



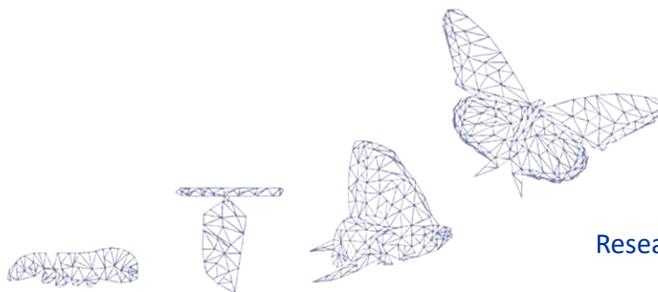
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LUKE JOINT CALL – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Basic questions

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| <p>How will be the project financed? Through the lead applicant (as, e.g., in Horizon projects), or in some other way?</p> | <p>Each partner will be financed by its respective funding agency (no financing only through the lead partner).</p> |
| <p>What is the ratio of funding? Is it zero, or do participants need to contribute themselves to the project? If yes, what is the percentage?</p> | <p>In many cases, own funding is not required. However, in some cases, own funding is required (e.g. in Finland, 30% own funding is needed). The answer on this questions depends on the rules and regulations of the funding agencies (please refer to the Annex A to the ToR).</p> |
| <p>Can organisations from countries that are not listed among the funding parties participate in the Call? If yes, what are the conditions?</p> | <p>No, participation of partners from third countries is not possible in the LUKE Joint Call.</p> |
| <p>What is the period of funding?</p> | <p>All applicants should apply for 24 months project duration, even if in the case of NRFU funding can only be provided for nine months in 2027 and nine months in 2028.</p> |
| <p>Can the applicant find a clear overview somewhere of the maximum budget per partner, per project, and per respective funder?</p> | <p>Please, refer to the Terms of Reference of the LUKE Joint Call.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• On page 13, there is an overview of the participating funding parties, showing their overall funding budgets.• The maximum funding budget per funded project is indicated in Annex A to the Terms of Reference (beginning with page 35). |
| <p>What is the success rate of the call?</p> | <p>The success rate cannot be estimated in advance. However, there seems to be quite a high demand (according to the</p> |



relatively high number of registrations on PT-Outline by mid-March 2026).

Are you planning to run only one call for proposals, or is there a chance that more will follow?

Within the framework of the current LUKE project, only one call is foreseen.

How to establish a consortium? What are the eligibility criteria?

What is the minimum number of participants in the consortium?

A project consortium must include eligible partners from Ukraine and from at least two other mentioned countries participating in the Call.

How many countries from the list of participating countries can participate in one project?

There is no formal limitation on this. Typically, the number of represented countries is expected to be 3 or 4.

How many partners can participate from one country?

This depends of the specific rules and regulations of the participating funding agencies (see [Annex A to the Terms of Reference](#)). E.g. in the case of BMFTR (Germany), there is no formal limitation, but in the case of NRFU, only one partner institution can be funded.

Is it allowed to form a consortium with several partners from Ukraine?

In the case of funding by NRFU: Only one partner from Ukraine can be funded.

Who can be the lead applicant?

The lead partner is nominated within the consortium. Either the Ukrainian partner or one of the 'European' partners can be the lead applicant.

What kind of institutions are eligible? Only universities and research institutes?

Applicants must be eligible for funding by their respective national FP. Unless it contradicts the respective National Rules of Funding Parties ([Annex A to the ToR](#)), they can represent:

- Research and higher education institutions established according to respective national legislation



- Research performing small and medium enterprises
- Other entities eligible for funding according to respective national legislation.

The Ukrainian team can apply for funding either from the NRFU, or from the NASU. In Annex A, the NRFU has provided detailed application requirements, while the NASU has provided only brief information. Does this mean that the requirements for the Ukrainian team are the same as those for the NRFU, or will the NASU develop its own criteria that will differ from those of the NRFU?

No, the specific requirements of NRFU and NASU are different. Please contact the respective Contact Points mentioned in the [Annex A to the ToR](#).

Are there any limitations to participate in the LUKE Joint Call when applying for funding by the NRFU for scientists already involved in the NRFU financed grant?

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.

Questions related to the process of submitting an application

Should the consortium submit a single joint application through the consortium coordinator? Or are consortium partners required to additionally submit parallel applications to the funding agencies responsible for their national funding?

Submission of the joint proposals must take place exclusively in electronic form by using the PT-Outline webtool accessible at: <https://ptoutline.eu/app/LUKE>

However, depending on the funding agency in question, applicants may be asked to submit additional applications. For example, in the case of FFG, an additional application needs to be submitted directly to FFG by 19 May 2026 (12:00 CEST).



It is highly recommended to reach out to the contact persons of the respective funding agency. All contact details are accessible in the National Rules of each Funding Party ([Annex A](#) of the [Terms of Reference of the Call](#)).

How long should the project proposal be? Is there a template we can use?

Submission of the joint proposals must take place exclusively in electronic form by using the PT-Outline webtool accessible at: <https://ptoutline.eu/app/LUKE>

Here you are requested to include all required information. Regarding the project description, there are six specific text boxes you need to fill in.

Questions regarding the topics

Is data collection in the social sciences (and humanities) eligible? E.g. conducting a survey, doing fieldwork, etc. (especially for participating in European research infrastructures).

The [topic description](#) on Social Science and Humanities (page 88-89, Annex B-4) does not prescribe or exclude any methodological approach.

If a funding agency supports only fundamental research (e.g. NCN in Poland), is it possible to look for partner from Poland for applied research grant?

NCN can only fund projects in basic research. Therefore, applications with focus on applied sciences cannot be funded on the Polish side.

In the case TA CR, Czech Republic, only projects in applied sciences can be funded.

What is the expected Technology Readiness Level (TRL) that should be achieved by the end of the project?

No specific TRL is expected at the end of the project. Projects funded within LUKE can be both in basic and applied research. However, some of the funding agencies involved can only fund projects in basic research or in applied research. Please consult the information given in the Annex A to the Terms of reference. It is recommended to reach out to the contact points of the funding agency in question.