



## ANNEX A: NATIONAL RULES OF FUNDING PARTIES

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### AUSTRIA

#### Austrian Research Promotion Agency, FFG

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by FFG:

1. Call topic: Sustainable and renewable energy & energy security
2. Call topic: Cybersecurity - cyber resilience of critical infrastructure & adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Call topic: Medical & health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
4. Call topic: Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the Austrian project partner has to comply with the following terms and conditions:

- In general, universities, research institutes, SMEs and large companies, cities, municipalities and NGOs (legal entities) are eligible for funding. The complete eligibility criteria and definitions can be found in the national guidelines (<https://www.ffg.at/LUKE/Call2026>)
- For Austrian proposers applying to FFG, the guidelines for cooperative R&D projects for transnational calls (<https://t1p.de/e8ah4>, version 4.2) apply, with the following exception:
  - Differing from the regulation in the guideline document, the transnational consortium does not necessarily have to include a company, in order for Austrian participant(s) to be eligible for funding by FFG. Austrian companies are nevertheless encouraged to apply.
- All Austrian partners applying for funding by FFG must select the same research category (industrial research or experimental development) within a project.



### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- Personnel costs, Overhead costs (flat rate), Use of R&D infrastructure, Costs of materials, Third-party costs, Travel costs. For detailed information, see the national cost guidelines (<https://t1p.de/7k0qz>, version 3.2)
- Costs must be allocated directly to the project, incurred during the funding period in addition to normal operating expenses, correspond to the funding contract and can be proven.

### Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call

- To be eligible for funding by FFG, applications must be within the research category of Industrial Research (TRL 2-4) or Experimental Development (TRL 5-8).
- In parallel to the submission of the joint proposal to the PT-Outline tool, Austrian partners applying for funding by FFG must submit the same joint proposal (as a pdf attachment) to FFG. The proposal must be submitted via the FFG electronic submission system eCall (<https://www.ffg.at/eCall>).
- Austrian applicants are strongly encouraged to contact the FFG before submitting a proposal.
- For projects awarded funding by FFG, a scientific and financial reporting via eCall on an annual basis is mandatory.
- Submission deadline for the national proposal at FFG: 19 May, 2026, 12:00 CEST

#### Upper funding limit and project duration

Upper funding limit: **600,000 EUR/project**

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### Further information relevant to applicants:

For the full Institution regulations on research projects, see: <http://www.ffg.at/LUKE/Call2026>



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## AUSTRIA

### FWF – Austrian Science Fund

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#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by FWF:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in Institution project regulations.

- For FWF-funded project parts, the eligibility criteria of FWF “**Principal Investigator Projects**” apply. For details, cf.:  
[https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/Website/Dokumente/Foerdern/Portfolio/Einzelprojekte/fwf\\_pat\\_application\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/Website/Dokumente/Foerdern/Portfolio/Einzelprojekte/fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf)

#### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- Costs must be calculated on the basis of the FWF application guidelines for “Principal Investigator Projects”. For details, cf:  
[https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/Website/Dokumente/Foerdern/Portfolio/Einzelprojekte/fwf\\_pat\\_application\\_guidelines.pdf](https://www.fwf.ac.at/fileadmin/Website/Dokumente/Foerdern/Portfolio/Einzelprojekte/fwf_pat_application_guidelines.pdf)

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call:**



- Applicants at FWF must submit the following documents via the FWF elane submission portal, using the funding category “**KIN – International – Multilateral Initiatives**” (<https://www.elane.fwf.ac.at>) by **18 May 2025, 14.00 hrs (CEST)**.
  - Copy of the **joint proposal**
  - Proof of the **publication output** of the FWF PI (according to FWF guidelines)
  - **CV** of the FWF PI (according to FWF guidelines)
  - **budget justification** for the FWF-funded project part (following the template in Annex A of the FWF application guidelines for “Principal Investigator Projects”)
  - A **statement (max. 1 page)** explaining the extent to which the proposed project constitutes **basic research** (to be uploaded in the section “user-defined attachment”).
- Please note that projects in the area of **applied research** must be submitted to the other Austrian research funding organisation participating in LUKE, the **FFG**.

#### Upper funding limit and project duration

**Upper funding limit:** The FWF generally does not have any minimum or maximum limits but, given the limited nature of the financial commitment of the FWF to this Call, we do expect Austrian participations not to exceed the average range of an FWF stand-alone Project (typically around € 300.000 for a two-year project).

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### Further information relevant to applicants:

For the full Institution regulations on research projects, see:

<https://www.fwf.ac.at/en/funding/portfolio/collaborations/international-multilateral-initiatives>

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## CZECH REPUBLIC

### Technology Agency of the Czech Republic (TA CR)

Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by TA CR:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

- Research organisations (according to Article 2 paragraph 83 of the [Regulation](#))
- Enterprises (according to Annex 1 of the [Regulation](#)) and Enterprises who act as natural persons according to Annex 1 of the Regulation engaged in an economic activity pursuant to Act no. 455/1991 coll. on Trades (Trade Act).

Aforementioned actors are eligible, both as main Czech applicants and additional Czech members of the project-consortium. However, the main applicant may be only an entity that has its registered office, establishment or branch in the Czech Republic.

TA CR excludes the disbursement of individual aid to an enterprise:

- against which a recovery order has been issued which is unpaid
- meeting the definition of an “undertaking in difficulty”
- which has not met the obligation to publish the financial statements for the years 2022, 2023, 2024 in the respective register - the so-called “[Veřejný rejstřík](#)”
- which has not disclosed its ownership structure in the so-called “[Evidence skutečných majitelů](#)”

Funding rates: The aid intensity for each Czech candidate in the project is determined based on the type of entity and type of research according to the [Regulation](#) (see table below) and at the same time must not exceed the maximum permissible aid intensity for the Czech part of the project, which is **80 % of eligible costs**.

Applicant	Industrial Research	Industrial research with a bonus for effective collaboration	Experimental development	Experimental development with a bonus for effective collaboration
Small enterprise*	70 %	80 %	45 %	60 %
Medium-sized enterprise*	60 %	75 %	35 %	50 %
Large enterprise	50 %	65 %	25 %	40 %
Research Organisations**	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***	100 %***

\*A SME is defined in Annex 1 of the Regulation

\*\*Research organisations must satisfy the definition in the Act and the Framework

\*\*\*While respecting the maximum permissible aid intensity of 80 % per project (Czech part).

Type of supported research: Applied research (i.e. industrial research / experimental development). For definitions of applied research see the [Framework](#) and the [Regulation](#).

Czech applicants must comply with the “[SIGMA - DC4 \(Mezinárodní spolupráce\)](#)” programme rules.

### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- personnel costs (including scholarships)
- subcontracting costs (max. 20% of total eligible costs throughout the whole project period)
- other direct costs
- indirect costs (overheads) - full cost/flat rate.

Specific categories of eligible costs are defined under Article 18 of the [General Terms & Conditions](#).

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**



Eligible projects for TA CR:

- the project meets the definition of applied research
- the research results correspond to the national rules and are applicable / exploitable (the project proposal has to include a clear description of the exploitation plan and results.)
- the aim of the project has to be relevant to the overall aim of the funding programme SIGMA
- the declared share of industrial research and experimental development corresponds to the activities of the Czech partner described in the project proposal
- the requested funding meets the national regulations for aid intensity
- **The Czech applicants submitted all mandatory documents to TA CR within set deadline**

#### Upper funding limit and project duration

Upper funding limit: **not specified (around 200 000 EUR/project is expected)**  
Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### Further information relevant to applicants:

For the full TA CR regulations on research projects, see: <https://tacr.gov.cz/mezinarodni-spoluprace/>

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## ESTONIA

### Estonian Research Council (ETAG)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### **Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by ETAG:**

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
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#### **Who can apply?**

The Host Institution may be any legal entity that is registered and located in Estonia and has an Estonian bank account. If the Host Institution is a for-profit institution, the State aid and de minimis aid regulations must be taken into account. ETAG can not fund innovation.

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in ETAG national eligibility criteria, which can be found here:

- [National Eligibility Criteria for grant applications in partnership calls for transnational research projects \(valid from 14.03.2025\)](#)

#### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

- Eligible direct costs: personnel, travel, subcontracting (up to 15% of total budget), and other direct costs
- Eligible indirect cost: up to 15% of personnel costs

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**



Eligibility criteria for the Principal Investigator of Estonian Host Institution:

- Must have an updated public profile in ETIS
- Must hold a doctoral degree or equivalent (foreign degrees must be recognised by ENIC-NARIC or the Host Institution)
- Within the last 5 years, must have published:
  - at least 3 articles (ETIS 1.1) or
  - at least 5 articles (ETIS 1.1, 1.2, 2.1 or 3.1)
- One patent equals one ETIS 1.1 publication
- One monograph (up to 3 authors) equals 3 ETIS 1.1 publications
- Possible extension of the publication period in exceptional cases (e.g. parental leave, military service, illness)
- If several Estonian institutions participate, each must have a PI meeting the requirements

#### **Upper funding limit and project duration**

Upper funding limit:

**150,000 EUR/project for a regular partner**

**300,000 EUR/project for a lead partner (project coordinator)**

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### **Further information relevant to applicants:**

For the full Institution regulations on research projects, see <https://etag.ee/en/funding/partnership-funding/partnership-funding-ukraine/>

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## FINLAND

### Research Council of Finland (RCF)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by RCF:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the Research Council of Finland's annually updated document concerning the funding terms and conditions: <https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-use-funding/>

- The Principal Investigator (PI) must hold a doctoral degree and have significant scientific merits, typically at the level of professor or docent.
- A PI requesting funding from the Research Council of Finland may not participate in more than one proposal.
- The applicant must have a close connection with Finland to support the implementation of a multi-year project.
- Research funding is granted to Finnish entities, primarily universities or research institutes.

#### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- Eligible costs include both direct (e.g. salaries) and indirect costs (e.g. premises).
- Funding may be used for hiring research staff, equipment and supplies, travel, collaboration and mobility, international project preparation, and publishing. Open access publishing costs are included in the overheads. The PI's salary share must remain modest. For example, a two-year project may include no more than 3 months of the PI's effective working time.



- Funding is provided under the full cost model, covering up to 70% of total project costs.

### Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call

- Finnish partners of projects selected for funding will be invited to submit national applications via the Research Council of Finland's online services. Applications must include a research security risk assessment and risk management plan: <https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/research-security/>
- Research Council funding cannot be used for 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.

#### Upper funding limit and project duration

Upper funding limit: **250,000 EUR/project** from the RCF (70%)

Project duration is up to **24 months**. The RCF's formal funding period may be longer, allowing for a flexible start date for the use of the funding.

#### Further information relevant to applicants:

For the full RCF regulations on research projects, see: <http://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/>

- **Open Access Policy:**
  - Scientific publications resulting from funded projects must be openly accessible.
  - Research data produced must be made widely available, with justified variation in openness (from fully open to strictly confidential).
  - More information is provided here: <https://www.aka.fi/en/research-funding/apply-for-funding/how-to-apply-for-funding/az-index-of-application-guidelines/open-science/>
  - Open access publishing costs are included in the overheads.
- Project partners must agree in writing on the ownership and use of research results, materials and data at the start of the project.



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## GERMANY

### Federal Ministry of Research, Technology and Space (BMFTR)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### **Call topics of the joint call that are supported by BMFTR:**

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### **Who can apply?**

Research proposals may be submitted by German

- universities / higher education institutions
- non-university research institutions
- commercial enterprises, in particular SMEs
- local authorities and other institutions in Germany that provide research contributions

The following applies to the initial grant recipient: At the time of payment of a grant awarded, the existence of a permanent establishment or branch (company) or other institution serving the non-economic activity of the grant recipient (higher education institution, research institution and other institutions providing research contributions) in Germany is required.

Research institutions that receive basic funding from the Federal Government and/or the Federal States (Bundesländer) can, in addition to their institutional funding, receive project funding for their additional project-related expenses or costs under certain conditions only.

#### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

##### ***I. Direct costs***

- a. Costs of personnel

Funds for personnel required for the project can be funded.



b. Costs of durable equipment

Funding for equipment can be provided. However, this only includes equipment that does not form part of an institution's basic equipment (i.e. no laptops, notebooks or equipment which is regularly used by the applicants).

c. Consumables and supplies

Any consumables necessary for the project implementation may be considered as direct costs. Consumables are only eligible costs if bought after the start date of the project. Consumables belonging to the basic facilities of an applicant are not eligible.

d. Subcontracting

The general rule should be that applicants shall implement the project and shall have the necessary resources to that end. However, parts that are not “core” parts of the project may be subcontracted. Examples for minor services to be subcontracted are rent of locations, translation costs, costs for technical equipment in the context of the organization of events or printing services etc.

e. Science communication

Eligible expenses/costs also include expenses/costs that, during the funding period, serve to make the planned research process or the results accessible to the general public and – in doing so – to enter into an exchange with society. Science communication by definition is the dialogue-oriented communication and mediation of research and scientific content in layman’s terms to target groups outside the science community.

f. Other costs

Events: With regard to workshops in Germany and partner countries, grants can be provided towards expenses such as hotel costs for the workshop, printing of workshop materials or catering and rental of the venue. The amount of the grant depends on the size of the workshop and the number of guests.

g. Travel and subsistence costs

The travel costs/expenses to and from the destination, including the necessary visas (for airline tickets: economy class), as well as the accommodation costs/expenses will be covered in accordance with the applicable regulations of the institution or company. This also includes travel within Germany or other countries.

h. Travel costs for international cooperation:

Travel costs for international cooperation, e.g. international conferences in Germany or abroad with a clear connection to the project topic, can be covered if a valid justification is provided.

CO<sub>2</sub>-Compensation payments for business trips may be recognised as eligible expenses or costs in accordance with the 'Guidelines for Grant Applications on an Expenditure Basis



(AZA/AZAP/AZAV)' or the 'Guidelines for Grant Applications on a Cost Basis by Commercial Enterprises (AZK)'.

## **II. Indirect Costs: Overheads**

Overhead costs are eligible depending on the type of institution as well as on the respective accounting system.

Universities and other Higher Education Institutions (public/non-public) and university hospitals (regardless of their legal status) can apply for a lump sum of 20% ('Projektpauschale') of the requested funding for research projects.

### **Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the LUKE Joint Call**

Grants for universities, research and science institutions and similar establishments will be calculated on the basis of the eligible, additional project-related expenditures (grants for Helmholtz centers and the Fraunhofer-Gesellschaft (FhG): eligible, additional project-related costs), up to 100% of which can be covered on an individual basis.

Grants for commercial enterprises and research institutions that fall within the scope of economic activities are the eligible, additional project-related costs. These can be partially financed, taking into account the requirements of state aid law. According to BMFTR principles, a potential grantee must be prepared to make an appropriate financial contribution to the eligible costs incurred.

The European Commission's General Block Exemption Regulation (GBER) must be taken into account when calculating the respective funding ratio.

#### **Upper funding limit**

Upper funding limit: **200,000 EUR per project** plus a lump sum of 20% ('Projektpauschale') if applicable. This limit applies to the whole German project, even if it is comprised of several German partners. Project duration is up to **24 months**.

Applicants whose proposals have been evaluated positively will be invited to submit - in coordination with the designated project coordinator - a formal application for funding on which a decision will be taken after a final evaluation. To draft formal applications for funding, applicants must use the BMFTR's electronic application system "easy".



This information is preliminary. A binding funding announcement will be published by BMFTR which will define the formal funding regulations.

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## LATVIA

### Latvian Council of Science (LZP)

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#### **Call topics of the joint call that are supported by LZP:**

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### **Who can apply?**

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in the relevant regulations of LZP.

- R&D institutions (research institutes, universities, higher education establishments, universities, research centres;
- Private entities (companies, SMEs, large enterprises)

#### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

- Direct costs: personal costs incl. taxes; travels; subcontracts (up to 25% of direct costs); equipment (only depreciation costs); consumables (reagents, materials, etc.); other costs;
- Indirect costs: (up to 25% of direct costs excluding subcontracting).

#### **Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**

- No more than two partners from Latvia may participate in the project.



- The funding of RTD activities is provided pursuant in accordance with the Regulation of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Latvia No 259 on the procedure for providing support for participation in international cooperation programs for research and technology (adopted on 26 June 2015 and provisions of Commission Regulation (EC) No651/2014 of 17 June 2014 declaring certain categories of aid compatible with the common market in application Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty.

#### **Upper funding limit and project duration**

Upper funding limit: **100,000 EUR/project year/project partner**

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### **Further information relevant to applicants:**

For the full LZP regulations on research projects, see: <http://www.lzp.gov.lv>

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## REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

### National Agency for Research and Development (NARD)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by NARD:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in the **National Agency for Research and Development** project regulations.

- The beneficiaries are public law organizations in the fields of research and innovation, in accordance with art. 14-19, 95, 96 of the Code on Science and Innovation of the Republic of Moldova no. 259/2004; point 2 paragraph 3), points 3, 6, 19 of Government Decision no. 382/2019 on the approval of the Methodology for financing projects in the fields of research and innovation.

#### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- Costs for employees, travels, publishing, scientific events participation, purchase of consumables, purchase of software/patents, and indirect costs.
- Research team salaries should not exceed 80% of the budget.
- Expenses for the salary of administrative personnel will not exceed 3% of the project fund intended for the remuneration of the work of project team members.
- A research team that spends less than its allocated share of the budget will be funded solely on the basis of actual, duly justified and reimbursable costs.



**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**

The project is ought to be prepared in the form of a standard application in accordance with [Government Decision no. 382/2019](#).

**Upper funding limit and project duration**

Upper funding limit: **100 000 EUR/project**  
Project duration is up to **24 months**.

**Further information relevant to applicants:**

For the full national regulations on research projects, see:

[Government Decision no. 382/2019](#)

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## POLAND

### National Science Centre

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#### **Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by Institution:**

5. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
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  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
8. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in Institution project regulations.

#### **Who can apply?**

The Principal Investigator in the Polish research team must be at least a PhD holder when submitting a proposal. Additional restrictions are described in Chapter IV, §13-20 of the Terms and regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO, annexed to [NCN Council Resolution No 74/2025 of 11 September 2025](#).

Proposals may be submitted by the entities specified in Article 27 (1) of the Act on the National Science Centre ([NCN Act](#)).

All national eligibility requirements for applicants requesting NCN funding are provided in the Annex to the National Science Centre (NCN) Council's Resolution No. 74/2025 on the terms and regulations on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO (hereinafter: UNISONO): [version in EN](#); [version in PLs](#).



## What types of costs are eligible for funding?

Applicants can apply for funding for all costs relevant, necessary and directly connected to the proposed research project including:

- **Personnel costs (salaries):**
  - Full time remuneration: funds for full-time employment of the principal investigator or post-doc(s); Please note, if the principal investigator is also the coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal a full-time remuneration of PI can be increased.
  - Additional remuneration for members of the research team. Please note: if the principal investigator is also the coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal a budget for additional remuneration can be increased.
  - Salaries and scholarships for students and PhD students. Please note: if the principal investigator is also the coordinator of an international consortium submitting a joint proposal the budget for salaries and scholarships for students and PhD students can be increased.
  
- **Purchase or manufacturing of research equipment, devices and software** (the cost of an individual item of equipment must not exceed PLN 500,000.00).
  
- **Other costs such as:**
  - Purchase of material and small equipment,
  - Outsourcing (costs of services rendered by third parties),
  - Business trips (travel and subsistence costs),
  - Compensation for collective investigators,
  - Other costs crucial to the research project which comply with the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the NCN and carried out as multilateral collaboration UNISONO.
  
- **Indirect costs** must not exceed a maximum of 20% of the total eligible costs and may not be increased during the course of a research project. Additionally, indirect costs of up to 2% of direct costs may be spent on Open Access to publications and research data. Administrative personnel costs and costs of organisation of conferences have to be covered from overheads.

We strongly encourage all applicants to read information on eligible costs included in the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration [UNISONO](#).

EURO exchange rate: 1 EUR = 4,3463 PLN

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**



Only proposals involving basic research (experimental or theoretical endeavours undertaken to gain new knowledge of the foundations of phenomena and observable facts, without any direct commercial use) may be submitted to NCN in response to the LUKE Call for proposals.

### **Submission of the proposal at the national level**

Up to 7 days from the joint proposal submission deadline, Polish applicants must submit their national applications in the OSF submission system. The application will include a budget that should be calculated according to the Annex to NCN Council's Resolution on awarding funding for research tasks funded or co-funded under international calls launched by the National Science Centre and carried out as multilateral collaboration ([UNISONO](#)).

### **Upper funding limit and project duration**

Upper funding limit: **The maximum budget of the Polish research team is not pre-determined, however, the justification of the expenses versus the scope of tasks is assessed by the international expert team.**

Project duration is **24 months**.

### **Further information relevant to applicants:**

The rules for awarding NCN scholarships are laid down in the [Regulations on awarding scholarships](#).

[Personal Data Processing at the NCN](#)

[Open Access Policy at the NCN](#)

[Data Management Plan requirements](#)

For the full Institution regulations on research projects, please refer to the Call Announcement published on the NCN website.

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## ROMANIA

### The Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by UEFISCDI:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Call topic: Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in UEFISCDI's project regulations.

- Legal entities established in Romania are eligible to get funding, i.e. public and private accredited universities, national R&D institutes, other research organizations, SMEs, large industrial enterprises with R&D activity within their domains. We can fund only Romanian research teams. For universities, public institutions, R&D national institutions funding is 100%, and for SMEs and Large companies, financing is under the permit OMCID no. 21.324/02.11.2023 approving the scheme of State aid for Program 5.8: European and international cooperation.

#### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- The following categories of expenses are eligible:
  - A. Staff costs (researchers, technicians and support staff, including all corresponding state and social contributions; these contributions are subject to national regulations in force);
  - B. Consumables (materials, supplies or similar);
  - C. Equipments (in full compliance with state aid regulations), no more than 30% of the total funding from the public budget;



- D. Subcontracting (max. 25% of the total funding from the public budget);
  - E. Travel expenses (in Romania or abroad, only for project teams' members);
  - F. Overheads (calculated as a percentage of direct costs: staff costs, travel expenses and logistics costs - excluding capital costs). Indirect costs will not exceed max. 25% of direct costs, excluding subcontracting. Expenses are eligible if incurred after signature of the contract.
- To EU countries: no  
To Non-EU countries: no

Subcontracting special tasks (i.e. IT services, etc): Yes, 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.

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**

- National rules available [here](#).

**Upper funding limit and project duration**

- The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 250,000 € if Romania is the coordinator of the transnational project;
- The maximum funding for one project from the public budget is 200,000 € if Romania is partner in the transnational project.

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

**Further information relevant to applicants:**

For the full UEFISCDI regulations on research projects, see:  
<https://uefiscdi.gov.ro/parteneriate-si-misiuni-europene>

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## TÜRKİYE

### The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Türkiye (TÜBİTAK)

Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.

#### Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call that are supported by TÜBİTAK:

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Call topic: Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

#### Who can apply?

- Higher education institutions,
- Training and research hospitals,
- Public institutions and organisations (including city, metropolitan and district municipalities),
- SMEs and large companies established in Türkiye

#### What types of costs are eligible for funding?

- Personnel, travel, equipment/tool/software, consultancy and service procurement, consumables are eligible for funding.

#### Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call:

- **Eligible type of research:** strategic (basic) research, applied research, experimental development
- **TRL:** 1-8



- National "1071 Programme - Support Programme for Increasing Capacity to Benefit from International Research Funds and Participation in International R&D Cooperation" Programme will be implemented.
- Further information will be announced on <https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/>

#### Upper funding limit and project duration

Upper funding limit: **EUR 190,000** (excluding institutional overhead and PIP) per project.

Per beneficiary: EUR 100,000 (HEIs, training & research hospitals, public bodies) / EUR 190,000 (private entities).

Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### Further information relevant to applicants:

- Electronic application is required via: <https://uidb-pbs.tubitak.gov.tr/>
- Further information will be announced on <https://ufukavrupa.org.tr/>

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## UKRAINE

### National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU)

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

**Call topics of the LUKE Joint Call are supported by the NASU:**

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems

#### **Who can apply?**

In order to be eligible for LUKE funding, the researcher has to comply with the terms and conditions presented in the **National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine** project regulations.

- A research institution of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine or research team of a research institution or research institutions of the National Academy of Science of Ukraine may submit an application for the competition.

#### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

- Eligible for financing are expenses for employees, purchase of consumables and indirect costs.
- Costs for employees (or equivalent) are eligible if they limited to salaries (including net payments during parental leave), social security contributions, taxes and other costs linked to the remuneration.
- Indirect costs should not exceed 30%.
- A research team that spends less than its allocated share of the budget will be funded in accordance with its actual duly justified eligible costs only.
- A research team that spends more than its allocated share of the budget will be funded only in respect of duly justified eligible costs up to an amount not exceeding that share.

**Additional national eligibility criteria for the proposal beyond the general criteria in the Terms of Reference of the Single LUKE Joint Call**



The project is ought to be prepared in the form of a request in accordance with Appendix 5 to the “Procedure for Forming Research Topics and Monitoring the Implementation of Scientific Studies at the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine.” The Academic Council of the institution where the project is planned to be carried out reviews the feasibility of its implementation and must issue an approval decision. The request for the project’s implementation must be signed by the project leader and the director of the institution where the project is planned to be carried out.

#### **Upper funding limit and project duration**

Upper funding limit: **100 000 EUR/project**  
Project duration is up to **24 months**.

#### **Further information relevant to applicants:**

For the full NASU regulations on research projects, see:

<https://www.nas.gov.ua/documents/normativni-akti-nan-ukrayini/normativni-akti-shhodo-formuvannya-naukovoyi-tematiki>

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## UKRAINE

### **National Research Foundation of Ukraine (hereinafter referred to as the NRFU)**

**Applicants are strongly advised to read national regulations carefully and to check with the respective national Contact Point the eligibility as to who may apply and what costs are eligible before a consortium submits the complete application. If any problems are revealed, please contact your National Contact Point.**

#### **I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

This National Rules of Funding Parties (hereinafter referred to as the NRFP) as the integral part of the LUKE Implementation Agreement and LUKE Terms of Reference is altogether the basis for the NRFU's competitive selection of projects (as part of LUKE competitive selection) while setting forth the more specific and operational procedures. The provisions hereof apply to the NRFU's competitive selection procedure directly and to the Ukrainian partners only.

#### **Call topics and sub-topics of the LUKE Joint Call that can be supported by the NRFU:**

1. Energy: Sustainable and renewable energy and energy security
2. Cybersecurity: Cyber resilience of critical infrastructures and adaptive cybersecurity systems
3. Medical and health research: Telemedicine, biomedical research
  - 3.1: Adoption of telemedicine for remote healthcare solutions
  - 3.2: Innovative research on cellular signaling pathways for biomedical applications
4. Social sciences and humanities: Social reconciliation, sustainable social development, and human capital restoration

**Projects to be carried out with the support of the NRFU may be basic/applied research (developments) projects only.**

#### **Duration of the projects to be selected based on the results of the LUKE Joint Call:**

The projects to be funded by the NRFU are expected to be implemented in 2027-2028 (*subject to the availability of appropriate budget allocations*\*).

Project implementation involves two stages:

- the first stage of project implementation (tentatively 9 months, March-November 2027);



- the second stage of project implementation (tentatively 9 months, March-November 2028).

The end of each stage correlates with the end of the respective budget year. Implementation of projects in 2027-2028 will be carried out taking into account and in accordance with budget allocations to the NRFU in the respective year.

*\*Planning the duration of the project implementation stages shall be guided by the deadlines for processing the reporting documentation provided by the grantee to confirm the completion of each stage of the project (14 calendar days from the date of completion of each stage of project implementation). The duration of the project implementation stages planned in the proposal may be adjusted at the time of the conclusion of the National Contract (Grant Agreement), taking into account and in accordance with budget revenues in the respective year).*

## II. REQUIREMENTS TO APPLICANTS\*

\*The requirements are formulated in accordance with the [Agreement on Reforming Research Assessment](#)

**Ukrainian Applicants shall follow this NRFP in order to verify the researchers' eligibility, thus avoiding the ineligibility of a consortium as a whole.**

### Who can apply?

Each project consortium may include no more than one Ukrainian **legal entity (project consortium partner, hereinafter referred to as partner)** to be funded by the NRFU.

In order to be eligible for funding under the LUKE Joint Call, a partner shall comply with the terms and conditions presented in the NRFU project regulations such as listed below.

- A partner (legal entity) may be an institution of higher education (in accordance with the meaning of the Law of Ukraine 'On higher education') or a research institution (in accordance with the meaning of the Law of Ukraine 'On scientific and scientific-technical activities') of any legal form and form of ownership registered and functioning in Ukraine according to the national legislation. The institution of higher education or a research institution shall meet the terms and conditions of this Joint Call, and that has expressed a desire to participate in the LUKE Joint Call, and has jointly submitted the proposal and documents required for participation in the LUKE Joint Call with other partners, who agree to conduct research on their own premises, as well as to approve the related research results.



- Legal entities of any legal form and form of ownership whose founders, beneficial owners and participants are citizens of the Russian Federation and the Republic of Belarus, as well as legal entities operating in the temporarily occupied territories of Ukraine, may not enter the LUKE Joint Call. The restriction on entry into this Joint Call also applies to legal entities subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) imposed by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

In order to be eligible for funding under the LUKE Joint Call, a **Ukrainian researcher (author of the project, member of the Ukrainian research team)** shall comply with the terms and conditions presented in the NRFU project regulations such as listed below.

- The PI (leader of the Ukrainian research team) shall have a research degree obtained (at least 5 years before the date of the proposal submission) or recognized in Ukraine (obtained at least 5 years before the date of the proposal submission) and work **at the main place of work** in the institution (organization, enterprise) which is a partner to the project consortium. The PI shall also have scientific publications in periodicals, in particular those indexed by Scopus or WoS, and/or scientific monographs/monograph chapters in the relevant field of knowledge. Other Ukrainian researchers may work/study as postgraduate in the same or different institutions (organizations, enterprises). In the latter case, the Ukrainian researcher shall be involved in the project implementation on the contractual basis with the institution (organization, enterprise). It is allowed to involve support staff (up to 2 persons), including (but not limited to) higher education students, engineers, laboratory assistants in the project implementation.
- Other Ukrainian researchers (members of the Ukrainian research team) shall have a research degree (except for the ones who are early-career researchers enjoying the status of a postgraduate student) obtained or recognized in Ukraine, scientific publications in the field related to the project topic (except for the ones who are postgraduate students).
- Ukrainian researchers may not be employees of the NRFU's Directorate, members of the Scientific Council of the NRFU, members of the Supervisory Board of the NRFU, members of the NRFU LUKE project team, or reviewers involved in the scientific and technical review of projects under this Joint Call.
- The number of Ukrainian researchers allowed to participate in the LUKE Joint Call on behalf of the Ukrainian partner – from 3 to 5 persons including at least one early-career researcher (necessarily possessing a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine or enjoying the status of a postgraduate student) and at least 2 researchers possessing a research degree obtained (at least 5 years before the date of the proposal submission) or recognized in Ukraine (obtained at least 5 years before the date of the proposal submission).



- Ukrainian researcher under valid restrictive measures applied to him/her, as defined by the provisions of the Restrictive Measures that may be applied to project authors and/or project implementers whose grant support was terminated by the decision of the Scientific Council of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine due to improper implementation of the research and developments agreement and/or based on the results of the quality assessment of project implementation and publication/dissemination of the results may not enter the LUKE Joint Call.
- When submitting a proposal for the LUKE Joint Call, all Ukrainian researchers shall comply with the Regulations on compliance with the principles of scientific ethics and prevention of conflicts of interest during competitive selection, scientific and scientific and technical expertise of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine in the areas of grant support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine which include a section on the prevention of cooperation with representatives of the aggressor country and temporarily occupied territories.
- One individual cannot be represented in more than one proposal submitted to the LUKE Joint Call. The PI and other members of the Ukrainian research team may be implementers of another successful project under another call of the NRFU, the funding of which is ongoing or has not started due to the incomplete procedure for concluding an agreement with the grantee. At the same time, the PI cannot be presented in the proposal for this Joint Call if he or she is already the PI of a project that was successful in another call of the NRFU, the funding of which is ongoing or has not been started due to the incomplete procedure for concluding an agreement with the grantee.
- The restriction on entry into this Joint Call also applies to persons (researchers) subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) imposed by the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine.

### **III. PROJECT FUNDING**

This section of the NRFP applies only to the Ukrainian part of the project's budget. The NRFU funds only the Ukrainian part of the project's budget when the other national partners' budgets are funded by and according to the regulations of the other respective Funding Parties.

The total amount of funding for the Ukrainian partners under the LUKE Joint Call is up to UAH 100 mln, namely:

- up to UAH 50 mln in 2027, and
- up to UAH 50 mln in 2028.



The sums above are calculated subject to the availability of appropriate budgetary allocations and may be adjusted by the Scientific Council of the NRFU, taking into account the risk of possible redistribution of budgetary funds and the risks associated with the martial law in Ukraine.

The maximum total amount of funding a Ukrainian partner for one project is up to UAH 4 mln (up to UAH 2 mln in either of the two stages of project implementation).

The terms and procedure for funding projects depend on the amount of budget allocations provided in the state budget for the respective year to finance the activities of the NRFU.

Projects are funded by the NRFU's gradual transfer of funds from its registration account to the grantee's account in accordance with the National Contract (Grant Agreement) concluded between the NRFU and the successful partner (grantee), in accordance with the Calendar Plan and the Schedule of Financing the research project, within the limits of the funding actually received by the NRFU.

Unused and/or saved funds during the relevant intermediate stage of the project implementation shall be refunded to the NRFU registration account within seven working days after the completion of the respective intermediate stage of the project.

All costs for each stage of project implementation must be incurred before the completion of the respective intermediate stage of project implementation.

### **What costs are ineligible for funding?**

Grant funds cannot cover:

- payment for intermediary services;
- preparation of a project proposal for the LUKE Joint Call;
- purchase of goods, performance of works, provision of services not related to the implementation of projects;
- payment for goods, works, and services that have been or will be financed from other sources, before or after the signing of the National Contract (Grant Agreement);
- expenditures for the maintenance of the institution (organization, enterprise) participating in the project that exceed the ceiling for Indirect Costs (15% of Direct Costs within each stage of project implementation and the project as a whole);
- payment for activities that go beyond the planned tasks and objectives of the project or grant budget;



- purchase of stationery, office equipment and supplies, office computers, multimedia and copying equipment, cartridges, drives, etc.;
- purchase, modernization, upgrading, and maintenance of personal computers, laptops, printers, scanners, other office equipment, furniture, as well as office equipment and devices, etc.;
- purchase of equipment and facilities manufactured or supplied by an enterprise/organization included in the sanctions lists in accordance with the decision of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine;
- insurance, operating lease of premises and of other non-current assets for common operational purposes;
- expenses related to exchange rate fluctuations, as well as any fines, penalties, compensation for losses (penalties, court costs incurred as a result of breaches of contractual obligations, etc.);
- interest or other payments on debt obligations;
- VAT and other taxes that may be compensated by the state;
- payment for mobile communications, internet, and telephony;
- commercialization of research results and launch of mass production;
- currency risk insurance;
- remuneration and accruals for the personnel, in particular, employees of scientific and organization services, financial services, legal services, HR services, procurement department, etc. who will be involved in servicing the Grant Agreement, exceeding 5% of the “Direct Costs” item within each stage of the project and the project as a whole;
- reserves to cover potential losses or future liabilities;
- expenses financed by investments and/or government assistance and/or funds from other programs;
- other monetary obligations that arose prior to receiving the grant;
- expenses for the production of advertising materials used to promote goods, services, ideas, or companies.

### **What types of costs are eligible for funding?**

Under this Joint Call the NRFU grant funds may be allocated to the following cost items:

- Direct costs:
  - labor remuneration;
  - payroll accruals;
  - materials required for the performance of works, except for equipment and facilities (if required);



- minor equipment and facilities (up to UAH 200,000 in total per a project) if required;
- business trip expenses (if required).
  
- Indirect costs  
The total amount of indirect costs (costs that are not directly related to project's implementation, but are necessary to ensure the full implementation of the project) cannot exceed 15% of Direct Costs within each stage of project implementation. Among others, such costs may include remuneration and accruals for the personnel, in particular, employees of scientific and organization services, financial services, legal services, HR services, procurement department, etc. who will be involved in servicing the Grant Agreement. Such expenses may not exceed 5% of the total amount of the 'Direct costs' item within each stage of project implementation and the project as a whole;
- Other costs – costs that are not reflected in the above-mentioned cost items, but are necessary for project implementation, in particular, costs of services. This cost item may include costs for:
  - publications;
  - obtaining patents;
  - access to research equipment for research and scientific and technical (experimental) developments;
  - purchase of software;
  - organizational fees for participation in scientific conferences and other scientific events;
  - access to databases, libraries, etc.

When forming the project budget, Ukrainian partners shall follow the 'Methodological recommendations for Planning the Estimated Cost of the Project for the Implementation of Research (Developments) at the Expense of the Grant Support of the NRFU' (which is an annex hereto).

**Expenses under all items must be justified.**

The project budget estimate shall indicate the employment (in months) of the PI and each project implementer.

**IV. Specific national rules for the proposal and project implementation beyond the general rules in the Terms of Reference of the LUKE Joint Call**



- Projects must be carried out in priority areas of science and technology development defined as such by Ukrainian law at the time of the competitive selection of relevant projects.
- During the implementation of the project, the PI and project implementers shall be expected to be based and working in Ukraine. They may work in foreign institutions with monetary remuneration (compensation) for no more than three months in total per year and during this time cannot receive remuneration or other payments from the NRFU's grant funds. In the event of such circumstances, the PI shall inform the NRFU of the terms and conditions of such work.
- When implementing the project, all Ukrainian researchers shall comply with the Regulations on compliance with the principles of scientific ethics and prevention of conflicts of interest during competitive selection, scientific and scientific and technical expertise of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine in the areas of grant support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine which include a section on the prevention of cooperation with representatives of the aggressor country and temporarily occupied territories.
- Intellectual property rights created in the course of research at the expense of grant support from the NRFU belong to the grantee and/or project implementers, except for the cases provided for in part two of Article 11 of the Law of Ukraine 'On State Regulation of Activities in the Sphere of Technology Transfer'.
- Grantees must take all available measures to promote the project to the general public and the results obtained during its implementation.
- The fact that the Ukrainian part of the joint project selected under the LUKE Joint Call is funded by the NRFU at the expense of the state budget, the project ID and its title **shall be indicated** in all publications, official announcements, media coverage, social media, other open sources, and in presentations speeches of research results at scientific events.
- Project implementers cannot work in a foreign institution at their main place of work.
- A project submitted for participation in this Joint Call cannot be simultaneously submitted for participation in another call to be funded. Nor may a project be submitted for participation in this Joint Call that is or has been funded from any other source.
- The PI is responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the proposal and the documents attached to it.
- The consequence of providing false information is the withdrawal of the proposal from consideration in the course of the entire competitive selection period.
- Proposals which contain information that constitutes a state secret (in accordance with the Law of Ukraine 'On State Secret') shall not be accepted for consideration at the LUKE Joint Call.



The fact of the absence of information constituting a state secret in the proposal materials shall be indicated in the consent of the partner, signed by its head (which is annex hereto). The head of the partner is responsible for the inclusion of information constituting a state secret in the proposal materials.

### Documents for participation in the LUKE Joint Call

Documents to be submitted by a Ukrainian partner together with the proposal (the method of submitting a proposal and its mandatory components are specified in the LUKE Terms of Reference) for the NRFU's eligibility check:

- Consent of the project authors to its implementation (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto));
- Consent of the partner to the implementation of the project signed by the head of the institution (organization, enterprise) (fact of the absence of information constituting a state secret in the proposal materials must be indicated in this consent) (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Certificate from the place of work of the PI (partner leader) with a **mandatory** indication that he/she works at the main place of work in the partner institution (organization, enterprise) in Ukrainian in accordance with the recommended form, which is an annex hereto. NOTE: the certificate must contain the phrase '**AT THE MAIN PLACE OF WORK**';
- Statement signed by the head of the partner institution (organization, enterprise) regarding the participant's compliance with paragraph 5 of the criteria for assessing the admissibility of state aid to business entities for research, technical developments and innovation activities, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 118 of February 7, 2018 (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Every researcher's CV in English in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto;
- Terms of Reference for the research (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Calendar Plan (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Amount of funding for individual cost items with economic justification of the estimated cost of the project (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto).

Documents to be submitted in paper (originals, verified by signatures and seals) to the NRFU together with the signed National Contract (Grant Agreement) by the successful Ukrainian partner:



- Consent of the project authors to its implementation (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Consent of the support staff (if applicable) to implement the project (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Consent of the partner to the implementation of the project signed by the head of the institution (organization, enterprise) (fact of the absence of information constituting a state secret in the proposal materials must be indicated in this consent) (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Certificate from the place of work of the PI (partner leader) with a **mandatory** indication that he/she works at the main place of work in the partner institution (organization, enterprise) in Ukrainian in accordance with the recommended form, which is an annex hereto. NOTE: the certificate must contain the phrase '**AT THE MAIN PLACE OF WORK**';
- Statement signed by the head of the partner institution (organization, enterprise) regarding the participant's compliance with paragraph 5 of the criteria for assessing the admissibility of state aid to business entities for research, technical developments and innovation activities, approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 118 of February 7, 2018 (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Every researcher's CV in English in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto;
- Terms of Reference for the research (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Calendar Plan (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto);
- Amount of funding for individual cost items with economic justification of the estimated cost of the project (in Ukrainian in accordance with the approved form, which is an annex hereto).

## V. ELIGIBILITY CHECK (NATIONAL CHECK FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FORMAL REQUIREMENTS)

The eligibility check (national check for compliance with formal requirements) of proposals is carried out in two stages: preliminary and final. The preliminary check is carried out within 10 working days from the moment the proposal and the documents are received by the NRFU from the JCS.

If, during the preliminary check, it is established that the documents submitted by the applicant do not contain the information specified in this NRFP as an integral part of ToR for the LUKE Joint Call, the NRFU shall notify the applicant by electronic means of communication of the need to submit the clarified information within three working days from the date of notification.



After the deadline for submitting clarified information, the NRFU shall, within 10 working days, conduct a final check of the documents submitted by the applicant for compliance with formal requirements, taking into account such information.

Within five working days after the deadline for the final check of proposals for compliance with formal requirements, the NRFU shall notify the JCS in electronic form of the proposals that have been found eligible and ineligible.

Eligible proposals shall be forwarded to external reviewers for scientific and technical assessment. The number of external reviewers conducting the scientific and technical assessment, as well as criteria for the evaluation of projects, deadlines for submission and review of proposals, conducting scientific and technical assessment and summarising the results of the LUKE Joint Call are specified in the LUKE Terms of Reference.

**Grounds for non-eligibility of proposals based on the results of the NRFU's check for compliance with formal requirements:**

- absence of partner's documents listed in this NRFP;
- absence or incomplete provision of information in the documents submitted by the partner in accordance with this NRFP;
- inconsistency of the information provided in the proposal (and documents submitted together with it) with the requirements to the qualification and status of the PI and other project authors set forth in this NRFP, including the fact that the researchers (except for postgraduate students in case the confirmation of the researcher being a postgraduate student is provided) have a research degree obtained or recognized in Ukraine;
- inconsistency of the research group with the requirements to its composition;
- the Project PI and/or other researchers is/are included in more than one proposal submitted to the LUKE Joint Call;
- the Project PI is already a PI of a winning project in another call of the NRFU, the funding of which is ongoing or has not started due to the pending procedure of concluding a grant agreement with a grantee;
- the Project PI and other researchers (except the support staff) are the implementers of more than one successful project in another call of the NRFU, the funding of which is ongoing or has not started due to the pending procedure for concluding a grant agreement with a grantee;
- execution of documents submitted for participation in the LUKE Joint Call in non-compliance with the procedure or form established by this NRFP or the requirements for execution of documents established by law;



- exceeding the maximum amount of funding specified in this NRFP for one project as a whole and for each stage separately;
- exceeding the ratio of indirect costs to total direct costs, as set by the terms of the NRFP, both overall and for each stage separately, from the permissible limit (which is 15% of direct costs);
- exceeding the recommended maximum level of remuneration for project implementers and support staff established by the NRFP, as specified in the Methodological Recommendations for Planning the Estimated Cost of a Project for Scientific Research (Development) Funded by a Grant from the Foundation for the LUKE Joint Call;
- exceeding the maximum ratio of personnel remuneration, in particular, for employees of research and organizational, financial, legal, human resources departments, procurement departments, etc. who will be involved in servicing the contract, to the total amount of direct costs and for each stage separately and a project as a whole, which is 5% of direct costs, as established by the NRFP;
- planning project work beyond the duration of the project provided for in this NRFP;
- violation of the requirements for restrictions on the participation in this Joint Call of persons and/or legal entities subject to restrictive measures (sanctions) of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine;
- the validity of restrictive measures applied to the PI and/or other researchers, as defined by the provisions of the Restrictive Measures that may be applied to project authors and/or project implementers whose grant support was terminated by the decision of the Scientific Council of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine due to improper implementation of the research and developments agreement and/or based on the results of the quality assessment of project implementation and publication/dissemination of the results;
- detection of false information in the proposal and documents submitted by the partner;
- inconsistency of the submitted project with the Regulations on compliance with the principles of scientific ethics and prevention of conflicts of interest during competitive selection, scientific and scientific and technical expertise of projects and consideration of applications for grant support submitted to the National Research Foundation of Ukraine in the areas of grant support of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine.

Since the list of projects to be funded as a result of the LUKE Joint Call will be approved by written procedure by all Funding Parties, the Scientific Council of the NRFU **approves** the list after receiving it from the LUKE Joint Call Secretariat.

**After the funding decision** in the respective year has been taken the NRFU and the successful Ukrainian partner conclude **a National Contract (Grant Agreement)** which defines all the necessary terms and conditions for the implementation of the project, including the grantee's liability and the application of



penalties for failure to fulfill or delayed fulfillment of its obligations. The National Contract (Grant Agreement) shall be concluded in accordance with the indicative form which is an annex hereto.

## **VI. REPORTING**

After completion of each intermediate stage (besides the final one) of project implementation specified in the Grant Agreement, the grantee submits to the NRFU in electronic form and in one paper exemplar such documents in accordance with the structure and form approved by the Scientific Council of the NRFU: a report on the interim results of the project implementation, a financial report on the use of budget funds, and other documents specified in the National Contract (Grant Agreement). These documents are a prerequisite for making a decision on the continuation or termination of grant support of the Ukrainian partner. When assessing the results of the implementation of tasks of individual stages and overall results, publications that contain references to funding from various budget sources without a clear distribution of such funding according to the results obtained and the authors of the publication will not be taken into consideration. The NRFU monitors the grantee's fulfillment of the obligations specified in the Agreement, analyzes reports on the results of project implementation and the use of the funds allocated for their implementation.

The decision to continue or terminate grant support of the Ukrainian partner is made by the Scientific Council of the NRFU on the proposal of the Scientific Council of the relevant section of the NRFU. Approval of the documents specified in the previous paragraph is the basis for signing the Act on the implementation of the intermediate stage of the project implementation.

The NRFU shall notify the JCS of the Scientific Council's decision on the report — whether approved or not — within three working days, to enable further communication and the adoption of the corresponding decision.

The grounds for terminating the NRFU's grant support may include:

- a reasoned conclusion by the respective Scientific Council of the NRFU's section regarding a violation of the essential terms of the National Contract (Grant Agreement)
- a reasoned conclusion of the respective Scientific Council of the NRFU's section regarding the grantee's inability to implement the project;
- a reasoned conclusion of the respective Scientific Council of the NRFU's section regarding the loss of relevance of the expected results of the project for scientific, technological, or economic reasons;



- a decision by the respective Scientific Council of the NRFU's section regarding the misuse of funds by the grantee, adopted on the basis of a corresponding notification from the state financial control authority following the results of state financial control measures carried out at the grantee's organisation;
- in other cases which in accordance with the LUKE Terms of Reference cause overall impossibility of project implementation including termination of the joint project's part by another member of the project consortium as a result of a decision taken by another LUKE Funding Party.

If the NRFU finds that the grantee has violated the essential terms of the National Contract (Grant Agreement), the NRFU's Scientific Council shall decide to terminate the grant and require the grantee to return the funds, specifying the deadline for repayment in accordance with the terms of the National Contract (Grant Agreement).

If the NRFU detects signs of misuse of funds by the grantee in the course of project implementation, the NRFU Directorate shall inform the state financial control authority thereof so that such information can be taken into account when planning (conducting) state financial control measures.

If the grant recipient is found to have misused funds within the framework of the project, the amount of funds used for purposes other than those intended shall be returned to the NRFU in accordance with the procedure established by law.

In the event of termination of grant support by decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU, a report on the interim results of the project implementation and a financial report on the use of the grant funds within the stage are posted on the official website of the Foundation within five working days after approval of the reporting documentation.

After the completion of the project, the grantee submits to the NRFU in electronic form and in one paper exemplar such documents in accordance with the structure and form approved by the Scientific Council of the NRFU: a final report on its implementation with a description of the research result obtained, a financial report on the use of budget funds (within the stage), a report on the use of the funds within the framework of the project implementation, and other documents specified in the National Contract (Grant Agreement). Information on the results of the project implementation (a final report and a report on the use of the funds within the framework of the project implementation) are posted on the official website of the Foundation for free access in the form of open data within five working days in accordance with the Law of Ukraine 'On Access to Public Information'. In the structure of the final report, the abstract is submitted in Ukrainian and English.

Approval of the documents specified in the previous paragraph shall constitute grounds for signing the Act on the implementation of the intermediate (final) stage of the project implementation.



The structure and forms of all reports mentioned in this section are established by the Scientific Council of the NRFU.

The authors of the project are personally responsible for the results of its implementation. If it is found that the declared research result does not correspond to the obtained one, the authors of the project may be deprived of participation in the calls of the Foundation for the next 2 years or another period based on the decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU.

In the event of a breach of the terms of the National Contract (Grant Agreement), measures shall be taken against the grantee in accordance with the legislation.

Based on the results of the assessment of the quality of project implementation and the publication or disclosure of its results/in the case of grant support being terminated by decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU due to improper fulfillment of the National Contract (Grant Agreement)/in the event of discovery of cooperation with representatives of the aggressor country and temporarily occupied territories - *Restrictive measures, which may be applied to authors of projects and/or implementers of projects whose grant support has been terminated by decision of the Scientific Council of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine due to improper fulfillment of the agreement for the performance of scientific research and development, and/or based on the results of the assessment of the quality of project implementation and publication/disclosure of results* **may be applied to the author of the project and/or its implementer by decision of the Scientific Council of the NRFU.**

In the event of a significant change in circumstances that may lead to non-fulfillment of the terms of the National Contract (Grant Agreement), in order to ensure the implementation of the project, such a contract may be amended prior to the completion of the intermediate stage of the project specified in the National Contract (Grant Agreement) in respect of the necessary conditions for its implementation within the specified estimated cost. The decision to change the necessary conditions for the implementation of the project shall be taken by the Scientific Council of the NRFU at the initiative of the grantee. The grantee shall send the NRFU proposals for amending the National Contract (Grant Agreement) with justification and supporting documents. The NRFU shall consider the proposals and provide the grantee with a response with the decision of the NRFU Scientific Council no later than 20 working days from the date of receipt of the proposals. If the NRFU Scientific Council makes a positive decision, an additional agreement shall be concluded with the grantee regarding changes to the conditions for the implementation of the project.

The NRFU monitors the practical implementation of the results of projects involving applied scientific research and scientific and technical (experimental) developments that have received grant support. Information on the results of monitoring is posted on the NRFU's official website in accordance with the procedure established by the NRFU.

### Upper funding limit and project duration

Upper funding limit: **UAH 4,000,000/project**

Project duration is **18 months (9 months in 2027 and 9 months in 2028)**.

### Further information relevant to applicants:

For the full NRFU regulations on research projects, see: <https://nrfu.org.ua/>

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### ANNEXES

1. The form of the consent of the PI to implement the project ([download](#));
2. The form of the consent of the other authors to implement the project ([download](#));
3. The form of the consent of the support staff to implement the project ([download](#));
4. The form of the consent of the partner to the implementation of the project signed by the head of the institution (organization, enterprise) (with statement of the absence of information constituting a state secret in the proposal materials must be indicated in this consent) ([download](#));
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11. The indicative form of the National Contract (Grant Agreement) to be concluded between the NRFU and grantee ([download](#));
12. 'Methodological recommendations for Planning the Estimated Cost of the Project for the Implementation of Research (Developments) at the Expense of the Grant Support of the NRFU' (to the terms and conditions of the LUKE Joint Call) ([download](#));