", well-being is a resource for daily life and is determined by social, economic and environmental conditions.	Health Promotion Glossary of Terms 2021 (who.int)

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THCS Guidance for applicants

"HEALTHCARE OF THE FUTURE"

Purpose of this document

This document is there to inform applicants on the aspects of the submission process. In this guidance you find a couple of documents:

- The *How to apply to THCS call 2023* provides a brief overview of all the important steps in the process of applying for funding. Read this to inform yourself about the important steps in the application process.
- The *Intent to apply template* provides insight in which information requested in the intent to apply. It has to be filled in by the project coordinator via the online submission tool.
- The *proposal template* provides in insight on all the elements that need to be answered in the application. It has to be filled in by the project coordinator via the online submission tool.
- The C*hecklist for interventional studies* is only relevant in case you are planning to perform an interventional study. In the checklist you find an overview of important elements that you need to consider when writing a proposal for such a study.

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How to apply to THCS Call 2023?

1. **Read the call text.**
   In the call text all the ins and outs of this call for proposals are described. Amongst others you find the information on the following aspects:
   - Aim of the call
   - The expected outcomes
   - Scope of the call
   - General conditions for participation
   - What other countries and funding organisations take part in the call
   - How to apply and how the proposals will be evaluated.
   - A timeline

2. **Find your project partners.**
   In order to find project partners you can make use of the Partner search tool. Go to the tool: Click here

3. **Read the national or regional eligibility criteria.**
   Make sure that project partners meet their national or regional eligibility criteria. These criteria can be found in the call text (Annex I).

   In case you have any questions about the national/regional eligibility criteria, please contact your national contact person. Contact details can found in Annex I of the call text.

4. **Submit the Intent to Apply**
   Each consortium has to express their interest in this call. Submitting the Intent to Apply form is mandatory. The project coordinator must submit the Intent to Apply in the online submission tool on the THCS website. Without the Intent to Apply, submitting a proposal is not possible. To see what the Intent to Apply form contains, please check section 2 in this guidance for applicants.

   The deadline for submitting the Intent to Apply form is **May 23rd, 2023, 14.00 CET**.

5. **Write your proposal and submit it in time.**
   In the online submission platform on the THCS website you can fill the different elements of the proposal template, it can be saved in between. We advise you to start early. All submissions need to be written in English. To see what the proposal form contains, please check section 3 in this guidance for applicants.

   The deadline for submitting your proposal is Tuesday **June 13, 2023, 14.00 CET.**

6. **Evaluation procedure**
   Over the summer period different reviewers will evaluate the proposals based on the evaluation criteria. Each proposal will be reviewed by three reviewers, they will score and write comments utilising the evaluation criteria as shared in the call text.

7. **Rebuttal stage**
   Between **29 August – 6 September, 2023** the project leader must be available to respond to possible questions and comments of the reviewers. Project coordinators will receive an email from the THCS Call secretariat if their proposal scores above the threshold. Project coordinators get one week to send in a response.

8. **Nomination for funding**

Based on the assessments a ranking list will be established at the panel meeting. The result of the meeting is expected in October 2023 and will be communicated with the project coordinators by email.

9. Start of project

Funded projects are expected to start late 2023 or early 2024.

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Important notice

- The Intent to Apply is restricted for the needs of the Joint Call Secretariat and involved funding agencies only.
- The Intent to Apply aims to provide the Joint Call Secretariat with information on potential proposals that will be submitted. These details will allow the Joint Call Secretariat to adjust the composition of the peer-review panel responsible for the evaluation, ensuring proposals receive a proper and adequate expertise.
- The Joint Call Secretariat may provide guidance to the coordinator on the composition of the consortium. However, the Joint Call Secretariat will not provide feedbacks on the content of the Intent to Apply.
- The Intent to Apply is mandatory but will not be evaluated and will not be taken into consideration for establishing the final ranking list and the selection decision.
- The Intent to Apply must be completed in the online submission system. All fields must be completed.
- The Intent to Apply must submitted via the online submission system.

A. General Information

Acronym (maximum 15 characters, including spaces)

Project title (maximum 255 characters, including spaces)

Project duration (months, max. 36)

Keywords

Please indicate five to seven keywords that represent the content and the methodological approach.

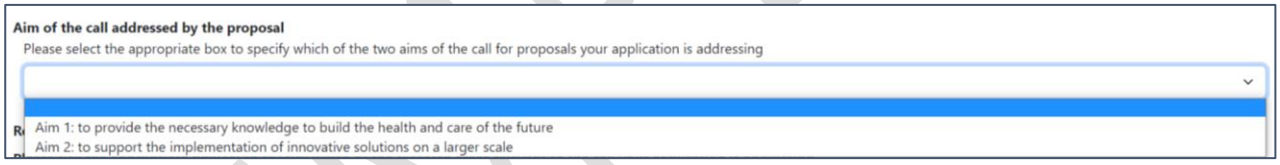
Keyword 1:	Keyword 5:
Keyword 2	Keyword 6:
Keyword 3:	Keyword 7:
Keyword 4:	

Aim of the call addressed by the proposal

Please select the appropriate box to specify which of the two aims of the call for proposals your application is addressing

Aim 1: to provide the necessary knowledge to build the health and care of the future.

Aim 2: to support the implementation of innovative solutions on a larger scale.



Research areas addressed by the proposal

Please tick the appropriate box(es) to specify which of the research areas relevant to the call your application is addressing.

☐ Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR)

☐ Health Technology Research (HTR)

☐ Social and economic research

Contribution of the proposal to the expected outcomes of the call

Please tick the appropriate box(es) to specify which of the expected outcomes of the call your application is contributing.

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Project abstract (maximum 4,000 characters including spaces)
Please give a comprehensive and readable summary of the primary aims and methods of the project (why the research is being suggested, what you aim to achieve, how this may impact on the rest of the research community and society).

B. Project coordinator

Project coordinator is partner number 1. Please note that organisations which label themselves as end-user organisations must fit into the definition as provided by the THCS program (see the Call Text). Later on in the full proposal this has to be reflected in the description of the partner, in the work plan and in the dissemination activities.

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Project partners applying for funding

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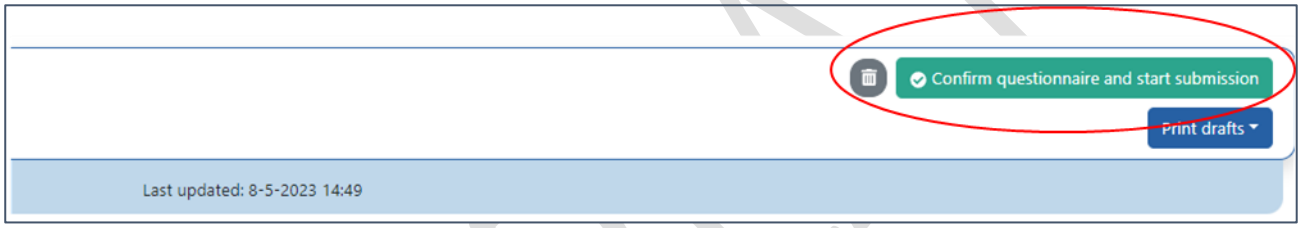

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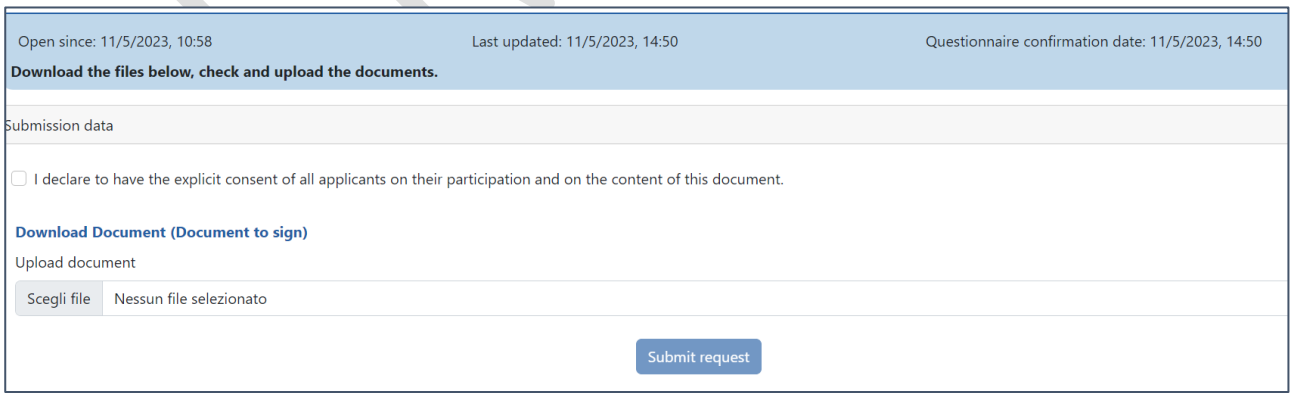

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Career stage (as defined in Frascati 2015 Manual):	• Category A Top grade officer/researcher: the single highest grade/post at which management/research is normally conducted. Example: Director/Head of Unit/Full professor or Director of research. • Category B Senior officer/researcher: Managers/Researchers working in positions not as senior as top position but more senior than newly qualified doctoral graduates (IsCED level 8). Examples: Programme Managers, associate professor or senior researcher or principal investigator. • Category C Recognised officer/researcher: the first grade/post into which a newly qualified doctoral graduate would normally be recruited. Examples: Project Manager, assistant professor, investigator or post-doctoral fellow. • Category D First stage officer/researcher: Either training contracts or doctoral students at the IsCED level 8 who are engaged as junior project managers, researchers, or researchers working in posts that do not normally require a doctorate degree. Examples: junior training contracts, PhD students or junior researchers (without a PhD).
Contribution in the project	*Please select from the drop-down list:* ❑ High ❑ Low ❑ Medium
Role in the project	*Please select from the drop-down list:* ❑ Principal investigator ❑ Ph.D Candidate ❑ Collaborator
Contract duration	*Please select from the drop-down list:* ❑ Long ❑ Short

Type of identifier	*Please select from the drop-down list:* ❑ Other (please specify) ❑ Google Scholar ❑ ORCID ❑ Researcher ID ❑ Scopus ID
If other, please specify	
Reference identifier	

If Principal Investigator, upload a brief CV (mandatory).

- *Brief CV of each principal investigator (maximum 4,000 characters including spaces, equivalent to about 1 A4 page, for each CV*
- *Each partner should be represented by a single Principal Investigator (co-PI are not accepted). Proposals with extra-CVs will be rejected The project coordinator and each principal investigator shall include a description of their main domain of research and a list of the five most relevant publications within the last five years, demonstrating the competence to carry out the project.*

For adding an extra researcher involved, click on "Select to add another card for this section" then "Save and Continue"

F. Project description – Excellence

1.1 Relevance and scope

Describe how and why the proposed project is relevant to the aims and scope of the call (maximum characters 2000, including spaces)

1.2 Background, current state-of-the-art in the research field, knowledge needs and preliminary results obtained by the consortium members (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

- Describe the need for your project. Which challenge(s) are you going to tackle with your project?
- Summarise the state of the art of the research and innovation area/field the project aims to contribute to and describe the knowledge needs and challenges that justify the initiation of this project.
- Describe the Health and Care systems necessity(ies) covered by the project.
- Describe the preliminary results obtained by the consortium members.

1.3 Project objectives

State the overall project objectives and aims in the context of the state of the art and knowledge needs. (Maximum 3000 characters including spaces.)

1.4 Research and innovation questions.

Describe in more detail the research and/or innovation questions and/or hypotheses. (Maximum 3000 characters including spaces.

1.5 Methodology and approach (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

Make sure that the theoretical approach and/or choice of methods is well accounted for and described in detail, and that it is clear how the methods are adequate for addressing the research and/or innovation questions, hypotheses, and project objectives.

- Describe thoroughly the approach chosen to address the project objectives, research questions/innovation idea(s). In particular, describe how relevant stakeholders/users are integrated in to the project and, if relevant, specify why an interdisciplinary approach has been chosen.
- Describe thoroughly the methodology chosen to address the project objectives, research questions/innovation idea(s). In particular indicate the methods of data collection (Indicate the data that will be collected, the tools used), the statistic plan (calculation of statistical data), the statistical analysis and the timing of data analysis.
- Describe how gender perspectives will be taken into account in the research and/or innovation content.
- Describe the role of social sciences and humanities in the project or provide a justification if you consider that these disciplines are not relevant to your proposed project.

G. Project description – Impact

2.1 Significance and innovation

Make sure you clearly highlight the added value of transnational collaboration and the project's relevance in relation to the impact on the transformation of health and care systems. (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

- Describe how the proposed project contributes to the objectives of THCS partnership.
- Describe the translational relevance of the proposal, and in particular what is already known about this topic and what the proposed research would add.

- Describe the novelty of the proposal in translating innovation into health and care systems.

2.2 Expected impacts of the proposed research and/or innovation

The description of the potential impact should be project specific and related to the planned research and/ or innovation. General elaborations on the benefits of research and/or innovation in a wider context should be avoided. (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

- Building on the description of knowledge needs and challenges in section 1, describe why and how the project outcomes, if successful, have the potential to meet the challenge(s) described in the call text.
- Building on the description of project objectives and novelty in chapter 1, describe clearly why and how the project outcomes may address important present and/or future (scientific) challenges and have an impact on the research and/or innovation area/field, if successful.

- Describe the expected impacts of your project (For example: societal, economic, scientific, policy, etc).
- Describe why and how the project output will create value for the public sector and/or civil society and/or the industry. Describe how your project will affect people's health and/or care in practice.
- Describe how new knowledge and project outputs have the potential to address one or more of the UN sustainable development goals. (https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/)
- When do you expect the results of this projects to be ready for use in daily practice? Please explain.

2.3 Measures for impact maximisation

a. Stakeholder Involvement (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

- Describe the role and contribution of operational stakeholders (e.g. citizens and/or citizen representatives, local communities, hospitals, municipalities, local/national NGOs, consumer organisations)
- Describe the level of involvement of stakeholders for each stage of the project (maximum characters 1000, including spaces)
- Explain reasoning behind involving/not involving certain stakeholders (maximum characters 1000, including spaces)
- Describe the impact of your project on the different involved stakeholders (maximum characters 1000, including spaces)

b. Open Science, data management and data sharing

Develop a data management strategy. Take into account the FAIR data management principles. Include a description of how the data gathered through the project will be available to the wider research community and the sustainability of the research results within the wider research community. (maximum characters 3000, including spaces)

c. Exploitation and dissemination of expected results (In total for these questions, maximum characters: 8000 including spaces).

- Describe the target audience and stakeholders/users of the project outputs
- Describe the measures of the consortium to exploit, disseminate and communicate the expected project results.
- Outline the scope and plan for dissemination, communication and engagement activities
- Describe how the stakeholders/users are involved in the dissemination and utilisation of the project results;
- Describe pathways of transfer into practice, e.g. translation of the results into policy recommendations or actions;
- Describe arrangements between participating partners regarding IPR, if applicable.

H. Project description – Work plan

Overall structure

- Work Package Title
- Lead partner
- Partner Short name
- Person months
- Start month
- End month
- Work Package Activities (Maximum characters 2000, including spaces)

For adding an extra Work Package, click on "Select to add another card for this section" then "Save and Continue"

I. Project description – Implementation

Timeline and milestones (maximum 2,000 characters, including spaces)
This section should describe the project timeline and milestones and include a graphic representation of the project time plan and the milestones (Gantt chart). The Gantt chart has to be uploaded with the Pert Diagram (see following section)

Diagram which compiles the work plan, the contribution of the partners to each work package and their interactions (Pert diagram).
Please note that Pert diagram and Gantt chart (see previous section) must be assembled and uploaded in a single PDF document.

Describe the organisation and management structure, i.e. the project governance. *(Maximum characters 2000, including spaces)*

Added value of the collaboration in the proposed transnational project
This section should describe the quality of the transnational research consortium (maximum characters 4000, including spaces) and in particular

a. *the level of expertise of the project coordinator and the individual partner research teams in the field(s) of the proposal (team scientific track record, publications, patents, etc.) to complement the information in the CVs.*
b. *the quality of the collaboration among the research teams and added value of the research consortium with respect to the individual teams. In particular, describe the consortium, the partners (including collaborating organisations), their role and complementarity in the context of the proposed project. If partners cover their own costs- please indicate that.*
c. *the expected added value of collaboration on scientific and transnational level – sharing of resources, data, know-how etc.*

Outside resources, if applicable
If you do not have all skills/resources in-house, describe the reasons and how you intend to get them (contributions of members, partner organisations, subcontracting, etc.). If there is subcontracting, please also complete the information in section Detailed financial plan per partner. Please note that core tasks of the Project cannot be subcontracted. (maximum characters 2000, including spaces)

Critical risks for implementation
Describe possible risks that might endanger achieving the objectives by indicating for each of them the level of likelihood and severity. Describe how these risks will be managed and in particular the proposed risk mitigation measures. (maximum characters 4000, including spaces)

J. Financial Plan – Partners

Important notice.

- *All categories of the costs may not be eligible for all countries (it will be handled according to national regulations (see call text Annex 1 and/or contact the relevant regional/national funding organisation). Please ensure you adhere to any specific national rules.*
- *In addition, specification of co-funding from other sources necessary for the project as well as secured funding of additional collaborators of the consortium should be explained here, if applicable.*
- Thousand separators and whole numbers should be used only (e.g. 200.000).
- Travel and subsistence costs: travel expenses should include the participation of the coordinators and/or national partner leaders at an intermediate and/or a final status symposium to present the results of their projects.
- Other direct costs: please note that e.g. subcontracting, provisions, licensing fees; may not be eligible costs in all countries (will be handled according to legal framework and funding body regulations). Check at the respective national funding organisations.
- Indirect costs (Overhead): funded according to national legal framework and funding body regulations. Check at the respective national funding organisations in Annex 1 of the call text.

Financial Plan – Partners

Partner

Partner Short name

Each partner who requests funding as well as each collaborator has to fill in the following budgetary table. Please justify each of the budget items with a short description.

Personnel

Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Consumables

Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Equipment
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Travel and subsistance
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Other direct costs
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Total direct costs
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Indirect costs (Overhead)
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Details and justification

Total requested budget (€)
Requested Amount (€)

Total costs (€)
Total costs (€)

For adding an extra partner, click on "Select to add another card for this section" then "Save and Continue"

For removing a partner, click on "Remove card" in the top right-hand corner

K. Financial plan – Collaborators

Please note that:

- *Each partner who requests funding as well as each collaborator has to fill in the following budgetary table. Please justify each of the budget items with a short description in the right column. You can use the examples and instructions that are given in purple.*
- Travel and subsistence costs: travel expenses should include the participation of the coordinators and/or national partner leaders at an intermediate and/or a final status symposium to present the results of their projects.
- Other direct costs: please note that e.g. subcontracting, provisions, licensing fees; may not be eligible costs in all countries (will be handled according to legal framework and funding body regulations). Check at the respective national funding organisations.
- Indirect costs (Overhead): funded according to national legal framework and funding body regulations. Check at the respective national funding organisations in Annex 1 of the call text.

Each partner who requests funding as well as each collaborator has to fill in the following budgetary table. Please justify each of the budget items with a short description.

Personnel
Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Consumables
Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Equipment

Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Travel and subsistance

Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Other direct costs

Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Total direct costs

Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Indirect costs (Overhead)

Own contribution in-kind (€)

Details and justification

Total costs (€)

Total costs (€)

Details and justification

For adding an extra partner, click on "Select to add another card for this section" then "Save and Continue"

L. Financial plan – Total budget

If there is no budget foreseen for one or more cost categories please insert 0 (zero) as requested amount.

Personnel
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Consumables
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Equipment
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Travel and subsistance
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Other direct costs
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Total direct costs
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Indirect costs (Overhead)
Requested Amount (€)

Own contribution in-kind (€ - if applicable)

Total requested budget (€)

Total costs (€)

Overview of the project financial plan
Please upload the template of the project financial plan (mandatory field)
Download the template at:
https://s3.eu-south-1.amazonaws.com/documenti.cbim.it/THCS_OverviewProjectFinancialPlan.xlsx

M. Ethics

1. HUMAN EMBRYOS/FOETUSES
Does your research involve Human Embryonic Stem Cells (hESCs)?
Yes/ No

Does your research involve the use of human embryos?
Yes/ No

Does your research involve the use of human foetal tissues / cells?
Yes/ No

2. HUMANS
Does your research involve human participants?
Yes/ No

Does your research involve physical interventions on the study participants?
Yes/ No

3. HUMAN CELLS / TISSUES
Does your research involve human cells or tissues (other than from Human Embryos/ Foetuses?
Yes/ No

4. PERSONAL DATA

Does your research involve personal data collection and/or processing?

Yes/ No

Does your research involve further processing of previously collected personal data (secondary use)?

Yes/ No

Is it planned to export personal data from the EU to non-EU countries? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved

Yes/ No

If you selected "Yes" to one of the questions, please provide a short description of the activities foreseen.

Is it planned to import personal data from non-EU countries into the EU or from a non-EU country to another non-EU country? Specify the type of personal data and countries involved

Yes/ No

If you selected "Yes" to one of the questions, please provide a short description of the activities foreseen.

5. ANIMALS

Does your research involve animals?

Yes/ No

6. NON EU-COUNTRIES

Will some of the activities be carried out in non-EU countries?

Yes/ No

If you selected "Yes" to one of the questions, please provide a short description of the activities foreseen.

7. ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Does this activity involve the development, deployment and/or use of Artificial Intelligence? (if yes, detail in the self-assessment whether that could raise ethical concerns related to human rights and values and detail how this will be addressed).

Yes/ No

8. OTHER ETHICS ISSUES

Are there any other ethics issues that should be taken into consideration? Please specify

Yes/ No

If you selected "Yes" to one of the questions, please provide a short description of the activities foreseen.

I confirm that I have taken into account all ethics issues described above and that, if any ethics issues apply, I will complete the ethics self-assessment and attach the required documents

Yes/ No

N. Checklist for the Coordinator

In order to make sure that your proposal will be eligible for this call, please collect the information required to tick all sections below. Please consult the call text for further details. All boxes must be ticked to allow the submission of the proposal.

General conditions:

- ☐ All applicants provided their consent on their participation in the project proposal and on its contents.
- ☐ The project proposal do not
- ☐ aim at human cloning for reproductive purposes;
- ☐ intend to modify the genetic heritage of human beings which could make such changes heritable (with the exception of research relating to cancer treatment of the gonads, which may be financed), or
- ☐ intend to create human embryos solely for the purpose of research or for the purpose of stem cell procurement, including by means of somatic cell nuclear transfer.
- ☐ lead to the destruction of human embryos (for example, for obtaining stem cells)
- ☐ These activities are excluded from funding.

Composition of the consortium:

- ☐ At least 3 eligible partners from at least 3 different countries from which funding agencies are participating in the call.
- ☐ Maximum number of 9 eligible partners.
- ☐ Maximum amount of 3 eligible partners from the same country. Please note that for some countries, only 1 eligible partner from this country is allowed (see annex I of the call text).
- ☐ Maximum amount of 2 collaborators
- ☐ The coordinator and all partners in the consortium are eligible partners (not collaborators).

Eligibility of project partners:

- ☐ Each project partner involved in the proposal has checked its eligibility to receive funding from its funding organisation (see annex I of the call text).

- ☐ Each project partner involved has read carefully and followed the instructions and rules given by the national/regional funding organisation in annex I of the call text, e.g. to submit additional documents to the respective funding organisation if required
- ☐ All partners declare they did not receive other public funding to perform the described tasks.

O. Additional Annexes

The following Annexes must be uploaded in the submission system a separate pdf files.

Bibliography (maximum 6,000 characters including spaces, equivalent to about one and half A4 page).

The Annex should provide detailed citations for sources you reference in the proposal.

Relevant Research Projects

Past and ongoing most relevant research projects of each participating group related to the present topic. Please note that maximum 5 projects per Partner can be indicated by using the following table.

Partner Short name	**Project reference No and Title, Funding programme**	**Period** (start andend date)	**Role** (COO, BEN, OTHER)	**Amount** (EUR)	**Website (if any)**
[name]					
[name]					

Signatures

Digital signatures or scanned signatures are accepted. These signatures should be from the principal investigators listed in part 2. An official signature of the respective institutions is not necessary.

Please use the following template.

Template for signatures

General Data Protection Regulation

By submitting and signing this application, the applicants consent to the use, processing and retention of their personal data , in accordance with article 6.1 (e) and (c) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) (2016/679) and for the purposes of:

- processing and evaluating the application where processing shall be lawful only if and to the extent that processing is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest or in the exercise of official authority vested in the controller;
- administering any subsequent funding award;
- managing the Funding Organisations relationship with them;
- analysing and evaluating the call;
- providing aggregate data to national and European surveys and analyses on the funded projects;
- and complying with audits that may be initiated by the Funding Organisations and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the Call Steering Committee (CSC), i.e. representatives of the funding organisations that fund this JTC, may share applicant's data with third parties (some of which may be based outside the European Economic Area) in relation to the above activities including evaluators, auditors and the European Commission (or its agencies).

The members of the CSC may link the data that funding recipients provide in the application with national, bibliographic or external research funding data which are available through public subscription-based databases (e.g. Scopus, Web of Science, etc.) or other national / open datasets.

In addition, the applicants declare their willingness to participate in the research consortium and that they did not receive other public funds to accomplish any tasks described in the project proposal.

Coordinator	**Stamp and Signature**
Last Name:	
First Name:	
	Date:
Institution:	

The project partners below have checked their regional/national regulations. They are informed about the content of this joint application.

Signature Partner 1: _____

Signature Partner 2: _____

Signature Partner 3: _____

Signature Partner 4: _____

Signature Partner 5: _____

Signature Partner 6: _____

Signature Partner 7: _____

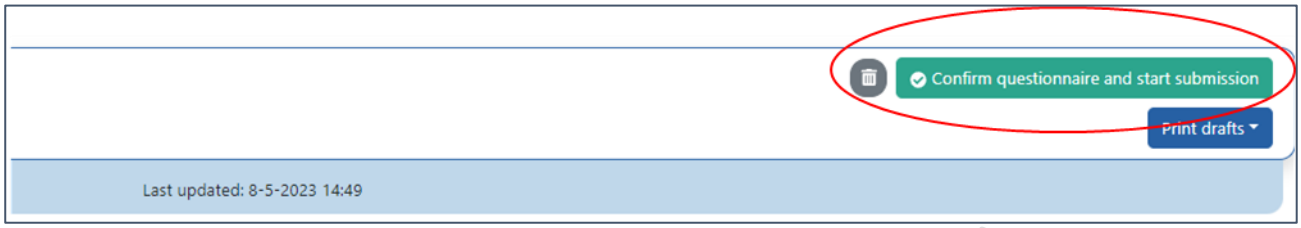
Signature Partner 8: _____

Signature Partner 9: _____

Please add further signature positions, if needed.

Finalising the Full Proposal

- Click on: *Confirm questionnaire and start submission*



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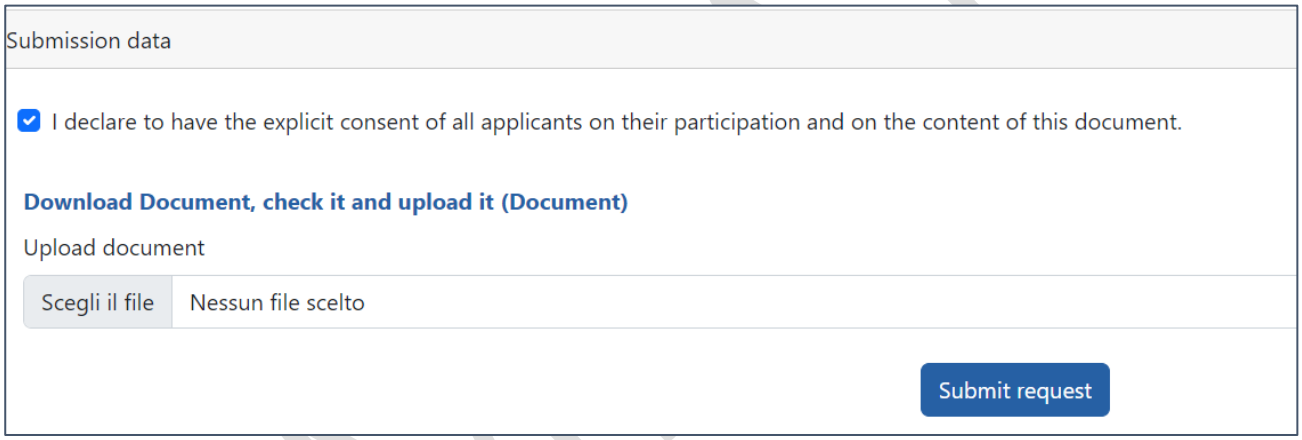
- If information are correct, upload the pdf through the function "Upload document"



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Checklist for intervention studies

Make use of this checklist in case you plan an intervention study

Please note: this list is only meant to double-check if you have included all relevant information on your interventional study in the proposal.

General:

- The need for the study
- What is the problem to be addressed?
- What is/are the principal research question(s) to be addressed?
- Is there a robust evidence-based rationale/coherent hypothesis for the study
- What outcome are you aiming for and how might this bring about change?
- Describe any risks to the safety of participants involved in the intervention

The Proposed Study

- Describe the planned intervention. Fully describe the intervention in PICO terms (Population/Patient group, Intervention, Comparison group/Control, Outcomes)
- Has any pilot or feasibility work been conducted to be confident that the intervention can be implemented as intended?
- What are the proposed practical arrangements for allocating participants to study groups?
- What are the proposed methods for protecting against sources of bias? e.g. Blinding or masking.
- What are the planned inclusion/exclusion criteria?
- What is the proposed sample size and what is the justification for the assumptions underlying the power calculations? Include for both control and intervention groups, a brief description of the power calculations detailing the outcome measures on which these have been based, and give event rates, means and medians etc. as appropriate.
- What is the planned recruitment rate (overall and per site if relevant)? What evidence is there that the planned recruitment rate is achievable over a given timeframe
- What are the planned Stopping criteria?
- Are you planning to include health economics and/or quality of life measures? If yes, provide full details regarding the type of analysis to be undertaken, the rationale of the design proposed, the personnel who will conduct analysis, power calculations and inclusion/exclusion criteria.
- Have you considered compliance issues, acceptability testing, user involvement, any local or other contextual issues?

Data Collection and Management

- Describe arrangements for day-to-day management and monitoring of the trial e.g. randomisation, data handling, and coordination.
- Will the design chosen really enable you to draw conclusions about effectiveness?